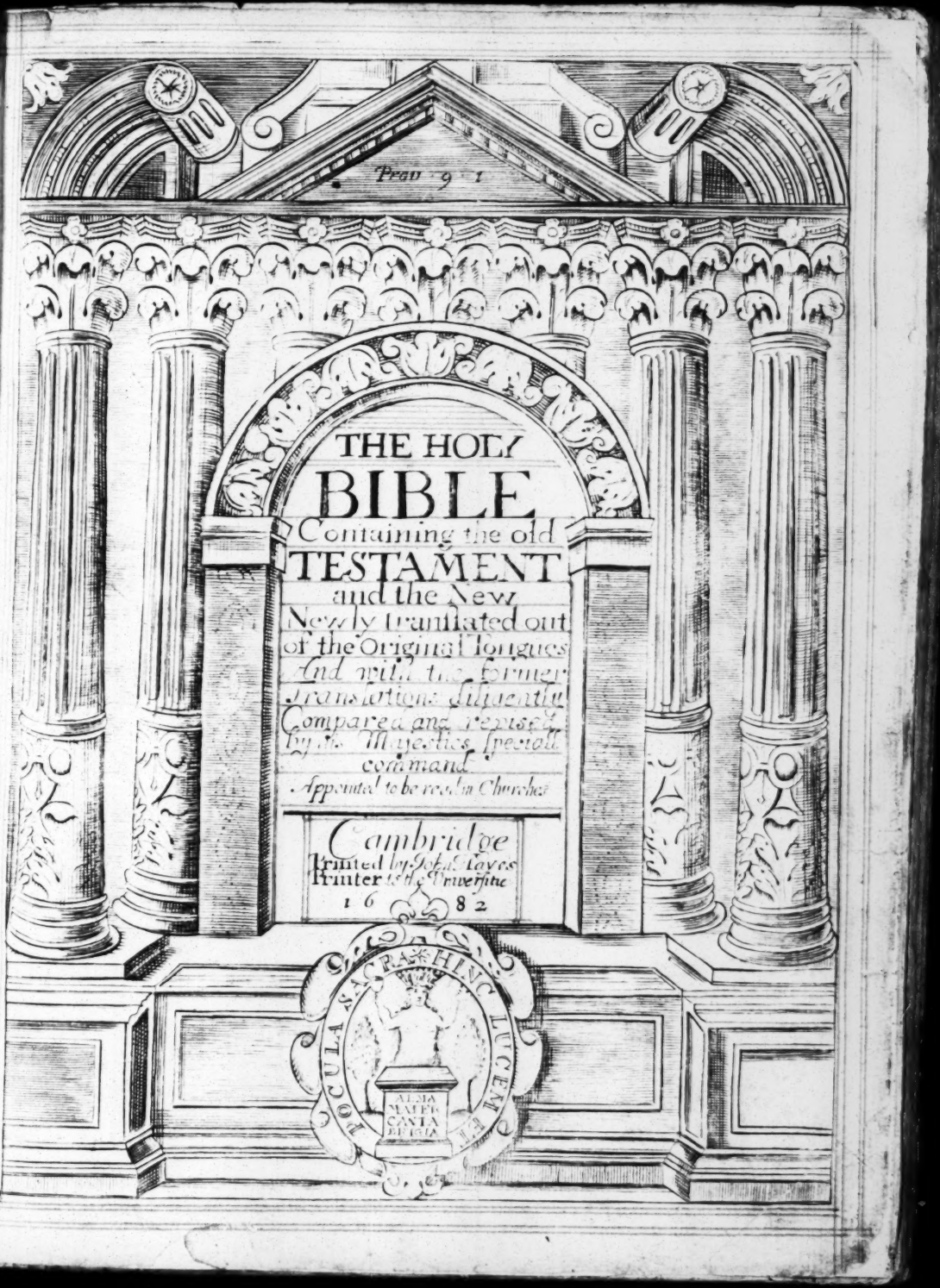

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To the most High and Mighty Prince, JAMES, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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REat and manifold were the blessings (most dread Sovereign) which Almighty God, the Father of all mercies, bestowed upon us the people of England, *when first he sent Your Majesties Royal Person to Rule and Reign over us. For whereas it was the expectation of many, who wished not well unto our Sion, that upon the setting of that bright* Occidental Star *Qu.* Elizabeth *of most happy memory, some thick and palpable clouds of darkness would so have overshadowed this land, that men should have been in doubt which way they were to walk, and that it should hardly be known, who was to direct the unsettled State: the appearance of Your Majesty, as of the* Sun *in his strength, instantly dispelled those supposed and surmised mists, and gave unto all that were well affected, exceeding cause of comfort; especially when we beheld the Government established in Your Highness, and Your hopefull Seed, by an undoubted Title, and this also accompanied with peace and tranquillity at home and abroad.*

But amongst all our joys there was no one that more filled our hearts, then the blessed continuance of the Preaching of Gods sacred Word amongst us; which is that inestimable treasure, which excelleth all the riches of the earth, because the fruit thereof extendeth it self, not onely in the time spent in this transitory world, but directeth and disposeth men unto that eternal happiness which is above in heaven.

Then not to suffer this to fall to the ground, but rather to take it up, and to continue it in that state, wherein the famous Predecessour of Your Highness did leave it: nay, to go forward with the confidence and resolution of a man in maintaining the truth of Christ, and propogating it far and near, is that which hath so bound and firmly knit the hearts of all Your Majesties loyal and religious people unto You, that Your very name is precious among them; their eye doth behold You with comfort, and they bless You in their hearts, as that sanctified Person, who under God, is the immediate Authour of their true happiness. And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe that the zeal of Your Majesty, towards the house of God, doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting it self abroad in the furthest parts of Christendom, *by writing in defence of the Truth, (which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father.*

There are infinite Arguments of this right Christian and religious affection in Your Majesty: but none is more forcible to declare it to others, then the vehement and perpetuated desire of the accomplishing and publishing of this work, which now with all humility we present unto Your Majesty. For when Your Highness had once out of deep judgement apprehended, how convenient it was, that out of the original sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the Labours, both in our own and other forein Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English tongue; Your Majesty did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the Work might be hastened, and that the businesse might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance might justly require.

And now at last, by the mercy of God, and the continuance of our Labours it being brought unto such a conclusion, as that we have great hope, that the Church of England *shall reap good fruit thereby, we held it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not onely as*

to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Authour of the Work: Humbly craving of Your most sacred Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of ill-meaning and discontented persons, it may receive approbation and patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our Labours, shall more honour and encourage us, then all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that, if on the one side we shall be traduced by Popish persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor instruments to make Gods holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness: or if on the other side, we shall be maligned by self-conceited brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their anvile; we may rest secure, supported within by the truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; And sustained without, by the powerfull protection of Your Majesties Grace and Favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours, against bitter censures, and uncharitable imputations.

The Lord of heaven and earth bless Your Majesty with many and happy days, that as his heavenly hand hath enriched Your Highness with many singular and extraordinary graces; so You may be the wonder of the world in this latter age, for happiness and true felicity, to the honour of that great God, and the good of his Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord and onely Saviour.

The Names and Order of all the Books of the Old and New Testament, with the number of their Chapters.

Genesis hath chapters	50	II. Chronicles	36	Daniel	12
Exodus	40	Ezra	10	Hosea	14
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The Acts	28	II. Thessalonians	3	I. John	5
The Epistle to the Romanes	16	I. Timothy	6	II. John	1
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¶ THE FIRST BOOK OF *MOSES*, CALLED GENESIS.

CHAP. I.

1 *The creation of heaven and earth, 3 of the light, 6 of the firmament, 9 of the earth ſeparated from the waters, 11 and made fruitfull, 14 of the ſun, moon, and ſtars, 20 of fiſh and fowl, 24 of beaſts and cattel, 26 of man in the image of God. 29 Alſo the appointment of food.*

IN [a] the beginning God created the hea. ven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form and void, and darkneſs *was* upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God ſaid, [b] Let there be light. And there was light.

4 And God ſaw the light that *it was* good. And God divided † the light from the darkneſs.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkneſs he called Night. And † the evening and the morning were the firſt day.

6 ¶ And God ſaid, [c] Let there be a † firmament in the midſt of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* [d] above the firmament. And it was ſo.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the ſecond day.

9 ¶ And God ſaid, [e] Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear. And it was ſo.

10 And God called the dry-land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas. And God ſaw that *it was* good.

11 And God ſaid, Let the earth bring forth † graſs, the herb yeelding ſeed, *and* the fruit-tree yeelding fruit after his kind, whoſe ſeed *is* in it ſelf, upon the earth. And it was ſo.

12 And the earth brought forth graſs, *and* herb yeelding ſeed after his kind, and the tree yeelding fruit, whoſe ſeed *was* in it ſelf, after his kind. And God ſaw that *it was* good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14 ¶ And God ſaid, Let there be [f] lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide † the day from the night: and let them be for ſigns, and for ſeaſons, and for days, and years.

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth. And it was ſo.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light † to rule the day, and the leſſer light to rule the night: *he made* [g] the ſtars alſo.

17 And God ſet them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth,

18 And to [h] rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkneſs. And God ſaw that *it was* good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

20 And God ſaid, [i] Let the waters bring forth abundantly the ‖ moving creature that hath † life, and † fowl that may fly above the earth in the † open firmament of heaven.

21 And [k] God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind. And God ſaw that *it was* good.

22 And God bleſſed them, ſaying, [l] Be fruitfull, and multiply, & fill the waters in the ſeas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

[a] Pſal. 33. 6. & 102. 25. 136. 5. & 148. 5. Iſa. 44. 24. Jer. 10. 12. & 51. 15. Zech. 12. 1. Act. 14. 15. & 17. 24. Hebr. 11. 3.
[b] 2 Cor. 4. 6.
† Heb. *between the light and between the darkneſs.*
† Heb. *and the evening was, and the morning was, &c.*
[c] Pſal. 136. 5. Jer. 10. 12. & 51. 15.
† Heb. *expanſion.*
[d] Pſal. 148. 4.
[e] Jon. 1. 6. & 38. 8. Pſal. 33. 7. & 104. 6. & 136. 6. Pet. 3. 5. Jer. 5. 22.
† Heb. *graſs.*
[f] Deut. 4. 19. Pſal. 136. 7.
† Heb. *between the day and between the night.*
† Heb. *for the rule of the day, &c.*
[g] Job 38. 7.
[h] Jer. 31. 35.
[i] 2 Eſdr. 6. 47.
‖ Or, *creeping.*
† Heb. *ſoul.*
† Heb. *let fowl fly.*
† Heb. *face of the firmament of heaven.*
[k] Pſal. 104. 26.
[l] Chap. 8. 17. & 9. 1.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattel, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind. And it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattel after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

26 ¶ And God said, [k] Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and [l] let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattel, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: [m] male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, [n] Be fruitfull, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that † moveth upon the earth.

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb †bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed: [o] to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* †life, *I have given* every green herb for meat. And it was so.

31 And [p] God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAP. II.

1 The first Sabbath. 4 The manner of the creation. 8 The planting of the garden of Eden. 10 and the river thereof. 17 The tree of knowledge onely forbidden. 19,20 The naming of the creatures. 21 The making of Woman, and institution of marriage.

THus the heavens and the earth were finished, and [a] all the host of them.

2 [b] And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made: and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work, which God †created and made.

4 ¶ These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were created; in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field, before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field, before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there *was* not a man to till the ground.

6 But ‖ there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man †*of* the [c] dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and [d] man became a living soul.

8 ¶ And the LORD God planted a garden east-ward in [e] Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food: the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first *is* [f] Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold.

12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx-stone.

13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of † Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth ‖ toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took ‖ the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to dress it and to keep it.

16 And

a Chap. 5. 1, &c 9 6. Wisd. 2. 23. 1 Cor. 11. 7. Eph. 4. 24. Col. 3. 10. Ps. 8. 6.

m Mal. 2. 15. Matth. 19. 4. Mar. 10. 6.

n Chap. 9. 1.

† Heb. creepeth.

† Heb. seeding seed.

o Chap. 9. 3.

† Heb. a living soul.

p Ecclus 39. 16.

a Ps. 33. 6.

b Exod. 20. 11. & 31. 17. Deut. 5. 14. Heb. 4. 4.

† Heb. creating to make.

† Heb. dying thou shalt die.

† Heb. as before him.

‖ Or, a mist which went up from, &c.

† Heb. called.

† Heb. dust of the ground.

c Eccles 17. 1.

d 1 Cor. 15. 47.

e 1 Cor. 15. 45. Chap. 4. 16.

† Heb. builded.

f 2 Kings 19. 12. Ezek. 27. 23.

f Eccles 24. 25.

† Heb. Cush.

‖ Or, eastward to Assyria.

‖ Or, Adam.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden † thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof † thou shalt surely die.

18 ¶ And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone: I will make him an help † meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and brought *them* unto ‖ Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

20 And Adam † gave names to all cattel, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in stead thereof.

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, † made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.

24 [h] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

CHAP. III.

1 The serpent deceiveth Eve. 6 Mans shamefull fall. 9 God arraigneth them. 14 The serpent is cursed. 15 The promised seed. 16 The punishment of mankind. 21 Their first clothing. 22 Their casting out of Paradise.

NOw the serpent was more subtil then any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, † Yea, Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 [a] And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.

5 For God doth know, that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened: and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* † pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise; she took of the fruit thereof, [b] and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked: and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves ‖ aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the † cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden: and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid my self.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattel, and above every beast of the field: upon thy belly shalt thou go, and [c] dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.

15 And I will put enmity between thee

and the woman, and between [d] thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children: and thy desire *shall be* ‖ to thy husband, and he shall [e] rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: [f] cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life.

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it † bring forth to thee: and [g] thou shalt eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

20 And Adam called his wives name † Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 ¶ And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. And now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground, from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man: and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAP. IV.

1 The birth, trade, and religion of Cain and Abel. 8 The murder of Abel. 11 The curse of Cain. 17 Enoch the first city. 19 Lamech and his two wives. 25 The birth of Seth, 26 and Enos.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother † Abel. And Abel was † a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And † in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his † flock, and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had [a] respect unto Abel, and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not ‖ be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And ‖ unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and [b] slew him.

9 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brothers keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brothers † bloud [c] crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brothers bloud from thy hand.

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yeeld unto thee her strength. A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, ‖ My punishment *is* greater then I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth: and from thy face shall I be hid, and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth: and it shall come to pass that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 ¶ And Cain went out from the [illegible]

Matth. 3.7. & 23.33. 8. 8. 23.35. John 8. 44. Acts 13. 10. 1 John 3. 8. [a] Psal. 32. 11. Isa. 57. 14. Mic. 5. 3. [b] Rom. 16. 20. Heb. 2. 14. 1 John 5. 5. Rev. 12. 7, 17. ‖ Or, *Subject to thy husband.* [c] 1 Cor. 14. 34. [d] Isa. 34. 5, 6. Rom. 8. 20. † Heb. *cause to bud.* [e] Psal. 104. 14. † Heb. *Chanoch.*

† Heb. *Hebel.*

† Heb. *a feeder.* † Heb. *at the end of days.* † Heb. *sheep, or goats.* [a] Heb. 11. 4. † Heb. *Lamech.* ‖ Or, *have the excellency.* ‖ Or, *Subject unto thee.* † Heb *whereof.* [b] Wisd. 10. 3. Matth. 23. 35. 1 John 3. 12. Jude 11. † Heb. *bloods.* [c] Rev. 6. 10. ‖ Or, *I would slay a man in my wound, &c.* ‖ Or, *in my heart.* † Heb. *Sheth.* † Heb. *Enosh.* ‖ Or, *to call themselves the name of the Lord.* ‖ Or, *Mine iniquity is greater then that it may be forgiven.*

fence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the East of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived, and bare † Enoch. And he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat † Lamech.

19 ¶ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one *was* Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Jabal. He was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattel.

21 And his brothers name *was* Jubal. He was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an † instructer of every artificer in brass and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain *was* Naamah.

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice, ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for ‖ I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man ‖ to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, truly Lamech seventy and seven-fold.

25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bare a son, and called his name † Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed in stead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name † Enos. Then began men ‖ to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

1 *The gencalogie, age, and death of the Patriarchs from Adam unto Noah.* 24 *The godliness and translation of Enoch.*

THis *is* the [a] book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the [b] likeness of God made he him.

2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

3 ¶ And Adam lived an hundred & thirty years, & begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth.

4 [c] And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters.

5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 ¶ And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos.

7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.

8 And all the days of Seth were nine hnndred and twelve years: and he died.

9 ¶ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat † Cainan.

10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

12 ¶ And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat † Mahalaleel.

13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and fourty years, and begat sons and daughters.

14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

15 ¶ And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat † Jared.

16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

18 ¶ And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and begat Enoch.

19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat † Methuselah.

22 And Enoch [d] walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

23 And

† Heb. a feeder.
† Heb. at the end of dys.
† Heb. sleep, or gotts.
† Heb. 11.4.
† Heb. Lamech.
‖ Or, have the excellency.
‖ Or, subject unto vices.
† Heb whetter.
* Wisd. 10. 3. Matth. 23.35. 1 John 3. 12. Jude 11.
‖ Or, I would slay a man in my wound, &c.
‖ Or, in my hurt.
† Heb. Sheth.
† Heb. Enos.
‖ Or, to call themselves by the name of the LORD.
* 1 Chr. 1.1. Luke 3. 36.
† chap. 1. 26.
† Heb. blonds.
* Rev. 6. 10.
† Gr. Maleleel.
† Heb. Jered.
† Gr. Methusala.
* 1 Chr. 1.1, &c.
† Chap. 6.9. & 14. 40. Ps. 16.8. & 116.9.

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years.

24 And [c] Enoch walked with God, and he *was* not: for God took him.

25 ¶ And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty & seven years, and begat † Lamech.

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters.

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

28 ¶ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son.

29 And he called his name † Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters.

31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

32 And Noah was five hundred years old: & Noah begat Shem, Ham, & Japheth.

CHAP. VI.

[a] *The wickednes of the world, which provoked Gods wrath, and caused the flood.* 8 *Noah findeth grace.* 14 *The order, form, and end of the ark.*

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

3 And the LORD said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them. The same *became* mighty men, which *were* of old men of renown.

5 ¶ And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* ‖ every imagination of the thoughts of his [a] heart *was* onely evil † continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man, whom I have created, from the face of the earth, † both man and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air: for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9 ¶ These *are* the generations of Noah. [b] Noah was a just man, *and* ‖ perfect in his generations: *and* Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt: for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them: and behold, I will destroy them ‖ with the earth.

14 ¶ Make thee an ark of Gopher-wood: † rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*. The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above: and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof: *with* lower, second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it.

17 And behold, I, even I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven: *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant: and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh,

[c] Eccles 44.16. Hebr. 11.5.

† Heb. *Lamech.*

† Gr. *Noe.*

‖ Or, *the whole imagination.* The Hebrew word signifieth not onely the imagination, but also the purposes and desires.

[a] Chap. 8.21. Matth. 15.19

† Heb. *every day.*

† Heb. *from man unto beast.*

† Ezek. 14.14, 20.

[b] Eccles 44.17. Heb. 11. 7. 2 Pet. 2.5.

‖ Or, *upright.*

† Heb. *seven seven.*

‖ Or, *from the earth.*

† Heb. *nests.*

two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee: they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattel after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind; two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 [c] Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Noah with his family and the living creatures enter into the ark.* 17 *The beginning, increase, and continuance of the flood.*

AND the LORD said unto Noah, [a] Come thou, and all thy house into the ark: for [b] thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by † sevens, the male and his female; and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female;

3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth fourty days and fourty nights: and every living substance that I have made will I † destroy from off the face of the earth.

5 And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.

6 And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

7 ¶ And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

8 Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

10 And it came to pass ‖ after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noahs life, in the second moneth, the seventeenth day of the moneth, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the ‖ windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth fourty days and fourty nights.

13 In the self-same day entred Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noahs wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattel after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every † sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh wherein *is* the breath of life.

16 And they that went in went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

17 And the flood was fourty days upon the earth: and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth: and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth: and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail: and the mountains were covered.

21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattel, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man.

22 All in whose nostrils *was* † the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry land, died.

23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattel, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and [c] Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

24 And

[a] Matth. 24. 38. Luke 17. 26. 1 Pet. 3. 20. 2 Pet. 2. 5.
[b] Chap. 6. 9.
[c] Heb. 11. 7. 2 Pet. 2. 5.
† Ezek. 14. 14. Eccles. 44. 17. Heb. 11. 7. 2 Pet. 2. 5.
† Heb. seven seven.
† Heb. blot out.
‖ Or, after seven days.
‖ Or, floud-gates.
† Heb. spirit.
† Heb. breath of the spirit of life.
‖ Or, from the earth.
† Heb. beast.
‖ Or, upright.
‖ Or, from man to beast.
† Heb. wing.
‖ Or, on the seventh day.
c Wisd. 10. 4. 2 Pet. 2. 5.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The waters asswage.* 4 *The ark resteth on Ararat.* 7 *The Raven and the Dove.* 15 *Noah, being commanded,* 18 *goeth forth of the ark.* 20 *He buildeth an altar, and offereth sacrifice,* 21 *which God accepteth, and promiseth to curse the earth no more.*

AND God remembred Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattel that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged.

2 The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained.

3 And the waters returned from off the earth † continually. And after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

† Heb. going and returning.

4 ¶ And the ark rested in the seventh moneth, on the seventeenth day of the moneth, upon the mountains of Ararat.

† Heb. were in going and decreasing.

5 And the waters † decreased continually untill the tenth moneth. In the tenth *moneth*, on the first *day* of the moneth, were the tops of the mountains seen.

6 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of fourty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

† Heb. in going forth and returning.

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth † to and fro, untill the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground.

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark: for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth. Then he put forth his hand, and took her, and † pulled her in unto him into the ark.

† Heb. caused her to come.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark.

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening, and lo, in her mouth *was* an olive-leaf pluckt off. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 ¶ And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *moneth*, the first *day* of the moneth, the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark, & looked, & behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second moneth, on the seven and twentieth day of the moneth, was the earth dried.

15 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattel, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, & [a] be fruitfull, and multiply upon the earth.

[a] Chap. 1. 22.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons wives with him.

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their † kinds, went forth out of the ark.

† Heb. families.

20 ¶ And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD, and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar.

21 And the LORD smelled † a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for mans sake; for the [b] imagination of mans heart *is* evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

† Heb. a savour of rest.

[b] Chap. 6. 5. Matth. 15. 19.

22 † While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

† Heb. as yet all the days of the earth.

CHAP. IX.

1 *God blesseth Noah.* 4 *Blood and murder are forbidden.* 8 *Gods covenant,* 13 *signified by the rainbowe.* 18 *Noah replenisheth the world,* 20 *planteth a vineyard,* 21 *is drunken, and mocked of his son,* 25 *curseth Canaan,* 26 *blesseth Shem,* 27 *prayeth for Japheth,* 29 *and dieth.*

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, [a] Be fruitfull and

[a] Chap. 1. 28. & 8. 17.

and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the [b] green herb have I given you all things:

4 [c] But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the bloud thereof, shall you not eat.

5 And surely your bloud of your lives will I require: [d] at the hand of every beast will I require it: and [e] at the hand of man, at the hand of every mans brother will I require the life of man.

6 [f] Whoso sheddeth mans bloud, by man shall his bloud be shed: [g] for in the image of God made he man.

7 And you, be ye fruitfull, and multiply, bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 ¶ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

9 And I, behold I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;

10 And with every living creature that *is* with you, of the fowl, of the cattel, and of every beast of the earth with you, from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.

11 And [h] I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a floud, neither shall there any more be a floud to destroy the earth.

12 And God said, This *is* the token of the covenant which I make between me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations:

13 I do set my bowe in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 [i] And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bowe shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant which *is* between me and you, and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a floud to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bowe shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

17 And God said unto Noah, This *is* the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

18 ¶ And the sons of Noah that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth. And Ham *is* the father of † Canaan.

19 These *are* the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.

21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken, and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

23 And Shem & Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, & covered the nakedness of their father: & their faces *were* backward and they saw not their fathers nakedness.

24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.

25 And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan: a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

26 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be ‖ his servant.

27 God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.

28 ¶ And Noah lived after the floud three hundred and fifty years.

29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

CHAP. X.

1 *The generations of Noah.* 2 *The sons of Japheth.* 6 *The sons of Ham.* 8 *Nimrod the first Monarch.* 21 *The sons of Shem.*

NOw these *are* the generations of the sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth:

[b] Chap. 1. 29.
[c] Levit. 17. 14. Deut. 12. 23. Acts 15. 20.
[d] Exod. 21. 28.
[e] Psal. 9. 12.
[f] Exod. 21. 12. Levit. 24. 17. Matth. 26. 52. Rev. 13. 10.
[g] Chap. 1. 27.
† Heb. *families.*
[h] Isa. 54. 9.
[i] Chap. 8. 5. Matth. 15. 19.
† Heb. *a fixing of rest.*
† Heb. *as yet all the days of the earth.*
[i] Eccles. 43. 11, 12.
[a] Chap. 1. 28. & 8. 17.
† Heb. *Canaan.*
‖ Or, *servant to them.*
‖ Or, *perswade*

pheth: and unto them were ſons born after the floud.

2 [a] The ſons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meſhech, and Tiras.

3 And the ſons of Gomer; Aſhkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

4 And the ſons of Javan; Eliſha, and Tarſhiſh, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.

5 By theſe were the iſles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

6 ¶ [b] And the ſons of Ham; Cuſh, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7 And the ſons of Cuſh; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the ſons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

8 And Cuſh begat Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is ſaid, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was † Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

11 Out of that land ‖ went forth Aſhur, and builded Nineveh, and ‖ the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

12 And Reſen between Nineveh and Calah: the ſame *is* a great city.

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

14 And Pathruſim, and Caſluhim (out of whom came Philiſtim) and Caphtorim.

15 ¶ And Canaan begat † Sidon his firſt-born, and Heth,

16 And the Jebuſite, and the Emorite, and the Girgaſhite,

17 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

18 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite. And afterward were the families of the Canaanites ſpread abroad.

19 And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comeſt to Gerar, unto † Gaza; as thou goeſt unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Laſha.

20 Theſe *are* the ſons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countreys, *and* in their nations.

21 ¶ Unto Shem alſo the father of all the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.

22 The [c] children of Shem; Elam, and Aſhur, and † Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

23 And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Maſh.

24 And Arphaxad begat † [d] Salah; and Salah begat Eber.

25 [e] And unto Eber were born two ſons: the name of the one *was* Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided: and his brothers name *was* Joktan.

26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

27 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

28 And Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All theſe *were* the ſons of Joktan.

30 And their dwelling was from Meſha, as thou goeſt unto Sephar a mount of the Eaſt.

31 Theſe *are* the ſons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 Theſe *are* the families of the ſons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by theſe were the nations divided in the earth after the floud.

CHAP. XI.

1 *One language in the world.* 3 *The building of Babel.* 5 *The confuſion of tongues.* 10 *The generations of Shem.* 27 *The generations of Terah the father of Abram.* 31 *Terah goeth from Ur to Haran.*

AND the whole earth was of one † language and of one † ſpeech.

2 And it came to paſs as they journeyed from the Eaſt, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And † they ſaid one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and † burn them throughly. And they had brick for ſtone, and ſlime had they for morter.

4 And they ſaid, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower whoſe top *may reach* unto

[a] 1 Chr. 1. 5.

‖ Or, as ſome read it, *Rodanim.*

[b] 1 Chr. 1. 8.

† Gr. *Babylon.*

‖ Or, *he went out into Aſſyria.* ‖ Or, *the ſtreets of the city.*

† Heb. *Tzidon.*

† Heb. *Azzah.*

[c] 1 Chr. 1. 17.

† Heb. *Arpacha-ſhad.*

† Heb. *Shelah,* [d] chap. 11. 12. [e] 1 Chr. 1. 19.

‖ That is, *Confuſion.* [a] Wiſd. 10. 5.

[b] Chap. 10. 22. 1 Chr. 1. 17.

† Heb. *lip.* † Heb. *words.*

† Heb. *a man ſaid to his neighbour.*

† Heb. *burn them to burning.*

unto heaven, and let us make us a name, leſt we be ſcattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the LORD came down to ſee the city and the tower which the children of men builded.

6 And the LORD ſaid, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be reſtrained from them which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not underſtand one anothers ſpeech.

8 So the LORD ſcattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called ‖ That is, Confuſion. Babel, because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD ſcatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 ¶ These *are* the generations of Shem. Shem *was* an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood.

11 And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

12 And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah.

13 And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat ſons and daughters.

14 And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber.

15 And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat ſons and daughters.

16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg.

17 And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat ſons and daughters.

18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu.

19 And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat ſons and daughters.

20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug.

21 And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and ſeven years, and begat ſons and daughters.

22 And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor.

23 And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat ſons and daughters.

24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah.

25 And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat ſons and daughters.

26 And Terah lived ſeventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

27 ¶ Now theſe *are* the generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran: and Haran begat Lot.

28 And Haran died before his father Terah, in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Caldees.

29 And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abrams wife *was* Sarai; and the name of Nahors wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iſcah.

30 But Sarai was barren; ſhe had no child.

31 And Terah took Abram his ſon, and Lot the ſon of Haran his ſons ſon, and Sarai his daughter in law, his ſon Abrams wife; & they went forth with them from Ur of the Caldees, to go into the land of Canaan: and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: & Terah died in Haran.

CHAP. XII.

1 God calleth Abram, and bleſſeth him with a promiſe of Chriſt. 4 He departeth with Lot from Haran. 6 He journeyeth through Canaan, 7 which is promiſed him in a viſion. 10 He is driven by a famine into Egypt. 11 Fear maketh him feign his wife to be his ſiſter. 14 Pharaoh, having taken her from him, by plagues is compelled to reſtore her.

NOw the LORD had ſaid unto Abram, Get thee out of thy countrey, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers houſe, unto a land that I will ſhew thee.

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bleſs thee, and make thy name great; and thou ſhalt be a bleſſing.

3 And I will bleſs them that bleſs thee, and

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* 1 Chr. 1. 17. † Heb. Arpaxad.

† Heb. Shelah, * chap. 11. 12. * 1 Chr. 1. 19.

* Chap. 10. 22. 1 Chr. 1. 17.

* 1 Chr. 1. 19. * Called, Luk. 3. 35. Phalec.

† Heb. lip. † Heb. words.

† Heb. a man ſaid to his neighbour. † Heb. burn them to burning.

* Luke 3. 35. Sarukh.

* Luke 3. 34. Thara.

§ Joſh. 24. 2. 1 Chr. 1. 26.

* Neh. 9. 7. Judith 5. 7. Act. 7. 4.

* Act. 7. 3. Hebr. 11. 8.

and curſe him that curſeth thee: [b] and in thee ſhall all families of the earth be bleſſed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had ſpoken unto him; and Lot went with him. And Abram *was* ſeventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brothers ſon, and all their ſubſtance that they had gathered, & the ſouls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan. And into the land of Canaan they came.

6 ¶ And Abram paſſed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and ſaid, [c] Unto thy ſeed will I give this land. And there builded he an [d] altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the eaſt of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the weſt, and Hai on the eaſt: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, † going on ſtill toward the ſouth.

10 ¶ And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to ſojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the land.

11 And it came to paſs, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he ſaid unto Sarai his wife, Behold now I know that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon.

12 Therefore it ſhall come to paſs, when the Egyptians ſhall ſee thee, that they ſhall ſay, This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will ſave thee alive.

13 [c] Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my ſiſter: that it may be well with me for thy ſake; and my ſoul ſhall live becauſe of thee.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman, that ſhe *was* very fair.

15 The princes alſo of Pharaoh ſaw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaohs houſe.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her ſake: and he had ſheep, and oxen, and he-aſſes, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants, and ſhe-aſſes, and camels.

17 And the LORD [f] plagued Pharaoh and his houſe with great plagues, becauſe of Sarai Abrams wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and ſaid, What *is* this *that* thou haſt done unto me? Why didſt thou not tell me that ſhe *was* thy wife?

19 Why ſaidſt thou, She *is* my ſiſter? ſo I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore, behold thy wife, take *her*, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him: and they ſent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Abram and Lot return out of Egypt.* 7 *By diſagreement they part aſunder.* 10 *Lot goeth to wicked Sodom.* 14 *God reneweth the promiſe to Abram.* 18 *He removeth to Hebron, and there buildeth an altar.*

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the ſouth.

2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattel, in ſilver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the ſouth, even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;

4 Unto the [a] place of the altar which he had made there at the firſt: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 ¶ And Lot alſo, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their ſubſtance was great, ſo that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a ſtrife between the herdmen of Abrams cattel and the herdmen of Lots cattel. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram ſaid unto Lot, Let there be no ſtrife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy

[b] Chap. 18. 18. & 22. 18. Act. 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8.

[c] Chap. 13. 15. [d] Chap. 13. 4.

† Heb. *in going & journeying.*

[c] Chap. 20. 13.

[f] Chap. 20. 18.

[a] Chap. 12. 7.

thy herdmen: for we *be* † brethren.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? Separate thy self, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; & Lot journeyed east: & they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom *were* [b] wicked, & sinners before the LORD, exceedingly.

14 ¶ And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.

15 For all the land which thou seest, [c] to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbred.

17 Arise, walk through the land, in the length of it, and in the breadth of it: for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and dwelt in the † plain of Mamre, [d] which *is* in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The battel of four kings against five.* 12 *Lot is taken prisoner.* 14 *Abram rescueth him.* 18 *Melchizedek blesseth Abram.* 20 *Abram giveth him tithes.* 22 *The rest of the spoil, his partners having had their portions, he restoreth to the king of Sodom.*

AND it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

2 *That these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is [a] Zoar.

3 All these were joyned together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt-sea.

4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in ‖ Shaveh Kiriathaim,

6 And the Horites in their mount Seir, unto ‖ El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness.

7 And they returned, and came to En-mishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar.

8 And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela; the same *is* Zoar; and they joyned battel with them in the vale of Siddim;

9 With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five.

10 And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slime-pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there: and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot Abrams brothers son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he ‖ armed his ‖ trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And

† Heb. *men brethren*, See ch. 11. 27. Isa. 41. 8. Acts 7. 26.

[a] Chap. 10. 18.

[b] Ezek. 16. 49.

[c] Chap. 12. 7. & 26. 4. 1 Esd. 34. 3.

† Heb. *plains.*

[d] Chap. 13. 18. & 35. 27.

[a] Chap. 19. 22.

‖ Or, *the plain of Kiriathaim.*

‖ Or, *the plain of Paran.*

‖ Or, *led forth.*

‖ Or, *instructed.*

15 And he divided himſelf againſt them, he and his ſervants, by night, and ſmote them, and purſued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damaſcus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and alſo brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women alſo, and the people.

17 ¶ And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the ſlaughter of Chedorlaomer and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the [b] kings dale.

18 And [c] Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine. And he *was* the prieſt of the moſt high God.

19 And he bleſſed him, and ſaid, Bleſſed *be* Abram of the moſt high God poſſeſſour of heaven and earth:

20 And bleſſed *be* the moſt high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him [d] tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sodom ſaid unto Abram, Give me the † perſons, and take the goods to thy ſelf.

22 And Abram ſaid to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD the moſt high God, the poſſeſſour of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a threed even to a ſhoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, leſt thou ſhouldeſt ſay, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save onely that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eſhcol, and Mamre: let them take their portion.

[b] 2 Sam. 18. 18.
[c] Heb. 7. 1.
[d] Heb. 7. 4.
† Heb. *ſouls.*

CHAP. XV.

1 God encourageth Abram. 2 Abram complaineth for want of an heir. 4 God promiſeth him a ſon, and a multiplying of his ſeed. 6 Abram is juſtified by faith. 7 Canaan is promiſed again, and confirmed by a ſign, 12 and a viſion.

AFter theſe things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a viſion, ſaying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy [a] ſhield, *and* thy exceeding [b] great reward.

2 And Abram ſaid, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, ſeeing I go childleſs, and the ſteward of my houſe *is* this Eliezer of Damaſcus?

3 And Abram ſaid, Behold, to me thou haſt given no ſeed: and lo, one born in my houſe is mine heir.

4 And behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, ſaying, This ſhall not be thine heir; but he that ſhall come forth out of thine own bowels ſhall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and ſaid, Look now toward heaven, and tell the ſtars, if thou be able to number them. And he ſaid unto him, [c] So ſhall thy ſeed be.

6 And he [d] believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteouſneſs.

7 And he ſaid unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Caldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he ſaid, Lord GOD, whereby ſhall I know that I ſhall inherit it?

9 And he ſaid unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a ſhe-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And [e] he took unto him all theſe, and divided them in the midſt, and laid each piece one againſt another: but [f] the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcaſes, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the ſun was going down, a deep ſleep fell upon Abram; and lo, an horrour of great darkneſs fell upon him.

13 And he ſaid unto Abram, Know of a ſurety [g] that thy ſeed ſhall be a ſtranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and ſhall ſerve them, and [h] they ſhall afflict them four hundred years.

14 And alſo that nation whom they ſhall ſerve will I judge: and afterward [i] ſhall they come out with great ſubſtance.

15 And thou ſhalt go to thy fathers in peace; [k] thou ſhalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they ſhall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet full.

17 And it came to paſs, that when the ſun went down and it was dark, behold, a ſmoking

[a] Pſ. 3. 3. & 5. 12. & 84. 11. & 91. 4.
[b] Pſal. 16. 5.
[c] 1 Chr. 27. 23. Rom 4. 18.
[d] Rom 4. 3. Gal. 3. 6. Jam. 2. 23.
[e] Jer. 34. 18.
[f] Levit 1. 17.
[g] Exod. 2. 22. Acts 7. 6.
[h] Exod. 1. 11.
[i] Exod. 12. 36. Pſ. 105. 37.
[k] Chap. 25. 8.

smoking furnace, and † a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

† Heb. *a lamp of fire.*

18 In that same day the LORD [l] made a covenant with Abram, saying, [m] Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river the river Euphrates:

[l] Chap. 24. 7. [m] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 26. 4. Exod. 23. 31. Num. 34. 3. Deut. 1. 7. & 11. 24. & 34. 4. Josh. 1. 4.

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, & the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Sarai, being barren, giveth Hagar to Abram. 6 Hagar, being afflicted for despising her mistress, runneth away. 9 An angel sendeth her back to submit her self. 11 and telleth her of her child. 15 Ishmael is born.

NOw Sarai Abrams wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid an Egyptian, whose name *was* [a] Hagar.

[a] Gal. 4. 24.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee go in unto my maid; it may be that I may † obtain children by her. And Abram hearkned to the voice of Sarai.

† Heb. *be built.* [e] Jer. 34. 18.

3 And Sarai Abrams wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

[f] Levit. 1. 17.

4 ¶ And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

[g] Exod. 2. 40. Acts 7. 6. [h] Exod. 3. 11.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her † as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai † dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

† Heb. that which is *good in thine eyes.* † Heb. *afflicted her.*

7 ¶ And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarais maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thy self under her hands.

10 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbred for multitude.

11 And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name ‖ Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

‖ That is, *God shall hear.*

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every mans hand against him: [a] and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

[a] Chap. 25. 18.

13 And [b] she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me. For she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

[b] See Ch. 32. 30.

14 Wherefore the well was called [c] ‖ Beer-lahai-roi. Behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

[c] Chap. 24. 62. & 25. 11. ‖ That is, *The well of him that liveth and seeth me.*

15 ¶ And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his sons name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael.

16 ¶ And Abram *was* fourscore and six years old when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

CHAP. XVII.

1 God renewеth the covenant. 5 Abram his name is changed in token of a greater blessing. 10 Circumcision is instituted. 15 Sarai her name is changed, and she blessed. 16 Isaac is promised. 23 Abraham and Ishmael are circumcised.

AND when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God: [a] walk before me, and be thou ‖ perfect.

[a] Chap. 5. 22. 1 Kings 8. 25. ‖ Or, *upright, or, sincere.*

2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4 As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of † many nations.

† Heb. *multitude of nations.*

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5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram; but thy name shall be Abraham: [b] for a father of many nations have I made thee.

6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitfull, and I will make [c] nations of thee; and kings shall come out of thee.

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee, in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

8 And [d] I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land † wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession: and I will be their God.

9 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, & thy seed after thee, in their generations.

10 This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep between me and you, and thy seed after thee; [e] Every man-child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your fore-skin, and it shall be [f] a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

12 And † he that is eight days old [g] shall be circumcised among you, every man-child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed.

13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

14 And the uncircumcised man-child, whose flesh of his fore-skin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people: he hath broken my covenant.

15 ¶ And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*.

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and † she shall be *a mother* [h] of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

19 And God said, [i] Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitfull, and will multiply him exceedingly: [k] twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

22 And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

23 ¶ And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abrahams house; and circumcised the flesh of their fore-skin, in the self-same day, as God had said unto him.

24 And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-skin.

25 And Ishmael his son *was* thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his fore-skin.

26 In the self-same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

27 And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Abraham entertaineth three angels.* 9 *Sarah is reproved for laughing at the strange promise.* 17 *The destruction of Sodom is revealed to Abraham.* 23 *Abraham makes intercession for the men thereof.*

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sate in the tent-door in the heat of the day.

2 [a] And he lift up his eyes, and looked, and lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent-door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And

[b] Rom. 4. 17.
[c] Chap. 35. 11.
[d] Chap. 12. 7. † Heb. *of thy sojournings.*
[e] Acts 7. 8.
[f] Rom. 4. 11. † Heb. *a son of eight days.*
[g] Levit. 12. 3. Luke 2. 21. Joh. 7. 22.
† Heb. *she shall become nations.*
[h] Chap. 35. 11.
[i] Chap. 18. 10. & 21. 2.
[k] Chap. 25. 16.
[a] Heb. 13. 2.

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant.

4 Let [b] a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest your selves under the tree.

5 And I will fetch a morsell of bread, and † comfort ye your hearts; after that you shall pass on: for therefore † are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do as thou hast said.

[c] 6 And Abraham hastned into the tent unto Sarah, and said, † Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth.

7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave *it* unto a young man; & he hasted to dress it.

8 And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree: and they did eat.

9 ¶ And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent.

10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and lo, [e] Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him.

11 Now [d] Abraham and Sarah *were* old, *and* well stricken in age: *and* it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

12 Therefore Sarah laughed within her self, saying, [e] After I am waxen old shall I have pleasure, my [f] lord being old also?

13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old?

14 [g] Is any thing too hard for the LORD? [h] At the time appointed will I return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not: for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

16 ¶ And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the LORD said, [k] Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be [l] blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the LORD said, Because [m] the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21 [n] I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 ¶ And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 [o] Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy, and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee. [p] Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am but* dust & ashes.

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there fourty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be fourty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for fourties sake.

30 And he said *unto him*, O let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure

[b] Chap. 43. 24.

† Heb. stay. † Heb. you have passed.

[c] Chap. 25. 16.

† Heb. knead.

[e] Chap. 17. 19, 21. & 21. 2. Rom. 9. 9.

[d] Chap. 17. 17. Rom. 4. 19. Heb. 11. 11, 12.

[e] Luke 1. 18.

[f] 1 Pet. 3. 6.

[g] Jer. 32. 17. Zech. 8. 6. Luke 1. 37.

[h] Chap. 17. 21.

[k] Rom. 4. 13. Gal. 3. 8.

[l] Chap. 12. 3. & 22. 18. Act. 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8.

[m] Chap. 4. 10. & 19. 13. Jam. 5. 4.

[n] Chap. 11. 5.

[o] Jer. 5. 1

[p] Job 8. 3 & 34. 17. Rom. 3. 6.

[a] Heb. 13. 2.

[i] Rom. 5. 25.

[k] Joh. 6.

[l] Amos 3. 7.

venture there ſhall thirty be found there. And he ſaid, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there.

31 And he ſaid, Behold now, I have taken upon me to ſpeak unto the Lord: Peradventure there ſhall be twenty found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy *it* for twenties ſake.

q Judg. 6. 39. 32 And he ſaid, q O let not the Lord be angry, and I will ſpeak yet but this once: Peradventure ten ſhall be found there. And he ſaid, I will not deſtroy *it* for tens ſake.

33 And the LORD went his way, aſſoon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Lot entertaineth two angels.* 4 *The vicious Sodomites are ſtricken with blindneſs.* 12 *Lot is ſent for ſafety into the mountains.* 18 *He obtaineth leave to go into Zoar.* 24 *Sodom and Gomorrah are deſtroyed.* 26 *Lots wife is a pillar of ſalt.* 30 *Lot dwelleth in a cave.* 31 *The inceſtuous original of Moab and Ammon.*

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot ſat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot ſeeing *them*, roſe up to meet them; and he bowed himſelf with his face toward the ground;

a Heb. 13. 2. b Chap. 18. 4. c See Luke 24. 28. 2 And he ſaid, Behold now, my lords, a turn in, I pray you, into your ſervants houſe, and tarry all night, and b waſh your feet: and ye ſhall riſe up early, and go on your ways. And they ſaid, c Nay; but we will abide in the ſtreet all night.

3 And he preſſed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entred into his houſe. And he made them a feaſt, and did bake unleavened bread; and they did eat.

4 ¶ But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compaſſed the houſe round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter.

d Judg. 19. 22. 5 And they called unto Lot, and ſaid unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? d bring them out unto us, that we may know them.

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and ſhut the door after him,

7 And ſaid, I pray you, brethren, do not ſo wickedly.

e See Judg. 19. 24. 8 e Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man: let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: onely unto theſe men do nothing; for therefore came they under the ſhadow of my roof.

9 And they ſaid, Stand back. And they ſaid *again*, This one *fellow* came in to ſojourn, and he will needs be a judge. Now will we deal worſe with thee then with them. And they preſſed ſore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the houſe to them, and ſhut to the door.

f Wiſd. 19. 17. See 2 Kin. 6. 18. Acts 13. 11. 11 And they ſmote the men f that *were* at the door of the houſe with blindneſs, both ſmall and great; ſo that they wearied themſelves to find the door.

12 ¶ And the men ſaid unto Lot, Haſt thou here any beſides? ſon in law, and thy ſons, and thy daughters, and whatſoever thou haſt in the city, bring *them* out of this place.

g Chap. 18. 20. 13 For we will deſtroy this place: becauſe the g cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath ſent us to deſtroy it.

14 And Lot went out, and ſpake unto his ſons in law, which married his daughters, and ſaid, Up, get ye out of this place; for the LORD will deſtroy this city. But he ſeemed as one that mocked unto his ſons in law.

15 ¶ And when the morning aroſe, then the angels haſtned Lot, ſaying, Ariſe, take thy wife, and thy two daughters which † are here; leſt thou be conſumed in the ‖ iniquity of the city.

† Heb. are found. ‖ Or, punishment. h Wiſd. 10. 6. 16 And h while he lingred, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being mercifull unto him: and they brought him forth, and ſet him without the city.

17 And it came to paſs, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he ſaid, Eſcape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither ſtay thou in all the plain: eſcape to the mountain, leſt thou be conſumed.

18 And

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh not so, my Lord.

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die.

20 Behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: Oh let me escape thither, (*is* it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted †thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither: for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 ¶ The sun was † risen upon the earth when Lot entred into Zoar.

24 Then [i] the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven.

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

26 ¶ But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became [k] a pillar of salt.

27 ¶ And Abraham gat up early in the morning, to the place where [l] he stood before the LORD.

28 And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

29 ¶ And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembred Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

30 ¶ And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

31 ¶ And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth.

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, *and* lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; & he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.

37 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Moab. The same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day.

38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi. The same *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

CHAP. XX.

1 Abraham sojourneth at Gerar, 2 denieth his wife, and loseth her. 3 Abimelech is reproved for her in a dream. 9 He rebuketh Abraham, 14 restoreth Sarah, 16 and reproveth her. 17 He is healed by Abraham's prayer.

AND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south-countrey, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, [a] She *is* my sister. And Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

3 But [b] God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou *art but* a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken: for she *is* † a mans wife.

4 But Abimelech had not come near her. And he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

5 Said he not unto me, She *is* my sister?

† Heb. thy face.

† Heb. in the morning.

† Heb. are found.

‖ Or, punishment.

[a] Chap. 12. 13.

[b] Psal. 105. 14.

† Heb. married to an husband.

and ſhe, even ſhe her ſelf, ſaid, He *is* my brother: in the ‖ integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this.

‖ Or, *ſimplicity, or, ſincerity.*

6 And God ſaid unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didſt this in the integrity of thy heart; for I alſo withheld thee from ſinning [c] againſt me: therefore ſuffered I thee not to touch her.

[c] Chap. 39.9. Lev. 6.2. Pſ. 51.4.

7 Now therefore reſtore the man *his* wife: for he *is* a prophet, and he ſhall pray for thee, and thou ſhalt live: and if thou reſtore *her* not, know thou that thou ſhalt ſurely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

8 Therefore Abimelech roſe early in the morning, and called all his ſervants, and told all theſe things in their ears: and the men were ſore afraid.

9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and ſaid unto him, What haſt thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that [d] thou haſt brought on me and on my kingdom a great ſin? thou haſt done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

[d] Chap. 26.10.

10 And Abimelech ſaid unto Abraham, What ſaweſt thou, that thou haſt done this thing?

11 And Abraham ſaid, Becauſe I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will ſlay me for my wives ſake.

12 And yet indeed *ſhe is* my ſiſter; ſhe *is* the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother: and ſhe became my wife.

13 And it came to paſs, when God cauſed me to wander from my fathers houſe, that I ſaid unto her, This *is* thy kindneſs which thou ſhalt ſhew unto me; At every place whither we ſhall come, [e] ſay of me, He *is* my brother.

[e] Chap. 12.13.

14 And Abimelech [f] took ſheep, and oxen, and men-ſervants, and women-ſervants, and gave *them* unto Abraham, and reſtored him Sarah his wife.

[f] Chap. 22.16.

15 And Abimelech ſaid, Behold, my land *is* before thee: dwell † where it pleaſeth thee.

† Heb. *it is good in thine eyes.*

16 And unto Sarah he ſaid, Behold, I have given thy brother a thouſand *pieces* of ſilver: behold, he *is* to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that *are* with thee, and with all *other*. Thus ſhe was reproved.

17 ¶ So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid ſervants; and they bare *children*.

18 For the LORD had faſt cloſed up all the wombs of the houſe of Abimelech, becauſe of Sarah Abrahams wife.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Iſaac is born: 4 He is circumciſed. 6 Sarahs joy. 9 Hagar and Iſhmael are caſt forth. 15 Hagar in diſtreſs. 17 The angel comforteth her. 22 Abimelechs covenant with Abraham at Beer-ſheba.

AND the LORD viſited Sarah as he had ſaid, and the LORD did unto Sarah [a] as he had ſpoken.

[a] Chap. 17.19. & 18.10. & 21.2. Gal. 4.22. Hebr. 11.11.

2 For Sarah [b] conceived, and bare Abraham a ſon in his old age, at the ſet time of which God had ſpoken to him.

[b] Chap. 17.19.

3 And Abraham called the name of his ſon that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, [c] Iſaac.

[c] Chap. 17.19.

4 And Abraham circumciſed his ſon Iſaac, being eight days old, [d] as God had commanded him.

[d] Chap. 17.10, 12.

5 And [e] Abraham was an hundred years old when his ſon Iſaac was born unto him.

[e] Chap. 17.17.

6 ¶ And Sarah ſaid, God hath made me to laugh, *ſo that* all that hear will laugh with me.

7 And ſhe ſaid, Who would have ſaid unto Abraham that Sarah ſhould have given children ſuck? for I have born *him* a ſon in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feaſt the *ſame* day that Iſaac was weaned.

9 ¶ And Sarah ſaw the ſon of Hagar the Egyptian, which ſhe had born unto Abraham, [f] mocking.

[f] Gal. 4.29.

10 Wherefore ſhe ſaid unto Abraham, [g] Caſt out this bond-woman, and her ſon: for the ſon of this bond-woman ſhall not be heir with my ſon, *even* with Iſaac.

[g] Gal. 4.30.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abrahams ſight, becauſe of his ſon.

12 ¶ And God ſaid unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy ſight, becauſe of the lad, and becauſe of thy bond-woman: in all that Sarah hath ſaid unto thee, hearken unto her voice: for [h] in Iſaac ſhall thy ſeed be called.

[h] Rom. 9.7. Heb. 11.18.

13 And

13 And alſo of the ſon of the bond-woman will I make [i] a nation, becauſe he *is* thy ſeed.

14 And Abraham roſe up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave *it* unto Hagar (putting *it* on her ſhoulder) and the child, and ſent her away. And ſhe departed, and wandered in the wilderneſs of Beer-ſheba.

15 And the water was ſpent in the bottle, and ſhe caſt the child under one of the ſhrubs.

16 And ſhe went, and ſat her down over againſt *him*, a good way off, as it were a bowe-ſhot: for ſhe ſaid, Let me not ſee the death of the child. And ſhe ſat over againſt *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad: and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and ſaid unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he *is*.

18 Ariſe, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand: for I will make him a great nation.

19 And [k] God opened her eyes, and ſhe ſaw a well of water: and ſhe went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad, and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderneſs, and became an archer.

21 And he dwelt in the wilderneſs of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And it came to paſs at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his hoſt ſpake unto Abraham, ſaying, God *is* with thee in all that thou doeſt.

23 Now therefore ſwear unto me here by God, †that thou wilt not deal falſly with me, nor with my ſon, nor with my ſons ſon: *but* according to the kindneſs that I have done unto thee, thou ſhalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou haſt ſojourned.

24 And Abraham ſaid, I will ſwear.

25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech becauſe of a well of water which Abimelechs ſervants had violently taken away.

26 And Abimelech ſaid, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither didſt thou tell me, neither yet heard I *of it* but to day.

27 And Abraham took ſheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and both of them made a covenant.

28 And Abraham ſet ſeven ew-lambs of the flock by themſelves.

29 And Abimelech ſaid unto Abraham, What mean theſe ſeven ew-lambs, which thou haſt ſet by themſelves?

30 And he ſaid, For *theſe* ſeven ew-lambs ſhalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witneſs unto me that I have digged this well.

31 Wherefore he called that place ‖ Beer-ſheba: becauſe there they ſware both of them. ‖ That is, *The well of the oath.*

32 Thus they made a covenant at Beer-ſheba. Then Abimelech roſe up, and Phichol the chief captain of his hoſt, and they returned into the land of the Philiſtines.

33 ¶ And *Abraham* planted a ‖ grove in Beer-ſheba, and called there on the name of the LORD the everlaſting God. ‖ Or, *tree.*

34 And Abraham ſojourned in the Philiſtines land many days.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Abraham is tempted to offer Iſaac.* 3 *He giveth proof of his faith and obedience.* 11 *The angel ſtayeth him.* 13 *Iſaac is exchanged with a ram.* 14 *The place is called Jehovah-jireh.* 15 *Abraham is bleſſed again.* 20 *The generation of Nahor unto Rebekah.*

AND it came to paſs after theſe things, that [a] God did tempt Abraham, and ſaid unto him, Abraham. And he ſaid, † Behold, *here* I *am*. [a] Hebr. 11. 17. † Heb. *Behold me.*

2 And he ſaid, Take now thy ſon, thine onely *ſon* Iſaac, whom thou loveſt, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 ¶ And Abraham roſe up early in the morning, and ſadled his aſs, and took two of his young men with him, and Iſaac his ſon; and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and roſe up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lift

[i] Chap. 17. 20.

[k] Num. 22. 31.

† Heb. *if thou ſhalt lie unto me.*

up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide you here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, & laid *it* upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, & a knife: and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father. And he said, † Here *am* I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the ‖ lamb for a burnt-offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering. So they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of: and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order; and bound Isaac his son, and [b] laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine onely *son* from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering, in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place ‖ Jehovah-jireh. As it is said *to* this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

15 ¶ And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

16 And said, [c] By my self have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine onely *son*;

17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea-† shore: & thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies:

18 [d] And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed my voice.

19 So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold [e] Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor;

21 Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

22 And Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.

23 And Bethuel begat [f] Rebekah. These eight Milcah did bear to Nahor Abrahams brother.

24 And his concubine, whose name *was* Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The age and death of Sarah. 3 The purchase of Machpelah, 19 where Sarah was buried.

AND Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old. *These were* the years of the life of Sarah.

2 And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba; the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

3 ¶ And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying,

4 I *am* a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.

5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him,

6 Hear us, my lord; Thou *art* † a mighty prince amongst us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead: none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

7 And Abraham stood up, and bowed him-

a Heb. behold me. Or, Lo.

b James 2. 21.

‖ That is, The LORD will see, or provide.

c Psal. 105. 9. Eccles. 44. 21. Luke 1. 73. Hebr. 6. 13.

† Heb. lip.

d Chap. 22. 3. & 18. 18. Eccles. 44. 22. Act. 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8.

e Chap. 11. 29.

f Called, Rom. 9. 10. Rebecca.

himself to the people of the land, *even* to the children of Heth.

8 And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar;

9 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which *is* in the end of his field: for † as much money as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession of a burying-place amongst you.

10 And Ephron dwelt amongst the children of Heth. And Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the † audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gates of his city, saying,

11 Nay, my lord, hear me: The field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead.

12 And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land.

13 And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt give it*, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him,

15 My lord, hearken unto me: The land *is worth* four hundred [a] shekels of silver; what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.

16 And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron, and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant.

17 ¶ And [b] the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* before Mamre, the field and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure

18 Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city.

19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre: the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan.

20 And the field and the cave that *is* therein were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Abraham sweareth his servant.* 10 *The servants journey:* 12 *His prayer:* 14 *His sign.* 15 *Rebekah meeteth him,* 18 *fulfilleth his sign,* 22 *receiveth jewels,* 23 *sheweth her kindred,* 25 *and inviteth him home.* 26 *The servant blesseth God.* 29 *Laban entertaineth him.* 34 *The servant sheweth his message.* 50 *Laban and Bethuel approve it.* 58 *Rebekah consenteth to go.* 62 *Isaac meeteth her.*

AND Abraham was old *and* † well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, [a] Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that [b] thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, amongst whom I dwell:

4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest?

6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

7 ¶ The LORD God of heaven, [c] which took me from my fathers house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, [d] Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

8 And if the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: onely bring not my son thither again.

9 And the servant put his hand under

† Heb. *lift.*

[a] Chap. 23. 8. & 18. 18. Heb. 11. 22. Act. 3. 25. Gal. 3. 8.

† Heb. *full money.*

† Heb. *ears.*

[a] Chap. 11. 29.

† Heb. *gone into days.*

[a] Chap. 47. 29.

[b] Chap. 26. 34. & 27. 46. & 28. 2. Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

[c] Chap. 12. 1.

[d] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 15. & 15. 18. & 17. 8.

the thigh of Abraham his maſter, and ſware to him concerning that matter.

10 ¶ And the ſervant took ten camels of the camels of his maſter, and departed: || for all the goods of his maſter *were* in his hand. And he aroſe, and went to Meſopotamia, unto [c] the city of Nahor.

|| Or, *and.*

[c] Chap. 27. 43.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city, by a well of water, at the time of the evening, *even* the time † that women go out to draw *water*.

† Heb. *that women which draw water go forth.*

12 And he ſaid, O LORD God of my maſter Abraham, I pray thee, ſend me good ſpeed this day, and ſhew kindneſs unto my maſter Abraham.

13 Behold, [f] I ſtand *here* by the well of water, and [g] the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

[f] Verſ. 43.
[g] Chap. 29. 9. Exod. 2. 16.

14 And let it come to paſs, that the damſel to whom I ſhall ſay, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and ſhe ſhall ſay, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink alſo; *let the ſame be* ſhe *that* thou haſt appointed for thy ſervant Iſaac: and thereby ſhall I know that thou haſt ſhewed kindneſs unto my maſter.

15 ¶ And it came to paſs before he had done ſpeaking, that behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel ſon of [h] Milcah the wife of Nahor Abrahams brother, with her pitcher upon her ſhoulder.

[h] Chap. 11. 29.

16 And the damſel *was* † very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her. And ſhe went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

† Heb. *good of countenance.*

17 And the ſervant ran to meet her, and ſaid, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

18 And ſhe ſaid, Drink, my lord. And ſhe haſted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.

19 And when ſhe had done giving him drink, ſhe ſaid, I will draw *water* for thy camels alſo, untill they have done drinking.

20 And ſhe haſted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man wondring at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey proſperous, or not.

22 And it came to paſs as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden || ear-ring of half a ſhekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands, of ten *ſhekels* weight of gold;

|| Or, *jewel for the forehead.*

23 And ſaid, Whoſe daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy fathers houſe for us to lodge in?

24 And ſhe ſaid unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the ſon of Milcah, which ſhe bare unto Nahor.

25 She ſaid moreover unto him, We have both ſtraw and provender enough, and room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worſhipped the LORD.

27 And he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of my maſter Abraham, who hath not left deſtitute my maſter of his mercy & his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the houſe of my maſters brethren.

28 And the damſel ran, and told *them of* her mothers houſe theſe things.

29 ¶ And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well.

30 And it came to paſs when he ſaw the ear-ring & bracelets upon his ſiſters hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his ſiſter, ſaying, Thus ſpake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he ſtood by the camels at the well.

31 And he ſaid, Come in, thou bleſſed of the LORD; wherefore ſtandeſt thou without? for I have prepared the houſe, and room for the camels.

32 ¶ And the man came into the houſe: and he ungirded his camels, & gave ſtraw and provender for the camels, and water to waſh his feet, and the mens feet that *were* with him.

33 And there was ſet *meat* before him to eat: but he ſaid, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he ſaid, Speak on.

34 And he ſaid, I *am* Abrahams ſervant.

35 And the LORD hath bleſſed my maſter greatly, and he is become great: & he hath given him flocks, and herds, and ſilver,

ver, and gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.

36 And Sarah my masters wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and [i] unto him hath he given all that he hath.

37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:

38 But thou shalt go unto my fathers house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son.

39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not follow me.

40 And he said unto me, The LORD, [k] before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my fathers house.

41 Then shalt thou be clear from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath.

42 And I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:

43 [l] Behold, I stand by the well of water: and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels; *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath appointed out for my masters son.

45 And before I had done speaking in mine heart, Behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto ỹ well, & drew *water*. And I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee.

46 And she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said, Drink; and I will give thy camels drink also. So I drank; and she made the camels drink also.

47 And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahors son, whom Milcah bare unto him. And I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my masters brothers daughter unto his son.

49 And now, if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered, and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

51 Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee: take *her*, and go; and let her be thy masters sons wife, as the LORD hath spoken.

52 And it came to pass, that when Abrahams servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.

53 And the servant brought forth † jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: He gave also to her brother and to her mother pretious things.

54 And they did eat and drink, he & the men that *were* with him, and tarried all night: & they rose up in the morning; and he said, [m] Send me away unto my master.

55 And her brother & her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us ‖ *a few* days, at the least ten, after that she shall go.

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way: send me away, that I may go to my master.

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and [n] her nurse, and Abrahams servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thousands of millions, and [o] let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 ¶ And Rebekah arose, and her damsels,

i Chap. 25. 5.

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66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarahs tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mothers *death*.

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8 Then Abraham gave up the ghost, & [u] died in a good old age, an old man, & full *of years*; and was gathered to his people.

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10 [d] The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: There was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

11 ¶ And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed his son Isaac: and Isaac dwelt by the [e] well Lahai-roi.

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14 And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,

15 ‖ Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah.

16 These *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according to their nations.

17 And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people.

18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou goest towards Assyria. *And* he † died in the presence of all his brethren.

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20 And Isaac was fourty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian.

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22 And the children struggled together within her: & she said, If *it be* so, why *am* I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

23 And the LORD said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels: and *the one* people shall be stronger then *the other* people; and [k] the elder shall serve the younger.

24 ¶ And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb.

25 And the first came out red, [l] all over like an hairy garment: and they called his name Esau.

26 And after that came his brother out, and [m] his hand took hold on Esau's heel: & [n] his name was called Jacob. And Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob *was* a plain man dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because † he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

29 ¶ And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he *was* faint.

30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, † with that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birth-right.

32 And Esau said, Behold, I *am* † at the point to die; and what profit shall this birth-right do to me?

33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day. And he sware unto him; and [o] he sold his birth-right unto Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles. And he did eat, and drink, and rose up, and went his way. Thus Esau despised *his* birth-right.

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1 *Isaac because of famine goeth to Gerar.* 2 *God instructeth and blesseth him.* 7 *He is reproved by Abimelech for denying his wife.* 12 *He groweth rich.* 18 *He diggeth Esek, Sitnah, and Rehoboth.* 26 *Abimelech maketh a covenant with him at Beer-sheba.* 34 *Esau's wives.*

AND there was a famine in the land, besides [a] the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto [b] Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar.

2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt: dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of.

3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, & will bless thee: for unto thee & unto thy seed [c] I will give all these countreys, and I will perform [d] the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father.

4 And [e] I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countreys: and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be [f] blessed.

5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he said, She *is* my sister. For he feared to say, *She is* my wife; Lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon.

8 And it came to pass when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, She *is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

10 And Abimelech said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife, shall surely be put to death.

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and † received in the same year an hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and † went forward, and grew until he became very great.

14 For he had possession of flocks, and pos-

[a] Chap. 12. 10.
[b] Chap. 20. 2.
[c] Chap. 12. 7, & 15. 18.
[d] Chap. 22. 16.
[e] Chap. 15. 5.
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[h] Rom. 9. 10.
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[l] Chap. 27. 11, 16, 23.
[m] Hos. 12. 3.
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4 And [e] I will make thy ſeed to multiply as the ſtars of heaven, and will give unto thy ſeed all theſe countreys: and in thy ſeed ſhall all the nations of the earth be [f] bleſſed.

5 Becauſe that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my ſtatutes, and my laws.

6 ¶ And Iſaac dwelt in Gerar.

7 And the men of the place asked *him* of his wife; and he ſaid, She *is* my ſiſter. For he feared to ſay, *She is* my wife; Leſt, *ſaid he*, the men of the place ſhould kill me for Rebekah; becauſe ſhe *was* fair to look upon.

8 And it came to paſs when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philiſtines looked out at a window, and ſaw, and behold, Iſaac *was* ſporting with Rebekah his wife.

9 And Abimelech called Iſaac, and ſaid, Behold, of a ſurety ſhe *is* thy wife: and how ſaidſt thou, She *is* my ſiſter? And Iſaac ſaid unto him, Becauſe I ſaid, Leſt I die for her.

10 And Abimelech ſaid, What *is* this thou haſt done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou ſhouldeſt have brought guiltineſs upon us.

11 And Abimelech charged all *his* people, ſaying, He that toucheth this man or his wife, ſhall ſurely be put to death.

12 Then Iſaac ſowed in that land, and † received in the ſame year an hundredfold. And the LORD bleſſed him.

13 And the man waxed great, and † went forward, and grew until he became very great.

14 For he had poſſeſſion of flocks, and poſ-

[a] Rom. 9. 12.
[b] Chap. 25. 26.
[c] Chap. 15. 5. & 49. 29.
[d] Chap. 25. 26.
[e] Chap. 27. 11, 16, 23.
[f] Chap. 26. 4. & 24. 62.
[g] Hoſ. 12. 3.
[h] Chap. 27. 36.
[i] 1 Chr. 1. 29.
† Heb. veniſon was in his mouth.
[k] Or, Hadad, 1 Chr. 1. 30.
† Heb. with that red, with that red pottage. † Heb. going to die.
[l] Chap. 27. 30.
[m] Heb. 12. 16.
† Heb. ſold.
[n] Matth. 1. 2.
[o] Rom. 9. 10.
[p] Chap. 12. 10.
[q] Chap. 20. 2.
[r] Chap. 17. 15, & 18. 18.
[s] Chap. 22. 16.
[t] Chap. 15. 5.
[u] Chap. 12. 3. & 22. 18.
[v] Chap. 20. 9.
† Heb. found.
† Heb. went going.

possession of herds, and great store of ||servants. And the Philistines envied him.

15 For all the wells [h] which his fathers servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us: for [i] thou art much mightier then we.

17 ¶ And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaacs servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of † springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaacs herdmen, saying, The water *is* ours. And he called the name of the well ||Esek; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it ||Sitnah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it ||Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitfull in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not; for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abrahams sake.

25 And he [k] builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaacs servants digged a well.

26 ¶ Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

28 And they said, † We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29 † That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou *art* now the blessed of the LORD.

30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink.

31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and sware one to another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace.

32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaacs servants came, & told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

33 And he called it ||Shebah: therefore the name of the city *is* ||Beer-sheba unto this day.

34 ¶ [l] And Esau was fourty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

35 Which [m] were † a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Isaac sendeth Esau for venison. 6 Rebekah instructeth Jacob to obtain the blessing. 15 Jacob under the person of Esau obtaineth it. 30 Esau bringeth venison. 33 Isaac trembleth. 34 Esau complaineth, and by importunity obtaineth a blessing. 41 He threatneth Jacob. 42 Rebekah disappointeth it.

AND it came to pass that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son. And he said unto him, Behold, *here am* I.

2 And he said, Behold, now, I am old; I know not the day of my death.

3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver, and thy bowe, and go out to the field, and †take me *some* venison;

4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

5 And

[h] Chap. 21. 30.
[i] Exod. 1. 9.
[k] Chap. 12. 7. & 13. 18.
[l] Chap. 36. 2.
[m] Chap. 27. 46.

‖ Or, husbandry.
† Heb. living.
‖ That is, contension.
‖ That is, Hatred.
‖ That is, Room.
† Heb. Seeing we saw.
† Heb. if thou shalt do.
‖ That is, An oath.
‖ That is, The well of the oath.
† Heb. bitterness of spirit.
† Heb. desirable.
† Heb. hunt.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it*.

6 ¶ And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the LORD before my death.

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, according to that which I command thee.

9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth.

10 And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.

11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man.

12 My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.

13 And his mother said unto him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son: onely obey my voice, and go fetch me *them*.

14 And he went, & fetched, and brought *them* to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took † goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son.

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck.

17 And she gave the savoury meat, and the bread which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 ¶ And he came unto his father, and said, My Father. And he said, Here *am* I; who *art* thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy first-born; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* † to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau, or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Jacobs voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.

25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my sons venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed.

28 Therefore [a] God give thee of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine.

29 [b] Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and [c] let thy mothers sons bow down to thee. [d] Cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

30 ¶ And it came to pass, assoon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his sons venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, I *am* thy son, thy first-born Esau.

33 And Isaac † trembled very exceedingly,

† Heb. before me.

† Heb. trembled with a great trembling, greatly.

[a] Heb. 11. 20.

[b] Chap. 9. 25. & 25. 23.

[c] Chap. 49. 8.

[d] Chap. 12. 3.

† Heb. Seeing we saw,

† Heb. if thou shalt,

† Heb. hunt.

† Heb. desireable.

[e] That he may eat.

[f] That it may be well of the hath.

[g] Chap. 36. 2.

[h] Chap. 27. 46.

† Heb. sweetness of Jacob.

ingly, and said, Who, where *is* he that hath † taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, & he shall be blessed.

† Heb. hunted.

34 And when Esau heard the words of his father, [c] he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

c Heb. 12. 17.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

36 And he said, [f] is not he rightly named || Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: [g] he took away my birthright; and behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me?

f Chap. 25. 26. || That is, A supplanter. g Chap. 25. 33.

37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I || sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son?

|| Or, *suppo ted*,

38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lift up his voice, [h] and wept.

h Heb. 12. 17.

39 And Isaac his father answered, and said unto him, Behold, [i] thy dwelling shall be || the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above.

i ver. 28. Heb. 11. 20. || Or, *of the fatness.*

40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother: and [k] it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

k 2 Sam. 8. 14. 2 King. 8. 20.

41 ¶ And Esau hated Jacob, because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; [l] then will I slay my brother Jacob.

l Obad. 10.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice: and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran.

44 And tarry with him a few days, untill thy brothers fury turn away;

45 Untill thy brothers anger turn away from thee, and he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence. Why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, [m] I am weary of my life, because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

m Chap. 26. 35.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Isaac blesseth Jacob, and sendeth him to Padan-aram.* 9 *Esau marrieth Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael.* 12 *The vision of Jacobs ladder.* 18 *The stone of Beth-el.* 20 *Jacobs vow.*

AND Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, [a] Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

a Chap. 24. 3.

2 [b] Arise, go to [c] Padan-aram, to the house of [d] Bethuel thy mothers father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of [e] Laban thy mothers brother.

b Hos. 12. 12. c Chap. 25. 20. d Chap. 22. 23. e Chap. 24. 29.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitfull, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be † a multitude of people:

† Heb. *an assembly of people.*

4 And give thee [f] the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land † wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

f Chap. 12. 2. † Heb. *of thy sojournings.* Chap. 17. 8.

5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 ¶ When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that, as he blessed him, he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

7 And that Jacob obeyed his father, and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan † pleased not Isaac his father:

† Heb. were evil in the eyes, &c.

9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had, [g] Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abrahams son,

g Chap. 36. 3.

son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

10 ¶ And Jacob [h] went out from Beersheba, and went toward [i] Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set: and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold, a ladder set upon the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold, [k] the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 [l] And behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.

14 And [m] thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth; and thou shalt † spread abroad [n] to the west, and to the east, and to the north, & to the south: and in thee and [o] in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 ¶ And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadfull *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and [p] set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oyl upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of [q] that place ‖ Beth-el: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, & will give me [r] bread to eat, and raiment to put on;

21 So that I come again to my fathers house in peace: then shall the LORD be my God.

22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, [s] shall be Gods house: and of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Jacob cometh to the well of Haran. 9 He taketh acquaintance of Rachel. 13 Laban entertaineth him. 18 Jacob covenanteth for Rachel. 23 He is deceived with Leah. 28 He marrieth also Rachel, and serveth for her seven years more. 32 Leah beareth Reuben, 33 Simeon, 34 Levi, 35 and Judah.

THen Jacob † went on his journey, and came into the land of the † people of the east.

2 And he looked, and behold, a well in the field, and lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the wells mouth.

3 And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the wells mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the wells mouth in his place.

4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? And they said, Of Haran *are* we.

5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*.

6 And he said unto them, † *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: and behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

7 And he said, Lo, † *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattel should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*.

8 And they said, We cannot, untill all the flocks be gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the wells mouth; then we water the sheep.

9 ¶ And while he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her fathers sheep: for she kept them.

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mothers brother, and the sheep of Laban his mothers brother; that Jacob went near and [t] rolled the stone from the wells mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mothers brother.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

12 And

† Heb. lift up his feet.
† Heb. children.
† Heb. Is there peace to him?
† Heb. yet the day is great.
[t] Exod. 2. 17.

[h] Hos. 12. 12. [i] Calle: Act. 7. 2. Charran.
[k] Joh. 1. 51. Heb. 1. 14.
[l] Chap. 35. 1. & 48. 3.
[m] Chap. 13. 16. † Heb. break forth. [n] Deut. 12. 20. [o] Chap. 12. 3. & 18. 18. & 22. 18. & 26. 4.
[p] Chap. 31. 45. & 35. 14. [q] Jud. 1. 23, 26. Hos. 4. 15. ‖ That is, The house of God.
[r] 1 Tim. 6. 8.
[s] Chap. 35. 7.

12 And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her fathers brother, and that he *was* Rebekahs son. And she ran and told her father.

13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the †tidings of Jacob his sisters son, that he ran to meet him, & embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things.

14 And Laban said to him, Surely thou *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him † the space of a moneth.

15 ¶ And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*?

16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

17 Leah *was* tender-eyed, but Rachel was beautifull and well-favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

19 And Laban said, *It is* better that I give her to thee then that I should give her to another man: abide with me.

20 And Jacob [b] served seven years for Rachel: and they seemed unto him *but* a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 ¶ And Jacob said unto Laban, Give *me* my wife (for my days are fulfilled) that I may go in unto her.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, & brought her to him: and he went in unto her.

24 And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid *for* an handmaid.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it *was* Leah. And he said to Laban, What *is* this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our † countrey, to give the younger before the first-born.

27 Fulfill her week, and we will give thee this also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more then Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

31 ¶ And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel *was* barren.

32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name ‖Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me.

33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated, he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his name ‖Simeon.

34 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joyned unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called ‖Levi.

35 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name [c] ‖Judah, and † left bearing.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Rachel in grief for her barrenness giveth Bilhah her maid unto Jacob. 5 She beareth Dan, and Naphtali. 9 Leah giveth Zilpah her maid; who beareth Gad, and Asher. 14 Reuben findeth mandrakes, with which Leah buyeth her husband of Rachel. 17 Leah beareth Issachar, Zebulun, and Dinah. 22 Rachel beareth Joseph. 25 Jacob desireth to depart. 27 Laban stayeth him on a new covenant. 37 Jacobs policy, whereby he became rich.

AND when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

2 And Jacobs anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said, *Am* I in Gods stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?

3 And she said, Behold, my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, ỳ I may also † have children by her.

4 And

† Heb. hearing.

† Heb. a moneth of days.

b Hos. 12. 12.

† Heb. place.

‖ That is, See a Son.

‖ That is, I hear.

‖ That is, Joyned. Matth. 4. 13. Nephthalim.

‖ That is, Praise.

† Heb. left from bearing.

† Heb. be built by her.

4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her.

5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son.

6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name ‖ Dan.

‖ That is, *Judging.*

7 And Bilhah Rachels maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.

8 And Rachel said, With † great wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name ‖ [a] Naphtali.

† Heb. *wrestlings of God.*

‖ That is, *My wrestling.* [a] Called Matth. 4. 13. *Nephthalim.*

9 When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife.

10 And Zilpah Leahs maid bare Jacob a son.

11 And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name ‖ Gad.

‖ That is, *A troop, or company.*

12 And Zilpah Leahs maid bare Jacob a second son.

13 And Leah said, † Happy am I; for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name ‖ Asher.

† Heb. *In my happiness.* ‖ That is, *Happy.*

14 ¶ And Reuben went in the days of wheat-harvest, & found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy sons mandrakes.

15 And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my sons mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to night for thy sons mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with my sons mandrakes. And he lay with her that night.

17 And God hearkned unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare Jacob the fifth son.

18 And Leah said, God hath given me mine hire, because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name ‖ Issachar.

‖ That is, *An hire.*

19 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob the sixth son.

20 And Leah said, God hath endued me *with* a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name ‖ [b] Zebulun.

‖ That is, *Dwelling.* [b] Called Matth. 4. 13. *Zabulon.*

21 And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name ‖ Dinah.

‖ That is, *Judgement.*

22 ¶ And God remembred Rachel, and God hearkned to her, and opened her womb.

23 And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach.

24 And she called his name ‖ Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son.

‖ That is, *Adding.*

25 ¶ And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country.

26 Give *me* my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, *tarry*: for [c] I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

[c] Chap. 39. 5.

28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give *it*.

29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattel was with me.

30 For *it was* little which thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* † increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee † since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?

† Heb. *broken forth.* † Heb. *at my foot.*

31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock:

32 I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattel, and all the brown cattel among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire.

33 So shall my righteousness answer for me † in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that *is* not speckled and spotted amongst the goats,

† Heb. *to morrow.*

goats, and brown amongst the sheep, that shall be accounted stolen with me.

34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word.

35 And he removed that day the he goats that were ring straked and spotted, & all the she goats that were speckled and spotted, *and* every one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hands of his sons.

36 And he set three days journey betwixt himself and Jacob. And Jacob fed the rest of Labans flocks.

37 ¶ And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hasel, and chesnut tree; and pilled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods.

38 And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs, when the flocks came to drink; that they should conceive when they came to drink.

39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattel ring straked, speckled, and spotted.

40 And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ring-straked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban: and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Labans cattel.

41 And it came to pass whensoever the stronger cattel did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattel in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods.

42 But when the cattel were feeble, he put *them* not in: so the feebler were Labans, and the stronger Jacobs.

43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattel, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Jacob upon displeasure departeth secretly. 19 Rachel stealeth her fathers images. 22 Laban pursueth after him, 26 and complaineth of the wrong. 34 Rachels policy to hide the images. 36 Jacobs complaint of Laban. 43 The covenant of Laban and Jacob at Galeed.

AND he heard the words of Labans sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our fathers; and of *that* which *was* our fathers hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and behold, it *was* not toward him † as before.

† Heb. yesterday and the day before.

3 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,

5 And said unto them, I see your fathers countenance, that it *is* not toward me as before: but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ᵉ ten times: but God suffered him not to hurt me.

ᵉ Num. 14. 22. Neh. 4. 12. Job 19. 3.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattel bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ring-straked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattel ring-straked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattel of your father, and given *them* to me.

10 And it came to pass at the time that the cattel conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattel *were* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled.

† Or, ring-streaked.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, *saying*, Jacob. And I said, Here *am* I.

12 And he said, Lift up now thine eyes & see, all the rams which leap upon the cattel *are* ring-straked, speckled, and grisled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I *am* the God of Beth el, ᵇ where thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now ᶜ arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

ᵇ Ch. 28. 18.

ᶜ Ch. 35. 9.

14 And Rachel and Leah answered, and said unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our fathers house?

15 Are we not counted of him strangers? for ᵈ he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money.

ᵈ Ch. 29. 15, 27.

16 For

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* ours, and our childrens: now then whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 ¶ Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon camels.

18 And he carried away all his cattel, and all his goods which he had gotten, the cattel of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the † images that *were* her fathers.

† Heb. teraphim. Judg. 17. 5. 1 Sam. 19. 13.

20 And Jacob stole away † unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

† Heb. the heart of Laban.

21 So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* the mount Gilead.

22 And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled.

23 And he took his brethren with him, & pursued after him seven days journey: and they overtook him in the mount Gilead.

24 And God came to Laban the Syrian ᵉ in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob † either good or bad.

ᵉ Job 33. 15.

† Heb. from good to bad.

25 ¶ Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount Gilead.

26 And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword?

27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and † steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?

† Heb. hast stolen me.

28 And hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in ° doing.

29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

30 And now *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because thou sore longedst after thy fathers house; *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?

31 And Jacob answered, and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me.

32 With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, ᶠ let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.

ᶠ See Ch. 44. 9.

33 And Laban went into Jacobs tent, and into Leahs tent, and into the two maid-servants tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leahs tent, and entred into Rachels tent.

34 Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camels furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban † searched all the tent, but found *them* not.

† Heb. felt.

35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images.

36 ¶ And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered, and said to Laban, What *is* my trespass? what *is* my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

37 Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set *it* here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both.

38 These twenty years *have* I *been* with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn *of beasts* I brought not unto thee, I bare the loss of it; of ᵍ my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night.

ᵍ Exod. 22. 12.

40 *Thus* I was, in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house: I served thee fourteen years

for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattel: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty: God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight.

43 ¶ And Laban answered, and said unto Jacob, *These* daughters *are* my daughters, and *these* children *are* my children, & *these* cattel *are* my cattel, and all that thou seest *is* mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

44 Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee.

45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up *for* a pillar.

46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones. And they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap.

47 And Laban called it ‖ Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed.

‖ That is, *The heap of witness.*

48 And Laban said, This heap *is* a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed;

49 And ‖ Mizpah. For he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

‖ That is, *A beacon, or watch-tower.*

50 If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take *other* wives besides my daughters, no man *is* with us: See, God *is* witness betwixt me and thee.

51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee:

52 This heap *be* witness, and *this* pillar *be* witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.

54 Then Jacob ‖ offered sacrifice upon the mount, and called his brethren to eat bread. And they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount.

‖ Or, *killed beasts.*

55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. And Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Jacobs vision at Mahanaim. 3 His message to Esau. 6 He is afraid of Esaus coming. 9 He prayeth for deliverance. 13 He sendeth a present to Esau. 24 He wrestleth with an angel at Peniel, where he is called Israel. 31 He halteth.

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* Gods host. And he called the name of that place ‖ Mahanaim.

‖ That is, *Two hosts, or camps.*

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, unto the land of Seir, the † countrey of Edom.

† Heb. *field.*

4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now.

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 ¶ And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also [a] he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

[a] Chap. 33. 1.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and distressed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels into two bands;

8 And said, If Esau come to the one company and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 ¶ And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, [b] Return unto thy countrey, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee;

[b] Chap. 31. 13.

10 † I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant: for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I am become two bands.

† Heb. *I am less than all the mercies.*

11 Deliver

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* the mother † with the children.

† Heb. upon.

12 And [c] thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbred for multitude.

[c] Chap. 28. 13, 14.

13 ¶ And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand, a present for Esau his brother;

14 Two hundred she goats and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, fourty kine and ten bulls, twenty she asses and ten foles.

‖ That is, Two companies. † Heb. flock.

16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee?

18 Then thou shalt say, They *be* thy servant Jacobs; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Esau: and behold, also he *is* behind us.

19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall you speak unto Esau, when you find him.

[a] Chap. 35. 1.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face: peradventure he will accept † of me.

† Heb. my face.

21 So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company.

[b] Chap. 31. 13.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

[c] Heb. I am in a strait on all sides.

23 And he took them, and † sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

† Heb. caused to pass.

24 ¶ And Jacob was left alone: and there wrestled a man with him untill the † breaking of the day.

† Heb. ascending of the morning.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh: and [d] the hollow of Jacobs thigh was out of joynt, as he wrestled with him.

[d] See Matth. 26. 41. 2 Cor. 12. 7. Hos. 12. 4.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, [e] I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

[e] Chap. 35. 10.

27 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, [f] Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place ‖ Peniel: for [g] I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

‖ That is, The face of God. [g] Chap. 16. 13. Exod. 24. 11. & 33. 20. Deut. 5. 24 Judg. 6. 22. & 13. 22. Isa. 6. 5.

31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacobs thigh, in the sinew that shrank.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The kindness of Jacob and Esau at their meeting.* 17 *Jacob cometh to Succoth.* 18 *At Shalem he buyeth a field, and buildeth an altar called El-elohe-israel.*

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, [a] Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two hand-maids.

[a] Chap. 32. 6.

2 And he put the hand-maids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, untill he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

5 And he lift up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those † with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

† Heb. to thee.

6 Then the hand-maidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Leah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves. And after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves.

† Heb. *What is all this camp to thee?*

8 And he said, † What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

† Heb. *be that to thee that is thine.*

9 And Esau said, I have enough; my brother, † keep that thou hast unto thy self.

10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

† Heb *all things.*

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have † enough. And he urged him, and he took *it*.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My Lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

† Heb *according as the foot of the work, &c. and according to the foot of the children.*

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according † as the cattel that goeth before me, and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir.

† Heb. *set, or place.*

15 And Esau said, Let me now † leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, † What needeth it? [b] Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

† Heb. *Wherefore is this?*

16 ¶ So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

[b] Chap. 34. 11.

17 And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and made booths for his cattel: therefore the name of the place is called || Succoth.

|| That is, Booths.

18 ¶ And Jacob came to Shalem a city of || Shechem, which *is* in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan aram; and pitched his tent before the city.

|| Called Act. 7. Sychem. [c] Josh. 24. 32.

19 And [c] he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of || Hamor Shechems father, for an hundred † pieces of money.

|| Or, Emmor. † Or, lambs.

20 And he erected there an altar, and called it || El-elohe-israel.

|| That is, God the God of Israel.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Dinah is ravished by Shechem. 4 He sueth to marry her. 13 The sons of Jacob offer the condition of circumcision to the Shechemites. 20 Hamor and Shechem perswade them to accept it. 25 The sons of Jacob upon that advantage slay them, 27 and spoil their city. 30 Jacob reproveth Simeon and Levi.

AND [a] Dinah the daughter of Leah, *which* she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

[a] Chap. 30. 21.

2 And when Shechem the Son of Hamor the Hivite prince of the countrey saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and † defiled her.

† Heb. *humbled her.*

3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake † kindly unto the damsel.

† Heb. *to the heart of the damsel.* See Isa. 40. 2. Hos. 2. 14.

4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife.

5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his cattel in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

6 ¶ And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

7 And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard *it*: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel, in lying with Jacobs daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you, give her him to wife.

9 And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you.

10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land

land shall be before you; dwell and trade you therein, and get you possessions therein.

11 And Shechem said unto her father, and unto her brethren, [b] Let me find grace in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give.

12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife.

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:

14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised: for [e] that were a reproach unto us.

15 But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we *be*, that every male of you be circumcised;

16 Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

17 But if ye will not hearken unto us to be circumcised, then will we take our daughter, and we be gone.

18 And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamors son.

19 And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacobs daughter. And he *was* more honourable then all the house of his father.

20 ¶ And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

21 These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein: for the land, behold, *it is* large enough for them: let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

22 Onely herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.

23 *Shall* not their cattel, and their substance, and every beast of theirs *be* ours? onely let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkned all that went out of the gate of his city: and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

25 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinahs brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and [d] slew all the males.

26 And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the [f] edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechems house, and went out.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

28 They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,

29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.

30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, [e] Ye have troubled me [f] to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, amongst the Canaanites, and the Perizzites: and I *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, & slay me, and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister, as with an harlot?

CHAP. XXXV.

1 God sendeth Jacob to Beth-el. 2 He purgeth his house of idols. 6 He buildeth an Altar at Beth-el. 8 Deborah dieth at Allon-bachuth. 9 God blesseth Jacob at Beth-el. 16 Rachel travaileth of Benjamin, and dieth in the way to Edar. 22 Reuben lieth with Bilhah. 23 The sons of Jacob. 27 Jacob cometh to Isaac at Hebron. 28 The age, death, and burial of Isaac.

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, [a] that appeared unto thee [b] when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household,

and to all that *were* with him, Put away [c] the strange gods that *are* among you, and be clean, and [d] change your garments.

3 And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which *were* in their hand, and *all their* ear-rings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under [e] the oak which *was* by Shechem.

5 And they journeyed. And [f] the terrour of God was upon the cities that *were* round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

6 ¶ So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Canaan, that *is* Beth-el; he, and all the people that *were* with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and [g] called the place ‖ El-beth-el: because there God appeared unto him when he fled from the face of his brother.

8 But [h] Deborah Rebekahs nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el, under an oak: and the name of it was called ‖ Allon-bachuth.

9 ¶ And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padan-aram, and blessed him.

10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

11 And God said unto him, [k] I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; [l] a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins.

12 And the land [m] which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.

14 And Jacob [n] set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him [o] Beth-el.

16 ¶ And they journeyed from Beth-el: and there was but † a little way to come to Ephrath; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour.

17 And it came to pass when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this son also.

18 And it came to pass as her soul was in departing (for she died) that she called his name ‖ Benoni: but his father called him ‖ Benjamin.

19 And [p] Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which *is* Beth-lehem.

20 And Jacob set a pillar [q] upon her grave. That *is* the pillar of Rachels grave [q] unto this day.

21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond [r] the tower of Edar.

22 And it came to pass when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and [s] lay with Bilhah his fathers concubine: and Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve.

23 The sons of Leah; [t] Reuben Jacobs first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun.

24 The sons of Rachel; Joseph, and Benjamin.

25 And the sons of Bilhah, Rachels hand-maid; Dan, and Naphtali.

26 And the sons of Zilpah, Leahs hand-maid; Gad, and Asher. These *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Padan-aram.

27 ¶ And Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto [u] Mamre, unto the city of Arbah, which *is* Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and [x] was gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAP. XXXVI.

2 *Esau's three wives.* 6 *His removing to mount Seir.* 9 *His sons.* 15 *The dukes which descended of his sons.* 20 *The sons and dukes of Seir.* 24 *Anah findeth mules.* 31 *The kings of Edom.* 40 *The dukes that descended of Esau.*

NOw these *are* the generations of Esau, who *is* Edom.

2 Esau

[a] Chap. 31. 19, 34. Josh. 24. 2.
[b] Exod. 19. 10.
[c] Josh. 24. 26. Judg. 9. 6.
[d] Exod. 33. 5. & 33. 27. & 34. 24. Deut. 1. 25. Josh. 5. 1. 2 Chr. 14. 14.
[e] Chap. 28. 19.
‖ That is, *The God of Beth-el.*
[f] Chap. 24. 59.
‖ That is, *The oak of weeping.*
[g] Chap. 32. 28.
[h] Chap. 37. 1. 1 Chr. 1. 27. 5. 6 16.
[k] Chap. 12. 7. & 15. 15 & 26. 3, 4.
[l] Chap. 28. 18.
[m] Chap. 28. 19.
† Heb. *a little piece of ground.*
‖ That is, *The son of my sorrow.*
‖ That is, *The son of the right hand.*
[p] Chap. 48. 7.
[q] 1 Sam. 10. 2.
[r] Mic. 4. 8.
[s] Chap. 49. 4. 1 Chr. 5. 1. See 2 Sam. 16. 22. & 20. 3. 1 Cor. 5. 1.
[t] Chap. 46. 8. Exod. 1. 2.
[u] Chap. 13. 18. & 23. 2.
[x] Chap. 15. 15. & 25. 8.

2 [a] Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and [b] Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

3 And [c] Bashemath Ishmaels daughter, sister of Nebajoth.

4 And [d] Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Bashemath bare Reuel;

5 And Aholibamah bare Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah. These *are* the sons of Esau which were born unto him in the land of Canaan.

6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the † persons of his house, and his cattel, and all his beasts, and all his substance which he had got in the land of Canaan, and went into the countrey, from the face of his brother Jacob.

7 [e] For their riches were more then that they might dwell together: and [f] the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them, because of their cattel.

8 Thus dwelt Esau in [g] mount Seir. Esau *is* Edom.

9 ¶ And these *are* the generations of Esau the father of † the Edomites in mount Seir.

10 These *are* the names of Esau's sons; [h] Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were, Teman, Omar, ‖ Zepho, & Gatam, and Kenaz.

12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek. These *were* the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

13 And these *were* the sons of Reuel; Nahath, & Zerah, Shammah, & Mizzah. These were the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

14 ¶ And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife. And she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

15 ¶ These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz the first-born *son* of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz,

16 Duke Korah, duke Gatam, *and* duke Amalek. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These *were* the sons of Adah.

17 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of Edom. These *are* the sons of Bashemath Esau's wife.

18 ¶ And these *are* the sons of Aholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke Jaalam, duke Korah. These *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah Esau's wife.

19 These *are* the sons of Esau, who *is* Edom; and these *are* their dukes.

20 ¶ [i] These *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah,

21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. These *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir, in the land of Edom.

22 And the children of Lotan were, Hori, and ‖ Heman: and Lotans sister *was* Timna.

23 And the children of Shobal *were* these; ‖ Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, ‖ Shepho, and Onam.

24 And these *are* the children of Zibeon, both Ajah, and Anah: this *was that* Anah that found [k] the mules in the wilderness as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father.

25 And the children of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah.

26 And these *are* the children of Dishon; ‖ Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

27 The children of Ezer *are* these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and ‖ Achan.

28 The children of Dishan *are* these; Uz, and Aran.

29 These *are* the dukes *that came* of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,

30 Duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan. These *are* the dukes *that came* of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

31 ¶ And [l] these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before there reigned any king over the children of Israel.

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

33 And

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[a] Chap. 26. 34.
[b] v. 25.
[c] Chap. 28. 9.
[d] 1 Chr. 1. 35.
† Heb. souls.
[e] Chap. 13. 6, 11.
[f] Josh. 17. 8 & 28. 4.
[g] Josh. 24. 4.
† Heb. Edom.
[h] 1 Chr. 1. 35. &c.
‖ Or, Zephi. 1 Chr. 1. 36.
[i] Chap. 14. 6. & 36. 8.
[k] Chap. 15. 15. & 25. 8.
[l] 1 Chr. 1. 43.

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† Heb. a little piece of ground.
‖ That is, The son of my sorrow.
‖ That is, The son of the right hand.
[m] Chap. 48. 7.
[n] 1 Sam. 1. 2.
[o] Mic. 4. 8.
[p] Chap. 49. 4.
[q] 1 Chr. 5. 1. See 2 Sam. 16. 22. & 20. 3. 1 Cor. 5. 1.
[r] Chap. 46. 8. Exod. 1. 2.
‖ Or, Hemam, 1 Chr. 1. 39.
‖ Or, Lotan, 1 Chr. 1. 40.
‖ Or, Shephi, 1 Chr. 1. 40.
[s] See Lev. 19. 19.
‖ Or, Amram, 1 Chr. 1. 41.
‖ Or, Izhar. 1 Chr. 1. 42.
[t] 1 Chr. 1. 43.

33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

34 And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of Temani reigned in his stead.

35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

37 And Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his stead.

38 And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and [m]Hadar reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau; and his wives name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

40 And these *are* the names of [n]the dukes *that came* of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke ‖ Alvah, duke Jetheth,

41 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

42 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

43 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *be* the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations, in the land of their possession. He *is* Esau the father of † the Edomites.

m 1 Chr. 1. 50. Hadad 1 ai.

n 1 Chr. 1. 51.

‖ Or, Aliah.

† Heb. Edom.

CHAP. XXXVII.

2 Joseph is hated of his brethren. 5 His two dreams. 13 Jacob sendeth him to visit his brethren. 18 His brethren conspire his death. 21 Reuben saveth him. 26 They sell him to the Ishmeelites. 31 His father, deceived by the bloudy coat, mourneth for him. 36 He is sold to Potiphar in Egypt.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land † wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

† Heb. of his fathers sojournings.

2 These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren, and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah his fathers wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more then all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of *many* ‖ colours.

‖ Or, pieces. Judg. 5 30. 2 Sam. 13. 18.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more then all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 ¶ And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed.

7 For [a]behold, we *were* binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeysance to my sheaf.

a Heb. 43. 6, 27. 44. 4.

8 And his brethren said unto him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 ¶ And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more, and behold, [b] the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeysance to me.

b Chap. 46. 29.

10 And he told *it* to his father, and to his brethren. And his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down our selves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him: but his father [c] observed the saying.

c Dan. 7. 28. Luk. 2. 19, 51.

12 ¶ And his brethren went to feed their fathers flock in Shechem.

13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the flock* in Shechem? Come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said unto him, Here *am I*.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, † see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron; and he came to Shechem.

† Heb. see the peace of thy brethren, &c.

15 ¶ And a certain man found him, and behold, *he was* wandring in the field: & the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their flocks*.

17 And the man said, They are departed

hence: for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in [d] Dothan.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this † dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit; and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And [e] Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 ¶ And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of *many* ‖ colours that *was* on him.

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there* was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread: and they lift up their eyes and looked, and behold, a company of [f] Ishmeelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery, and [g] balm, and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt.

26 And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he *is* our brother, and our flesh. And his brethren † were content.

28 Then there passed by Midianites merchant-men; and they drew and lift up Joseph out of the pit, [h] and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for [i] twenty *pieces* of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 ¶ And Reuben returned unto the pit; and behold, Joseph *was* not in the pit: and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not; and I, whither shall I go?

31 And they took Josephs coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood.

32 And they sent the coat of *many* colours, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it *be* thy sons coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, *It is* my sons coat; an [k] evil beast hath devoured him: Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him: but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son, mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an † officer of Pharaohs, *and* †‖ captain of the guard.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Judah begetteth Er, Onan, and Shelah. 6 Er marrieth Tamar. 8 The trespass of Onan. 11 Tamar stayeth for Shelah: 13 she deceiveth Judah; 27 she beareth twins, Pharez and Zarah.

AND it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned into a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah.

2 And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* [a] Shuah; and he took her, and went in unto her.

3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er.

4 [b] And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan.

5 And she yet again conceived, and bare a son; and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib when she bare him.

6 And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name *was* Tamar.

7 And [c] Er, Judahs first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD slew him.

8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto [d] thy brothers wife, & marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother.

9 And

d 2 King. 6. 13.

† Heb. master of dreams.

e Chap. 42. 22.

f See v. 28, 36.

g Jer. 8. 22.

† Heb. hearkned.

h Psal. 105. 17. Wisd. 10. 13. Act. 7. 9.

i See Matth. 27. 9.

k Chap. 44. 28. † Heb. eunuch. But the word doth signifie not onely eunuchs, but also chamberlains, courtiers, & officers. † Heb. chief of the slaughter-men, or, executioners. ‖ Or, chief marshal.

a 1 Chr. 2. 3.

b Num. 26. 19.

c Num. 26. 19.

d Deut. 25. 5.

9 And Onan knew that the ſeed ſhould not be his: and it came to paſs, when he went in unto his brothers wife, that he ſpilled *it* on the ground, leſt that he ſhould give ſeed to his brother.

† Heb. was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

10 And the thing which he did † diſpleaſed the LORD: wherefore he ſlew him alſo.

11 Then ſaid Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy fathers houſe till Shelah my ſon be grown. For he ſaid, Leſt peradventure he die alſo as his brethren *did*. And Tamar went and dwelt in her fathers houſe.

† Heb. the days were multiplied.

12 ¶ And † in proceſs of time the daughter of Shuah Judahs wife died: and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his ſheep ſhearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

13 And it was told Tamar, ſaying, Behold, thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to ſhear his ſheep.

14 And ſhe put her widows garments off from her, and covered her with a veil, and wrapped her ſelf, and ſat in † an open place which *is* by the way to Timnath: for ſhe ſaw that Shelah was grown, and ſhe was not given unto him to wife.

† Heb. the door of eyes, or, of Enaim.

15 When Judah ſaw her, he thought her *to be* an harlot; becauſe ſhe had covered her face.

16 And he turned unto her by the way, and ſaid, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee. For he knew not that ſhe *was* his daughter in law. And ſhe ſaid, What wilt thou give me that thou mayeſt come in unto me?

† Heb. a kid of the goats.

17 And he ſaid, I will ſend *thee* † a kid from the flock. And ſhe ſaid, Wilt thou give *me* a pledge till thou ſend *it*?

18 And he ſaid, What pledge ſhall I give thee? And ſhe ſaid, Thy ſignet, and thy bracelets, and thy ſtaff that *is* in thine hand. And he gave *it* her, and came in unto her, and ſhe conceived by him.

19 And ſhe aroſe, and went away, and laid by her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

20 And Judah ſent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive *his* pledge from the womans hand: but he found her not.

21 Then he asked the men of that place, ſaying, Where *is* the harlot that *was* ‖ openly by the way ſide? And they ſaid, There was no harlot in this *place*.

‖ Or, in Enaim.

22 And he returned to Judah, and ſaid, I cannot find her; and alſo the men of the place ſaid *that* there was no harlot in this *place*.

23 And Judah ſaid, Let her take *it* to her, leſt we † be ſhamed: behold, I ſent this kid, and thou haſt not found her.

† Heb. become a contempt.

24 ¶ And it came to paſs about three moneths after, that it was told Judah, ſaying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and alſo behold, ſhe *is* with child by whoredom. And Judah ſaid, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

25 When ſhe *was* brought forth, ſhe ſent to her father in law, ſaying, By the man whoſe theſe *are am* I with child. And ſhe ſaid, Diſcern, I pray thee, whoſe theſe *are*, the ſignet, and bracelets, and ſtaff.

26 And Judah acknowledged *them*, and ſaid, She hath been more righteous then I; becauſe that I gave her not to Shelah my ſon. And he knew her again no more.

27 ¶ And it came to paſs in the time of her travail, that behold, twins *were* in her womb.

28 And it came to paſs when ſhe travailed, that *the one* put out *his* hand; and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a ſcarlet threed, ſaying, This came out firſt.

‖ Or, were the firſt made this breach againſt thee?

29 And it came to paſs as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out: and ſhe ſaid, ‖ How haſt thou broken forth? *this* breach *be* upon thee. Therefore his name was called ‖ Pharez.

‖ That is, A breach

30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the ſcarlet threed upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Joſeph advanced in Potiphars houſe. 7 He reſiſteth his miſtreſſes temptation. 13 He is falſly accuſed: 19 He is caſt into priſon. 21 God is with him there.

AND Joſeph was brought down to Egypt: and Potiphar an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought

* Chap. 37. 36.

bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

2 And [b] the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man: and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that [c] the LORD blessed the Egyptians house for Joseph's sake: and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was *a* goodly *person* and well-favoured.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me.

8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand.

9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and [d] sin against God?

10 And it came to pass as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkned not unto her to lie by her, *or* to be with her.

11 And it came to pass about this time, that *Joseph* went into the house to do his business; and *there was* none of the men of the house there within.

12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me. And he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth,

14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto me to lie with me; and I cried with a † loud voice.

15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out.

16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home.

17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant which thou hast brought unto us came in unto me to mock me.

18 And it came to pass, as I lift up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

20 And Joseph's master took him, and [e] put him into [f] the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 ¶ But the LORD was with Joseph, & †shewed him mercy, and [g] gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison: and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer *of it*.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand; because the LORD *was* with him: and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

CHAP. XL.

1 *The butler and baker of Pharaoh in prison.* 4 *Joseph hath charge of them.* 5 *He interpreteth their dreams:* 20 *The come to pass according to his interpretation.* 23 *The ingratitude of the butler.*

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of Egypt.

2 And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And

[b] 1 Sam. 16. 18. & 18. 28. Acts 7. 9.

‖ Or, *in Engaddi.*

† Heb. *become a contemptible.*

[c] Chap. 30. 27.

[d] Chap. 20. 6. Lev. 6. 2. Psal. 51. 4.

‖ Or, *Wherefore hast thou made this breach against me?*

‖ That is, *A breach of wife.* 1 Chr. 2. 4. Mat. 1. 3.

[e] Chap. 37. 36.

† Heb. *great.*

[f] Psal. 105. 18. & 107. 10. Chap. 40. 15. & 41. 14.

† Heb. *extended kindness unto him.*

[g] Ex. 3. 21. & 11. 3. & 12. 36. Psal. 106. 46. Pro. 16. 7. Dan. 1. 9.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them. And they continued a season in ward.

5 ¶ And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold, they *were* sad.

7 And he asked Pharaohs officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lords house, saying, Wherefore † look ye *so* sadly to day?

† Heb. are your faces evil.

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, [a] *Do* not interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

[a] See Ch. 41. 16. Dan. 2. 1, 28.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said unto him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me.

10 And in the vine *were* three branches: and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot forth; *and* the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes.

11 And Pharaohs cup *was* in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaohs cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaohs hand.

12 And Joseph said unto him, This *is* the interpretation of it. The three branches *are* three days.

13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh [b] lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaohs cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

[b] 2 Kings 25. 27. Or, reckon.

14 But † think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

† Heb. remember me with thee

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was* in my dream, and behold, I *had* three white baskets on my head.

Or, full of holes.

17 And in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of † bake-meats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

† Heb. t

18 And Joseph answered, and said, This *is* the interpretation thereof. The three baskets *are* three days.

19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

Or, reckon you, lift off

20 ¶ And it came to pass the third day, which *was* Pharaohs birth day, that he [c] made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

[c] Matt. 6. 21. Or, celebrated

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaohs hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

CHAP. XLI.

1 *Pharaohs two dreams.* 9 *Joseph interpreteth them.* 33 *He giveth Pharaoh counsel.* 38 *Joseph is advanced.* 50 *He begetteth Manasseh and Ephraim.* 54 *The famine beginneth.*

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed, and behold, he stood by the river.

2 And behold, there came up out of the river seven well favoured kine, and fat-fleshed; and they fed in a meadow.

3 And behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured, and lean-fleshed; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.

4 And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke.

5 And he slept and dreamed the second time: and behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, † rank and good.

† Heb. fat.

6 And

6 And behold, seven thin ears, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them.

7 And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream.

8 And it came to pass in the morning, that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise-men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but *there was* none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 ¶ Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day.

10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guards house, *both* me, and the chief baker.

11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he: we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream.

12 And *there was* there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard: and we told him, and he [b] interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.

13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was: me he restored unto mine office, and him he hanged.

14 ¶ [c] Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they † brought him hastily out of the dungeon. And he shaved *himself*, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, *that* ‖ thou canst understand a dream, to interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river.

18 And behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed, and well-favoured; and they fed in a meadow.

19 And behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor, and very ill-favoured, and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness.

20 And the lean and the ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine.

21 And when they had † eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they *were* still ill-favoured, as at the beginning. So I awoke.

22 And I saw in my dream, and behold, seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good.

23 And behold, seven ears, ‖ withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east-wind, sprung up after them.

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. And I told *this* unto the magicians; but *there was* none that could declare *it* unto me.

25 ¶ And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh *is* one. God hath shewed Pharaoh what he *is* about to do.

26 The seven good kine *are* seven years; and the seven good ears *are* seven years: the dream *is* one.

27 And the seven thin and ill-favoured kine, that came up after them, *are* seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This *is* the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God *is* about to do, he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt.

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land.

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land, by reason of that famine following: for it *shall be* very † grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, *it is* because the thing *is* ‖ established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do *this*; and let him appoint

[a] Chap. 40. 1, &c.

[b] Chap. 40. 12, &c.

[c] Psal. 105. 20. † Heb. made him run.

‖ Or, when thou hear'st a dream, thou canst interpret it.

† Heb. came to the inward parts of them.

‖ Or, fruitful.

† Heb. heavy.

‖ Or, prepared of God.

‖ Or, over, Gen. 47. 6.

point ‖ officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land † perish not through the famine.

† Heb. be not cut off.

37 ¶ And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet & wise as thou *art*.

40 [d] Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people † be ruled: onely in the throne will I be greater then thou.

d Psal. 105. 21. 1 Mac. 2. 55. Acts 10. † Heb. be armed, or, kiss.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Josephs hand, and arayed him in vestures of ‖ fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck.

‖ Or, silk.

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, ‖ † Bow the knee: and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, Tender father. † Heb. Abrech.

44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

45 And Pharaoh called Josephs name Zaphnath-paaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah ‖ priest of On. And Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

‖ Or, prince.

46 ¶ And Joseph *was* thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfulls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49 And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, untill he left numbring: for *it was* without number.

50 [e] And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare unto him.

e Chap. 46. 20. 48. 5.

‖ Or, Forget.

51 And Joseph called the name of the first-born ‖ Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my fathers house.

52 And the name of the second called he ‖ Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitfull in the land of my affliction.

‖ That is, Fruitfull.

53 ¶ And the seven years of plenteousness that was in the land of Egypt were ended.

54 [f] And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

f Psal. 105.

55 And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.

56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened † all the store-houses, and sold unto the Egyptians. And the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.

† Heb. all wherein was.

57 And all countreys came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *corn*; because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Jacob sendeth his ten sons to buy corn in Egypt. 6 They are imprisoned by Joseph for spies. 18 They are set at liberty, on condition to bring Benjamin. 21 They have remorse for Joseph. 24 Simeon is kept for a pledge. 25 They return with corn, and their money. 29 Their relation to Jacob. 36 Jacob refuseth to send Benjamin.

NOw when [a] Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

a Act. 7. 12.

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there

there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may [b] live, and not die.

3 ¶ And Josephs ten brethren went down to buy corn in Egypt.

4 But Benjamin, Josephs brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

6 And Joseph *was* the governour over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land. And Josephs brethren came, and [c] bowed down themselves before him, *with* their faces to the earth.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake † roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.

8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Joseph [d] remembred the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies; to see the nakedness of the land you are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 We *are* all one mans sons: we *are* true men, thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay; but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants *are* twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; & behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one [e] *is* not.

14 And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, saying, Ye *are* spies.

15 Hereby ye shall be proved: [f] By ye life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be † kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies.

17 And he † put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live: [g] *for* I fear God.

19 If ye *be* true men, let one of your brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses.

20 But [h] bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

21 ¶ And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us; and we would not hear: therefore is this distress come upon us.

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, [i] Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore behold also, his bloud is required.

23 And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*: for † he spake unto them by an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes.

25 ¶ Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every mans money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way. And thus did he unto them.

26 And they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence.

27 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn, he espied his money: for behold, it *was* in his sacks mouth.

28 And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and lo, *it is* even in my sack. And their heart † failed *them*, & they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God hath done unto us?

29 ¶ And they came unto Jacob their father, unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them, saying,

30 The man *who is* the lord of the land spake † roughly to us, and took us for spies of the countrey.

31 And we said unto him, We *are* true men; we are no spies.

[b] Chap. 43. 8. Psal. 118. 17. Isa. 38. 1.

[c] Chap. 37. 7.

[d] Chap. 37. 5.

[e] Lam. 5. 7.

[f] See 1 Sam. 1. 26. & 17. 55.

[g] Neh. 5. 15.

[h] Chap. 43. 5.

[i] Chap. 37. 21.

† Heb. went forth.

† Heb. with us hard things.

32 We *be* twelve brethren, ſons of our father: one *is* not, and the youngeſt *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man the lord of the countrey ſaid unto us, Hereby ſhall I know that ye *are* true men; Leave one of your brethren *here* with me, & take *food for* the famine of your houſholds, and be gone.

34 And bring your youngeſt brother unto me: then ſhall I know that you *are* no ſpies, *but* that you *are* true men: *ſo* will I deliver you your brother, and ye ſhall traffick in the land.

35 ¶ And it came to paſs as they emptied their ſacks, that behold, every mans bundle of money *was* in his ſack: & when *both* they and their father ſaw the bundles of money, they were afraid.

36 And Jacob their father ſaid unto them, Me have ye bereaved *of my children*: Joſeph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all theſe things are againſt me.

37 And Reuben ſpake unto his father, ſaying, Slay my two ſons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

38 And he ſaid, My ſon ſhall not go down with you: for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if miſchief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then ſhall ye bring down my gray hairs with ſorrow to the grave.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Jacob is hardly perſwaded to ſend Benjamin. 15 Joſeph entertaineth his brethren. 31 He maketh them a feaſt.

AND the famine *was* ſore in the land.

2 And it came to paſs when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father ſaid unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.

3 And Judah ſpake unto him, ſaying, The man † did ſolemnly proteſt unto us, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſee my face, except your [a] brother *be* with you.

4 If thou wilt ſend our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food.

5 But if thou wilt not ſend *him*, we will not go down: for the man ſaid unto us, Ye ſhall not ſee my face, except your brother *be* with you.

6 And Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore dealt ye *ſo* ill with me *as* to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?

7 And they ſaid, The man † asked us ſtraitly of our ſtate and of our kindred, ſaying, *Is* your father yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according to the † tenour of theſe words: †Could we certainly know ỹ he would ſay, Bring your brother down?

8 And Judah ſaid unto Iſrael his father, Send the lad with me, and we will ariſe and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* alſo our little ones.

9 I will be ſurety for him; of my hand ſhalt thou require him. [b] If I bring him not unto thee, and ſet him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever.

10 For except we had lingred, ſurely now we had returned ‖ this ſecond time.

11 And their father Iſrael ſaid unto them, If *it muſt be* ſo now, do this; Take of the beſt fruits in ỹ land in your veſſels, and carry down the man a preſent, a little balm, and a little honey, ſpices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds.

12 And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your ſacks, carry *it* again in your hand; peradventure it *was* an overſight.

13 Take alſo your brother, and ariſe, go again unto the man.

14 And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may ſend away your other brother, and Benjamin: ‖ If I be bereaved *of my children*, I am bereaved.

15 ¶ And the men took that preſent, & they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and roſe up, and went down to Egypt, and ſtood before Joſeph.

16 And when Joſeph ſaw Benjamin with them, he ſaid to the ruler of his houſe, Bring *theſe* men home, and † ſlay, and make ready: for *theſe* men ſhall † dine with me at noon.

17 And ỹ man did as Joſeph bade: & the man brought the men into Joſephs houſe.

18 And

† Heb. *protesting protested.* [a] Chap. 42. 20. & 44. 23.

18 And the men were afraid because they were brought into Josephs house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may † seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bond-men, and our asses.

† Heb. roll himself upon us.

19 And they came near to the steward of Josephs house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

20 And said, O sir, [c] † we came indeed down at the first time to buy food.

[c] Chap. 42. 3. † Heb. coming down we came down.

21 And [d] it came to pass when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and behold, *every* mans money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

[d] Chap. 43. 21.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks.

23 And he said, Peace *be* to you; fear not: your God and the God of your father hath given you treasure in your sacks: † I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

† Heb. unto me.

24 And the man brought the men into Josephs house, and [e] gave *them* water, and they washed their feet: and he gave their asses provender.

[e] Chap. 18. 4. & 24. 32.

25 And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 ¶ And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of *their* † welfare, and said, † *Is* your father well, the old man [f] of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive?

† Heb. peace. † Heb. Is there peace to your father? [f] Chap. 43. 11, 43.

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lift up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mothers son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, [g] of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

[g] Chap. 43. 29.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yern upon his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entred into *his* chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that [h] *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians.

[h] Chap. 46. 34.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birth right, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but Benjamins mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and † were merry with him.

† Heb. drank largely. See Hag. 1. 6. John 2. 10.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 *Josephs policy to slay his brethren.* 14 *Judahs humble supplication to Joseph.*

AND he commanded † the steward of his house, saying, Fill the mens sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every mans money in his sacks mouth.

† Heb. him that was over his house.

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sacks mouth of the youngest, and his corn-money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

3 Assoon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses.

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and* not *yet* far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after ŷ men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good?

5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh? and whereby indeed he || divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

|| Or, maketh trial.

6 ¶ And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing.

8 Behold, the money which we found in our sacks mouths we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how

then ſhould we ſteal out of thy lords houſe ſilver or gold?

9 With whom *ſoever* of thy ſervants it be found, *both* [a] let him die, and we alſo will be my lords bond men.

10 And he ſaid, Now alſo *let* it *be* according unto your words: he with whom it is found ſhall be my ſervant; and ye ſhall be blameleſs.

11 Then they ſpeedily took down every man his ſack to the ground, and opened every man his ſack.

12 And he ſearched, *and* began at the eldeſt, and left at the youngeſt: and the cup was found in Benjamins ſack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, & laded every man his aſs, and returned to the city.

14 ¶ And Judah and his brethren came to Joſephs houſe: for he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joſeph ſaid unto them, What deed *is* this that ye have done? wot ye not that ſuch a man as I can certainly ‖ divine?

16 And Judah ſaid, What ſhall we ſay unto my lord? what ſhall we ſpeak? or how ſhall we clear our ſelves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy ſervants: behold, we *are* my lords ſervants, both we, and *he* alſo with whom the cup is found.

17 And he ſaid, God forbid that I ſhould do ſo: *but* the man in whoſe hand the cup is found, he ſhall be my ſervant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 ¶ Then Judah came near unto him, and ſaid, O my lord, let thy ſervant, I pray thee, ſpeak a word in my lords ears, and let not thine anger burn againſt thy ſervant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord aſked his ſervants, ſaying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20 And we ſaid unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one: and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21 And thou ſaidſt unto thy ſervants, Bring him down unto me, that I may ſet mine eyes upon him.

22 And we ſaid unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he ſhould leave his father, *his father* would die.

23 And thou ſaidſt unto thy ſervants, [b] Except your youngeſt brother come down with you, you ſhall ſee my face no more.

24 And it came to paſs, when we came up unto thy ſervant my father, we told him the words of my lord.

25 And [c] our father ſaid, Go again, *and* buy us a little food.

26 And we ſaid, We cannot go down: if our youngeſt brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not ſee the mans face, except our youngeſt brother *be* with us.

27 And thy ſervant my father ſaid unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two *ſons*.

28 And the one went out from me, and I ſaid, [d] Surely he is torn in pieces; and I ſaw him not ſince.

29 And if ye take this alſo from me, and miſchief befall him, ye ſhall bring down my gray hairs with ſorrow to the grave.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy ſervant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; ſeeing that his life is bound up in the lads life;

31 It ſhall come to paſs, when he ſeeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy ſervants ſhall bring down the gray hairs of thy ſervant our father with ſorrow to the grave.

32 For thy ſervant became ſurety for the lad unto my father, ſaying, [e] If I bring him not unto thee, then I ſhall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33 Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy ſervant abide in ſtead of the lad a bond man to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34 For how ſhall I go up to my father, & the lad *be* not with me? leſt peradventure I ſee the evil that ſhall † come on my father.

CHAP. XLV.

1 Joſeph maketh himſelf known to his brethren. 5 He comforteth them in Gods providence. 9 He ſendeth for his father. 16 Pharaoh confirmeth it. 21 Joſeph furniſheth them for their journey, and exhorteth them to concord. 25 Jacob is revived with the news.

THen Joſeph could not refrain himſelf before all them that ſtood by him; and

[a] Chap. 31. 32.

‖ Or, make trial.

[b] Ch. 43. 3.

[c] Ch. 43. 2.

[d] Ch. 37. 33.

[e] Ch. 43. 9.

† Heb. and my father.

and he cryed, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he † wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

† Heb. gave forth his voice in weeping. • Acts 7. 13.

3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I *am* Joseph. Doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him: for they were ‖ troubled at his presence.

‖ Or, terrified.

4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near: and he said, I *am* Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, † nor angry with your selves, that ye sold me hither: [b] for God did send me before you to preserve life.

¶ Heb. neither let there be anger in your eyes. [b] Chap. 50. 20. Psa. 105. 16, 17. See 2 Sam. 16. 10. Acts 4. 24.

6 For these two years *hath* the famine *been* in the land: and yet *there are* five years in the which *there shall* neither *be* earing nor harvest.

† Heb. to put for you a remnant.

7 And God sent me before you † to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now *it was* not you *that* sent me hither, but God: & he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9 Haste you, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not.

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy childrens children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast.

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet *there are* five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen: and ye shall haste, and [c] bring down my father hither.

[c] Acts 7. 14.

14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamins neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them. And after that his brethren talked with him.

16 ¶ And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaohs house, saying, Josephs brethren are come. And it † pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants.

† Heb. was good in the eyes of Pharaoh.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye; Lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan;

18 And take your father, and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat [d] the fat of the land.

[d] Chap. 27. 28.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; Take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come.

20 Also † regard not your stuff: for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours.

† Heb. let not your eye spare, &c.

21 And the children of Israel did so. And Joseph gave them wagons according to the † commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way.

† Heb. mouth.

22 To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment: but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment.

23 And to his father he sent after this *manner*; ten asses † laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way.

† Heb. carrying.

24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed. And he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

25 ¶ And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father,

26 And told him, saying, Joseph *is* yet alive, and he *is* governour over all the land of Egypt. And † Jacobs heart fainted; for he believed them not.

† Heb. his.

27 And they told him all the words of Joseph which he had said unto them. And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

28 And Iſrael ſaid, *It is* enough; Joſeph my ſon *is* yet alive: I will go and ſee him before I die.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 Jacob is comforted by God at Beer-ſheba. 5 Thence he with his company goeth into Egypt. 8 The number of his family that went into Egypt. 28 Joſeph meeteth Jacob. 31 He inſtructeth his brethren how to anſwer Pharaoh.

AND Iſrael took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered ſacrifices unto the God of his father Iſaac.

2 And God ſpake unto Iſrael in the viſions of the night, and ſaid, Jacob, Jacob. And he ſaid, Here *am* I.

3 And he ſaid, I *am* God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation.

4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; & I will alſo ſurely bring thee up *again*: & [a] Joſeph ſhall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And [b] Jacob roſe up from Beer-sheba: and the ſons of Iſrael carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had ſent to carry him.

6 And they took their cattel, and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, [c] Jacob, and all his ſeed with him.

7 His ſons, and his ſons ſons with him, his daughters, and his ſons daughters, & all his ſeed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 ¶ And [d] theſe *are* the names of the children of Iſrael which came into Egypt, Jacob, and his ſons: [e] Reuben Jacobs firſtborn.

9 And the ſons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and Carmi.

10 ¶ And [f] the ſons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, & Jachin, & Zohar, and Shaul the ſon of a Canaanitiſh woman.

11 ¶ And the ſons of [g] Levi; Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari.

12 ¶ And the ſons of [h] Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez, and Zerah: But Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And [i] the ſons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul.

13 ¶ And [k] the ſons of Iſſachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron.

14 ¶ And the ſons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel.

15 Theſe *be* the ſons of Leah, which ſhe bare unto Jacob in Padan aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the ſouls of his ſons and his daughters *were* thirty and three.

16 ¶ And the ſons of Gad; [m] Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli.

17 ¶ [n] And the ſons of Aſher; Jimnah, and Iſhuah, and Iſui, and Beriah, and Serah their ſiſter: And the ſons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.

18 [o] Theſe *are* the ſons of Zilpah, [p] whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter: & theſe ſhe bare unto Jacob, *even* ſixteen ſouls.

19 The ſons of Rachel Jacobs wife; Joſeph, and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joſeph in the land of Egypt were born Manaſſeh and Ephraim, [q] which Aſenath the daughter of Poti pherah prieſt of On bare unto him.

21 ¶ [r] And the ſons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and Becher, and Aſhbel, Gera, and Naaman, [s] Ehi, and Roſh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard.

22 Theſe *are* the ſons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the ſouls *were* fourteen.

23 ¶ [t] And the ſons of Dan; Huſhim.

24 [u] And the ſons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem.

25 [x] Theſe *are* the ſons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and ſhe bare theſe unto Jacob: all the ſouls *were* ſeven.

26 [y] All the ſouls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his † loyns, beſides Jacobs ſons wives, all the ſouls *were* threeſcore and ſix:

27 And the ſons of Joſeph which were born him in Egypt, *were* two ſouls: [z] All ſ ſouls of the houſe of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were* threeſcore and ten.

28 ¶ And he ſent Judah before him unto Joſeph, to direct his face unto Goſhen. And they came into the land of Gothen.

29 And Joſeph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Iſrael his father to Goſhen, and preſented himſelf unto him: and

[a] Chap. 50. 1.
[b] Acts 7. 15.
[c] Joſh. 24. 4. Pſal. 105. 23. Iſa. 52. 4.
[d] Exod. 1. 1. & 6. 14.
[e] Num. 26. 5.
[f] Chro. 5. 1.
[g] Exod. 6. 15.
‖ Or, Shemuel.
‖ Jarib.
‖ Zerah.
[h] 1 Chron. 4. 24.
[i] 1 Chr. 2. 3. & 4. 21.
[k] Chap. 38. 3. 7, 10, 29, 30.
[m] 1 Chr. 2. 5.
[n] 1 Chr. 7. 1.
‖ Or, Iſuah, & Iſſuite

and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.

30 And Israel said unto Joseph, [z] Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou *art* yet alive.

31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his fathers house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my fathers house, which *were* in the land of Canaan, are come unto me.

32 And the men *are* shepherds; for † their trade hath been to feed cattel: and they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What *is* your occupation?

34 That ye shall say, Thy servants trade hath been about cattel from our youth even until now, both we *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen. For every shepherd *is* [a] an abomination unto the Egyptians.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 Joseph presenteth five of his brethren, 7 and his father before Pharaoh. 11 He giveth them habitation and maintenance. 13 He getteth all the Egyptians money, 16 cattel, 18 lands to Pharaoh. 22 The priests land, not bought. 23 Joseph letteth the land to the people for a fifth part. 28 Jacobs age: 29 He sweareth Joseph to bury him with his fathers.

THen Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and behold, they *are* in the land of Goshen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come. For thy servants have no pasture for their flocks: for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee.

6 The land of Egypt *is* before thee: in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell. And if thou knowest any man of activity amongst them, then make them rulers over my cattel.

7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, † How old *art* thou?

9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, [a] The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

11 ¶ And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

12 And Joseph nourished his father and his brethren and all his fathers household with bread, † according to *their* families.

13 ¶ And *there was* no bread in all the land: for the famine *was* very sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine.

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaohs house.

15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattel; and I will give you for your cattel, if money fail.

17 And they brought their cattel unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and

[z] Luke 2. 26.

† Heb. their trade is men of cattel.

[a] Exod. 8. 26.

† Heb. *How many are the days of the years of thy life?*

[a] Heb. 11. 9, 13.

‖ Or, *as a little child is nourished.*

† Heb. *according to the little ones.*

for the cattel of the herds, and for the asses. And he † fed them with bread for all their cattel for that year.

† Heb. *led them.*

18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattel: there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands.

19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be not desolate.

20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh: for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them. So the land became Pharaohs.

21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities, from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end thereof.

‖ Or, *by cities.*

22 Onely the land of the ‖ priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them: wherefore they sold not their lands.

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that you shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.

25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaohs servants.

26 And Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*; except the land of the ‖ priests onely, *which* became not Pharaohs.

‖ Or, *princes.*

27 ¶ And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the countrey of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years. So † the whole age of Jacob was an hundred fourty & seven years.

† Heb. *the days of the years of his life.*

29 And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, [b] put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me: [c] bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt.

[b] Chap. 24. 2.

[c] Chap. 50. 25.

30 But I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and [d] bury me in their burying place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

[d] Chap. 49. 29.

31 And he said, Swear unto me. And he sware unto him. And [e] Israel bowed himself upon the beds head.

[e] Heb. 11. 21.

CHAP. XLVIII

1 Joseph with his sons visiteth his sick father. 2 Jacob strengthneth himself to bless them. 3 He repeateth the promise. 5 He taketh Ephraim and Manasseh as his own. 7 He telleth Joseph of his mothers grave. 9 He blesseth Ephraim and Manasseh. 17 He preferreth the younger before the elder. 21 He prophesieth their return to Canaan.

AND it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, thy father *is* sick. And he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

2 And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee. And Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed.

3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at [a] Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me,

[a] Chap. 28. 19. & 35. 6.

4 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitfull, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession.

5 ¶ And now thy [b] two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine: as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.

[b] Chap. 41. 50. & 46. 20. Josh. 13. 7.

6 And thy issue which thou begettest after them shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, [c] Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan, in the way, when yet *there was* but

[c] Chap. 35. 19.

but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath, the ſame *is* Beth-lehem.

8 And Iſrael beheld Joſephs ſons, and ſaid, Who *are* theſe?

9 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, They *are* my ſons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he ſaid, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bleſs them.

10 Now the eyes of Iſrael were † dim for age, *ſo that* he could not ſee. And he brought them near unto him: And he kiſſed them, and embraced them.

† Heb. heavy.

11 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, I had not thought to ſee thy face: and lo, God hath ſhewed me alſo thy ſeed.

12 And Joſeph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himſelf with his face to the earth.

13 And Joſeph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Iſraels left hand, and Manaſſeh in his left hand towards Iſraels right hand, and brought *them* near unto him.

14 And Iſrael ſtretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon Ephraims head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manaſſehs head, guiding his hands wittingly: for Manaſſeh *was* the firſt-born.

15 ¶ And [d] he bleſſed Joſeph, and ſaid, God, [e] before whom my fathers Abraham and Iſaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,

16 The Angel [f] which redeemed me from all evil, bleſs the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Iſaac: and let them † grow into a multitude in the midſt of the earth.

† Heb. as fiſhes do increaſe. See Numb. 26. 34, 35.

17 And when Joſeph ſaw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it diſpleaſed him: and he held up his fathers hand, to remove it from Ephraims head unto Manaſſehs head.

18 And Joſeph ſaid unto his father, Not ſo, my father: for this *is* the firſt-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refuſed, and ſaid, I know *it*, my ſon, I know *it*. He alſo ſhall become a people, and he alſo ſhall be great: but truly [g] his younger brother ſhall be greater then he, and his ſeed ſhall become a † multitude of nations.

20 And he bleſſed them that day, ſaying, In thee ſhall Iſrael bleſs, ſaying, God make thee as Ephraim, and as Manaſſeh. And he ſet Ephraim before Manaſſeh.

21 And Iſrael ſaid unto Joſeph, Behold, I die: but God ſhall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

22 Moreover, [h] I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my ſword and with my bowe.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 Jacob calleth his ſons to bleſs them. 3 Their bleſſing in particular. 29 He chargeth them about his burial. 33 He dieth.

AND Jacob called unto his ſons, and ſaid, Gather your ſelves together, that I may tell you *that* which ſhall befall you in the laſt days.

2 Gather your ſelves together, and hear, ye ſons of Jacob; and hearken unto Iſrael your father.

3 ¶ Reuben, thou *art* my firſt-born, my might, and the beginning of my ſtrength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.

4 Unſtable as water, † thou ſhalt not excell, becauſe thou [a] wenteſt up to thy fathers bed: then defiledſt thou *it*: ‖ He went up to my couch.

† Heb. do not thou excell.

‖ Or, my couch is gone.

5 ¶ [b] Simeon & Levi *are* brethren: ‖ inſtruments of cruelty *are in* their habitations.

‖ Or, their ſwords are weapons of violence.

6 O my ſoul, come not thou into their ſecret; unto their aſſembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for [c] in their anger they ſlew a man, and in their ſelf-will they ‖ digged down a wall.

‖ Or, houghed oxen.

7 Curſed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: [d] I will divide them in Jacob, and ſcatter them in Iſrael.

8 ¶ Judah, thou *art he* whom thy brethren ſhall praiſe: thy hand *ſhall be* in the neck of thine enemies: [e] thy fathers children ſhall bow down before thee.

9 Judah *is* a lions whelp: from the prey, my ſon, thou art gone up: [f] he ſtooped down,

[d] Hebr. 11. 21.
[e] Chap. 17. 1. & 24. 40.
[f] Chap. 28. 15. & 31. 11, 13.
[g] Num. 1. 33, 35. Deut. 33. 17. Rev. 7. 6, 8.
[h] John 4. 5.
[a] Chap. 35. 22. 1 Chron. 5. 1.
[b] Chap. 29. 33, 34.
[c] Chap. 34. 25.
[d] Joſh. 19. 1. & 21. 5, 6, 7. 1 Chron. 4. 34, 39.
[e] 1 Chr. 5. 2.
[f] Num. 23. 24. & 24. 9.

down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who ſhall rouſe him up?

10 The ſceptre ſhall not depart from Judah, nor [g] a law-giver from between his feet, [h] untill Shiloh come; and unto him *ſhall* the gathering of the people *be*.

11 Binding his foſe unto the vine, and his aſſes colt unto the choice vine; he waſhed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes.

12 His [i] eyes *ſhall be* red with wine, and his teeth white with milk.

13 ¶ [k] Zebulun ſhall dwell at the haven of the ſea: and he *ſhall be* for an haven of ſhips; and his border *ſhall be* unto Zidon.

14 ¶ Iſſachar *is* a ſtrong aſs, couching down between two burdens.

15 And he ſaw that reſt *was* good, and the land that *it was* pleaſant; and bowed his ſhoulder to bear, and became a ſervant unto tribute.

16 ¶ Dan ſhall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Iſrael.

17 Dan ſhall be a ſerpent by the way, † an adder in the path, that biteth y horſe-heels, ſo that his rider ſhall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy ſalvation, O LORD.

19 ¶ [l] Gad, a troup ſhall overcome him: but he ſhall overcome at the laſt.

20 ¶ Out of Aſher his bread *ſhall be* fat, and he ſhall yeeld royal dainties.

21 ¶ Naphtali *is* a hind let looſe: he giveth goodly words.

22 ¶ Joſeph *is* a fruitfull bough, *even* a fruitfull bough by a well, *whoſe* † branches run over the wall.

23 The archers have ſorely grieved him, and ſhot *at him*, and hated him.

24 But his [m] bowe abode in ſtrength, and the arms of his hands were made ſtrong, by the hands of the mighty *God* of Jacob: from thence *is* the ſhepherd, the ſtone of Iſrael:

25 *Even* by the God of thy father, who ſhall help thee; and by the Almighty, [n] who ſhall bleſs thee with bleſſings of heaven above, bleſſings of the deep that lieth under, bleſſings of the breaſts, and of the womb.

26 The bleſſings of thy father have prevailed above the bleſſings of my progenitours, unto the utmoſt bound of the everlaſting hills: they ſhall be on the head of Joſeph, and on the crown of the head of him that was ſeparate from his brethren.

27 ¶ Benjamin ſhall ravin *as* a wolf: in the morning he ſhall devour the prey, and at night he ſhall divide the ſpoil.

28 ¶ All theſe *are* the twelve tribes of Iſrael: and this *is it* that their father ſpake unto them, and bleſſed them; every one according to his bleſſing he bleſſed them.

29 And he charged them, and ſaid unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: [o] bury me with my fathers, in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 In the cave that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, [p] which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a poſſeſſion of a burying-place.

31 [q] There they buried Abraham, and Sarah his wife, [r] there they buried Iſaac, & Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

32 The purchaſe of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth.

33 And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his ſons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yeelded up the ghoſt, and was gathered unto his people.

CHAP. L.

2 The mourning for Jacob. 4 Joſeph getteth leave of Pharaoh to go to bury him. 7 The funeral. 15 Joſeph comforteth his brethren, who crave his pardon. 22 His age. 23 He ſeeth the third generation of his ſons. 24 He propheſieth unto his brethren of their return. 25 He taketh an oath of them for his bones. 26 He dieth, and is cheſted.

AND Joſeph [a] fell upon his fathers face, and wept upon him, and kiſſed him.

2 And Joſeph commanded his ſervants the phyſicians to embalm his father. And the phyſicians embalmed Iſrael.

3 And fourty days were fulfilled for him: for ſo are fulfilled the days of thoſe which are embalmed. And the Egyptians † mourned for him threeſcore and ten days.

4 And when the days of his mourning were paſt, Joſeph ſpake unto the houſe of Pharaoh, ſaying, If now I have found grace in

g Pſal. 60. 7. 108. 8
h Ezek. 21. 32. Luke 1. 32.
i Prov. 23. 29.
k Deut. 33. 18. Judg. 5.
l Deut. 33. 20. 1 Chro. 5. 18.
m Job 29. 20.
n Deut. 33. 13.
o Chap. 47. 30.
p Chap. 23. 16.
q Chap. 25. 9.
r Chap. 35. 29.
a Chap. 46. 4.

† Heb. an arrow ſnake.
† Heb. branches.
† Heb. wept.

in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying,

5 [b] My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will come again.

6 And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear.

7 ¶ And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt,

8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his fathers house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company.

10 And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation. And he made a mourning for his father seven days.

11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians. Wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond Jordan.

12 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them.

13 For [e] his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham [d] bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 ¶ And Joseph returned into Egypt, he and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

15 ¶ And when Josephs brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they † sent messengers unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee, now the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin: for they did unto thee evil. And now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went, and fell down before his face: and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, [e] Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me: *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake ‡ kindly unto them.

22 ¶ And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his fathers house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

23 And Joseph saw Ephraims children of the third *generation*: [f] the children also of Machir, the son of Manasseh, were † brought up upon Josephs knees.

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and [g] God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land [h] which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

25 And [i] Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

26 So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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[b] Chap. 47. 29.
[c] Chap. 47. 30.
[d] Chap. 23. 16.
[e] Chap. 45. 5.
[f] Num. 32. 39.
[g] Heb. 11. 22. Exod. 3. 16.
[h] Chap. 15. 14. & 26. 3. & 35. 12. & 46. 4. Exod. 13. 19. Josh. 24. 32. Acts 7. 16.

† Heb. charged.
‡ Heb. to their hearts.
† Heb. born.

The ſecond book of MOSES, called EXODUS.

CHAP. I.

1 The children of Iſrael after Joſephs death do multiply. 8 The more they are oppreſſed by a new king, the more they multiply. 15 The godlineſs of the midwives in ſaving the men-children alive. 22 Pharaoh commandeth the male-children to be caſt into the river.

[a] Gen. 46. 8. Chap. 6. 14.

NOw [a] theſe *are* the names of the children of Iſrael which came into Egypt; every man and his houſhold came with Jacob.

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

3 Iſſachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Aſher.

5 And all the ſouls that came out of the † loyns of Jacob were [b] ſeventy ſouls: for Joſeph was in Egypt *already*.

† Heb. thigh. [b] Gen. 46. 27. Deut. 10. 22.

6 And Joſeph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 ¶ [c] And the children of Iſrael were fruitfull, and increaſed abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

[c] Acts 7. 17.

8 Now there aroſe up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joſeph.

9 And he ſaid unto his people, Behold, [d] the people of the children of Iſrael *are* mo and mightier then we.

[d] Pſal. 105. 24.

10 Come on, [e] let us deal wiſely with them: leſt they multiply, and it come to paſs, that when there falleth out any war, they joyn alſo unto our enemies, and fight againſt us, and *ſo* get them up out of the land.

[e] Acts 7. 19.

11 Therefore they did ſet over them task-maſters, [f] to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treaſure-cities, Pithom and Raamſes.

[f] Gen. 15. 13.

12 † But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved becauſe of the children of Iſrael.

† Heb. *And as they afflicted them, ſo they multiplied, &c.*

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Iſrael to ſerve with rigour.

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, [g] in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of ſervice in the field: all their ſervice wherein they made them ſerve *was* with rigour.

[g] Pſal. 81. 6.

15 And the king of Egypt ſpake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah;

16 And he ſaid, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and ſee *them* upon the ſtools, if it *be* a ſon, then ye ſhall kill him; but if it *be* a daughter, then ſhe ſhall live.

17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but ſaved the men-children alive.

18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and ſaid unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have ſaved the men-children alive?

19 And the midwives ſaid unto Pharaoh, Becauſe the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women: for they *are* lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them.

20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty.

21 And it came to paſs, becauſe the midwives feared God, that he made them houſes.

22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, ſaying, Every ſon that is born ye ſhall caſt into the river, and every daughter ye ſhall ſave alive.

CHAP. II.

1 Moſes is born, 3 and in an ark caſt into the flags. 5 He is found, and brought up by Pharaohs daughter. 11 He ſlayeth an Egyptian. 13 He reproveth an Hebrew. 15 He fleeth into Midian. 21 He marrieth Zipporah. 22 Gerſhom is born. 23 God reſpecteth the Iſraelites cry.

AND there went [a] a man of the houſe of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi.

[a] Chap. 6. 20. Numb. 26. 59. 1 Chron. 23. 13.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a ſon: and when ſhe ſaw him that he *was a* good-

goodly *child*, ſhe [b] hid him three moneths.

3 And when ſhe could not longer hide him, ſhe took for him an ark of bulruſhes, and daubed it with ſlime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and ſhe laid *it* in the flags by the rivers brink.

4 And his ſiſter ſtood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 ¶ And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to waſh her ſelf at the river; and her maidens walked along by the rivers ſide: and when ſhe ſaw the ark among the flags, ſhe ſent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when ſhe had opened *it*, ſhe ſaw the child: And behold, the babe wept. And ſhe had compaſſion on him, and ſaid, This *is one* of the Hebrews children.

7 Then ſaid his ſiſter to Pharaohs daughter, Shall I go, and call to thee a nurſe of the Hebrew women, that ſhe may nurſe the child for thee?

8 And Pharaohs daughter ſaid unto her, Go. And the maid went, and called the childs mother.

9 And Pharaohs daughter ſaid unto her, Take this child away, and nurſe it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nurſed it.

10 And the child grew, and ſhe brought him unto Pharaohs daughter, and he became her ſon. And ſhe called his name [†] Moſes: and ſhe ſaid, Becauſe I drew him out of the water.

11 ¶ And it came to paſs in thoſe days, when Moſes was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he ſpied an Egyptian ſmiting an Hebrew one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way & that way, and when he ſaw that *there was* no man, he ſlew the Egyptian, and hid him in the ſand.

13 And when he went out the ſecond day, behold, two men of the Hebrews ſtrove together: And he ſaid to him that did the wrong, Wherefore ſmiteſt thou thy fellow?

14 And he ſaid, Who made thee [†] a prince and a judge over us? intendeſt thou to kill me, as thou killedſt the Egyptian? And Moſes feared, and ſaid, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he ſought to ſlay Moſes. But Moſes fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he ſat down by a well.

16 Now the [‖] prieſt of Midian had ſeven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their fathers flock.

17 And the ſhepherds came and drove them away: but Moſes ſtood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 And when they came to Reuel their father, he ſaid, How *is it that* you are come ſo ſoon to day?

19 And they ſaid, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the ſhepherds, and alſo drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock.

20 And he ſaid unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.

21 And Moſes was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moſes Zipporah his daughter.

22 And ſhe bare *him* a ſon, and he called his name [e] Gerſhom: for he ſaid, I have been [d] a ſtranger in a ſtrange land.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs in proceſs of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Iſrael [e] ſighed by reaſon of the bondage, and they cried; & their cry came up unto God, by reaſon of the bondage.

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembred his [f] covenant with Abraham, with Iſaac, and with Jacob.

25 And God looked upon the children of Iſrael, and God [†g] had reſpect unto *them*.

CHAP. III.

1 *Moſes keepeth Jethro's flock.* 2 *God appeareth to him in a burning buſh.* 9. *He ſendeth him to deliver Iſrael.* 14 *The name of God.* 15 *His meſſage to Iſrael.*

NOw Moſes kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the prieſt of Midian: and he led the flock to the back-ſide of the deſert, and came to [a] the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a [b] flame of fire out of the midſt of a buſh: and he looked, and behold, the

[a] Acts 7. 20. Heb. 11. 23.
[b] Pſal. 81. 6.
[†] That is, *Drawn out.*
[†] Heb. *a man a prince.*
[‖] Or, *prince.*
[a] Chap. 18. 5. 1 King. 19. 8.
[b] Deut. 33. 16. Act. 7. 30.
[c] Chap. 18. 3. [d] Heb. 11. 13, 14.
[e] Numb. 20. 16.
[f] Gen. 15. 14. & 46. 4.
[†g] Heb. *knew.*
[g] Chap. 3. 7.

the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him [c] out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: [d] put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, [e] I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and [f] have heard their cry, by reason of their task-masters: for I know their sorrows.

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land, unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of [g] the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And Moses said unto God, [h] Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee: and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee; When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? What shall I say unto them?

14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, [i] I AM hath sent me unto you.

15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you. This *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

16 Go and [k] gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt.

17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.

18 And [l] they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and you shall say unto him, The LORD [m] God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

19 ¶ And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, ‖ no, not by a mighty hand.

20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

22 [n] But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon

[c] Deut. 33. 16.
[d] Josh. 5. 15. Acts 7. 33.
[e] Mar. 12. 32. Acts 7. 32.
[f] Chap. 2. 23.
[g] Gen. 15. 18.
[h] See Isa. 6. 5, 8. Jer. 1. 6.
[i] Chap. 6. 3. Chap. 20. Heb. 13. 8. Rev. 1.
[k] Chap. 4. 29.
[l] Chap. 4. 31.
[m] Chap. 5. 3.
[n] Chap. 11. 2. 12. 35. Gen. 15. 14.

‖ Or, but by strong hand.

* Num. 12. 10. 2 Kings 5. 27.

† Heb. shall be and shall be.
† Heb. a man of words.
† Heb. since yesterday, nor since the third day.
b Chap. 6. 12.

upon your ſons, and upon your daughters: and ye ſhall ſpoil || the Egyptians. || Or, Egypt.

CHAP. IV.

1 Moſes rod is turned into a ſerpent. 6 His hand is leprous. 10 He is loth to be ſent. 14 Aaron is appointed to aſſiſt him. 18 Moſes departeth from Jethro. 21 Gods meſſage to Pharaoh. 24 Zipporah circumciſeth her ſon. 27 Aaron is ſent to meet Moſes. 31 The people beleeveth them.

AND Moſes anſwered, and ſaid, But behold, they will not beleeve me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will ſay, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he ſaid, A rod.

3 And he ſaid, Caſt it on the ground. And he caſt it on the ground, and it became a ſerpent: and Moſes fled from before it.

4 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

5 That they may beleeve that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Iſaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

6 ¶ And the LORD ſaid furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy boſom. And he put his hand into his boſom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous [a] as ſnow. [a] Num. 12. 10. 2 Kings 5. 27.

7 And he ſaid, Put thine hand into thy boſom again. And he put his hand into his boſom again, and plucked it out of his boſom, and behold, it was turned again as his *other* fleſh.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not beleeve thee, neither hearken to the voice of the firſt ſign, that they will beleeve the voice of the latter ſign.

9 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they will not beleeve alſo theſe two ſigns, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou ſhalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry land: and the water which thou takeſt out of the river † ſhall become bloud upon the dry land. † Heb. *ſhall be and ſhall be.*

10 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not † eloquent, neither † heretofore, nor ſince thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant; but [b] I *am* ſlow of ſpeech, and of a ſlow tongue. † Heb. *a man of words.* † Heb. *ſince yeſterday, nor ſince the third day.* [b] Chap. 6. 12.

11 And the LORD ſaid unto him, [c] Who hath made mans mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the ſeeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? [c] Pſa. 94. 9.

12 Now therefore go, and I will be [d] with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou ſhalt ſay. [d] Mat. 10. 19. Mar. 13. 11. Luk. 12. 11.

13 And he ſaid, O my Lord, ſend, I pray thee, by the hand *of him whom* thou || wilt ſend. || Or, ſhouldeſt.

14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt Moſes; and he ſaid, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know [e] that he can ſpeak well. And alſo behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he ſeeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. [e] Chap. 7. 1, 2.

15 And [e] thou ſhalt ſpeak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye ſhall do.

16 And he ſhall be thy ſpokeſman unto the people: and he ſhall be, *even* he ſhall be to thee in ſtead of a mouth, and [f] thou ſhalt be to him in ſtead of God. [f] Chap. 7. 1.

17 And thou ſhalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou ſhalt do ſigns.

18 ¶ And Moſes went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and ſaid unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which *are* in Egypt, and ſee whether they be yet alive. And Jethro ſaid to Moſes, Go in peace.

19 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for [g] all the men are dead which ſought thy life. [g] Chap. 2. 15, 23. Mat. h. 2. 20.

20 And Moſes took his wife, and his ſons, and ſet them upon an aſs, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moſes took the rod of God in his hand.

21 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, When thou goeſt to return into Egypt, ſee *that* thou do all thoſe wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in thine hand: but [h] I will harden his heart, that he ſhall not let the people go. [h] Chap. 7. 3. & 9. 12. & 10. 1. & 14. 8. Deut. 2. 30. Iſa. 63. 17. John 12. 40. Rom. 9. 18.

22 And thou ſhalt ſay unto Pharaoh, Thus ſaith the LORD, Iſrael *is* my ſon, [i] *even* my firſt-born. [i] Jer. 31. 9. Jam. 1. 18.

23 And I ſay unto thee, Let my ſon go, that he may ſerve me: and if thou refuſe to let him go, behold, [k] I will ſlay thy ſon, *even* thy firſt-born. [k] Chap. 11. 5. & 12. 29.

24 ¶ And

24 ¶ And it came to paſs by the way in the inn, that the LORD [1] met him, and ſought to kill him.

25 Then Zipporah took a ſharp ‖ ſtone, and cut off the fore-ſkin of her ſon, and † caſt *it* at his feet, and ſaid, Surely a bloudy husband *art* thou to me.

26 So he let him go. Then ſhe ſaid, A bloudy husband *thou art*, becauſe of the circumciſion.

27 ¶ And the LORD ſaid to Aaron, Go into the wilderneſs to meet Moſes. And he went and met him in [m] the mount of God, and kiſſed him.

28 And Moſes told Aaron all the words of the LORD, who had ſent him, and all the ſigns which he had commanded him.

29 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron went, and gathered together all the elders of the children of Iſrael.

30 And Aaron ſpake all the words which the LORD had ſpoken unto Moſes, and did the ſigns in the ſight of the people.

31 And the people beleeved: and when they heard that the LORD had viſited the children of Iſrael, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then [n] they bowed their heads, and worſhipped.

CHAP. V.

1 Pharaoh chideth Moſes and Aaron for their meſſage. 5 He increaſeth the Iſraelites taſk. 15 He checketh their complaints. 19 They cry out upon Moſes and Aaron. 22 Moſes complaineth to God.

AND afterward Moſes and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh. Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Let my people go, that they may hold a feaſt unto me in the wilderneſs.

2 And Pharaoh ſaid, [a] Who *is* the LORD, that I ſhould obey his voice to let Iſrael go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Iſrael go.

3 And they ſaid, [b] The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days journey into the deſert, and ſacrifice unto the LORD our God; leſt he fall upon us with peſtilence, or with the ſword.

4 And the king of Egypt ſaid unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moſes and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.

5 And Pharaoh ſaid, Behold, the people of the land now *are* many, and you make them reſt from their burdens.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the ſame day the task-maſters of the people, and their officers, ſaying,

7 Ye ſhall no more give the people ſtraw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather ſtraw for themſelves.

8 And the tale of the bricks which they did make heretofore you ſhall lay upon them; you ſhall not diminiſh *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, ſaying, Let us go, *and* ſacrifice to our God.

9 † Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein: and let them not regard vain words.

10 ¶ And the task-maſters of the people went out, and their officers, and they ſpake to the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith Pharaoh, I will not give you ſtraw.

11 Go ye, get you ſtraw where you can find it: yet not ought of your work ſhall be diminiſhed.

12 So the people were ſcattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt, to gather ſtubble in ſtead of ſtraw.

13 And the task-maſters haſted *them*, ſaying, Fulfill your works, *your* † daily tasks, as when there was ſtraw.

14 And the officers of the children of Iſrael, which Pharaohs task-maſters had ſet over them, were beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your taſk in making brick, both yeſterday and to day, as heretofore?

15 ¶ Then the officers of the children of Iſrael came and cried unto Pharaoh, ſaying, Wherefore dealeſt thou thus with thy ſervants?

16 There is no ſtraw given unto thy ſervants, and they ſay to us, Make brick: and behold, thy ſervants *are* beaten; but the fault *is* in thine own people.

17 But he ſaid, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: therefore ye ſay, Let us go, *and* do ſacrifice to the LORD.

18 Go therefore now, *and* work: for there

[1] Num 22. 22.
‖ Or, knife.
† Heb. made *it* touch.
[m] Chap. 3. 1.
[n] Chap. 12. 27.
[a] Job 21. 15.
[b] Chap. 3. 18.
† Heb. let the work be heavy upon the men.
† Heb. a matter of a day in his day.

there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil *case*, after it was said, Ye shall not minish *ought* from your bricks of your daily task.

20 ¶ And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh.

21 And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because you have made our savour † to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hands to slay us.

† Heb. to stink, Gen. 34. 30.

22 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou *so* evil intreated this people? why *is* it *that* thou hast sent me?

23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people; † neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

† Heb. delivering, thou hast not delivered.

CHAP. VI.

1 God reneweth his promise by his name JEHOVAH. 14 The genealogy of Reuben, 15 of Simeon, 16 of Levi, of whom came Moses and Aaron.

THen the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for [a] with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand [b] shall he drive them out of his land.

[a] Chap. 3. 19. [b] Chap. 12. 33, 39.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD.

3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac and unto Jacob by *the name of* [c] God Almighty, but by my name [d] JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

[c] Gen. 17. 1. & 35. 11. & 48. 3. [d] Chap. 3. 14.

4 And I have also established my covenant with them, [e] to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

[e] Gen. 17. 8 & 28. 4.

5 And [f] I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage: and I have remembred my covenant.

[f] Chap. 2. 24.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage: & I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgements.

7 And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

8 And I will bring you in unto the land concerning the which I did † [g] swear to give it, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage. I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. lift up my hand. See Gen. 14. 22. Deut. 32. 40. [g] Gen. 15. 18. & 26. 3. & 35. 12.

9 ¶ And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkned not unto Moses for † anguish of spirit and for cruel bondage.

† Heb. shortness, or, straitness.

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkned unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, [h] who *am* of uncircumcised lips?

[h] Chap. 4. 10.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 ¶ These *be* the heads of their fathers houses. [i] The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These *be* the families of Reuben.

[i] Gen. 46. 9. 1 Chron. 5. 3.

15 [k] And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. These *are* the families of Simeon.

[k] 1 Chron. 4. 24.

16 ¶ And these *are* the names of [l] the sons of Levi, according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven years.

[l] Numb. 3. 17. 1 Chron. 6. 1.

17 [m] The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

[m] 1 Chr. 6. 17. & 23. 7.

18 And [n] the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath *were* an hundred thirty and three years.

[n] Numb. 26. 57. 1 Chron. 6. 2.

19 And

19 And the ſons of Merari; Mahali and Muſhi. Theſe *are* the families of Levi according to their generations.

20 And [o] Amram took him Jochebed his fathers ſiſter to wife; and ſhe bare him Aaron and Moſes. And the years of the life of Amram *were* an hundred and thirty and ſeven years.

21 ¶ And [p] the ſons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And [q] the ſons of Uzziel; Miſhael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

23 And Aaron took him Eliſheba daughter of [r] Amminadab, ſiſter of Naaſhon, to wife; and ſhe bare him [s] Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

24 And the ſons of Korah; Aſſir, and Elkanah, and Abiaſaph. Theſe *are* the families of the Korhites.

25 And Eleazar Aarons ſon took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and [t] ſhe bare him Phinehas. Theſe *are* the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

26 Theſe *are* that Aaron and Moſes, to whom the LORD ſaid, Bring out the children of Iſrael from the land of Egypt according to their armies.

27 Theſe *are* they which ſpake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Iſrael from Egypt. Theſe *are* that Moſes and Aaron.

28 ¶ And it came to paſs on the day *when* the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the land of Egypt,

29 That the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying, I *am* the LORD. Speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I ſay unto thee.

30 And Moſes ſaid before the LORD, Behold, I *am* of uncircumciſed lips, and how ſhall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Moſes is encouraged to go to Pharaoh.* 7 *His age.* 8 *His rod is turned into a ſerpent.* 11 *The ſorcerers do the like.* 13 *Pharaohs heart is hardned.* 14 *Gods meſſage to Pharaoh.* 19 *The river is turned into bloud.*

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, See, I have made thee [a] a god to Pharaoh: & Aaron thy brother ſhall be thy prophet.

2 Thou ſhalt ſpeak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother ſhall ſpeak unto Pharaoh, that he ſend the children of Iſrael out of his land.

3 And [b] I will harden Pharaohs heart, and multiply my ſigns and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

4 But Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the children of Iſrael, out of the land of Egypt, [c] by great judgements.

5 And the Egyptians ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſtretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Iſrael from among them.

6 And Moſes and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them, ſo did they.

7 And Moſes *was* fourſcore years old, and Aaron fourſcore and three years old, when they ſpake unto Pharaoh.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 When Pharaoh ſhall ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Shew a miracle for you; then thou ſhalt ſay unto Aaron, [d] Take thy rod, and caſt *it* before Pharaoh, *and* it ſhall become a ſerpent.

10 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did ſo as the LORD had commanded. And Aaron caſt down his rod before Pharaoh and before his ſervants, and it became a ſerpent.

11 Then Pharaoh alſo called the wiſemen and [e] the ſorcerers. Now the magicians of Egypt, they alſo did in like manner with their inchantments.

12 For they caſt down every man his rod, and they became ſerpents. But Aarons rod ſwallowed up their rods.

13 And he hardned Pharaohs heart, that he hearkned not unto them, [f] as the LORD had ſaid.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [g] Pharaohs heart *is* hardned, he refuſeth to let the people go.

15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning: lo, he goeth out unto the water: and thou ſhalt ſtand by the rivers brink, againſt he come; and the rod which was turned to a ſer-

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[o] Chap. 2. 2 Numb. 26. 59.

[p] Num. 16. 1. 1 Chron. 6. 37, 38.

[q] Levit. 10. 4. Numb. 3. 30.

[r] Ruth 4. 19, 20. 1 Chron. 2. 10.

[s] Numb. 3. 2. & 26. 60. 1 Chron. 6. 3. & 24. 1.

[t] Numb. 25. 11.

[a] Chap. 4. 16.

[b] Chap. 3. 19. & 4. 21.

[c] Chap. 6. 6.

[d] Chap. 4. 2, 3.

[e] 2 Tim. 3. 8.

[f] Chap. 4. 21.

[g] Chap. 8. 15. 10. 1, 27.

a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

16 And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, [h] that they may serve me in the wilderness: and behold, hitherto thou wouldst not hear.

17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD. [i] Behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned [k] to bloud.

18 And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their †pools of water, that they may become bloud; and *that* there may be bloud throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so as the LORD commanded: and he [l] lift up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants: and all the [m] waters that *were* in the river were turned to bloud.

21 And the fish that *was* in the river died, and the river stunk, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river: and there was bloud throughout all the land of Egypt.

22 [n] And the magicians of Egypt did so with their inchantments: and Pharaohs heart was hardned, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD had said.

23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink: for they could not drink of the water of the river.

25 And seven days were fulfilled after that the LORD had smitten the river.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Frogs are sent.* 8 *Pharaoh sueth to Moses,* 12 *and Moses by prayer removeth them away.* 16 *The dust is turned into lice, which the magicians could not do.* 20 *The swarms of flies.* 25 *Pharaoh inclineth to let the people go,* 32 *but yet is hardned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 And if thou refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with [a] frogs.

3 And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy ‖ kneading-troughs.

4 And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and [b] the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

7 [c] And the magicians did so with their inchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 ¶ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people; & I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, ‖ Glory over me: ‖ when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, † to destroy the frogs from thee, and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only?

10 And he said, ‖ To morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God.

11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy

servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river onely.

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

13 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

14 And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

15 But when Pharaoh saw ỳ there was [d] respite, [d] he hardned his heart, & hearkned not unto them; as the LORD had said.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

17 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice, in man and in beast: all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their inchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice upon man and upon beast.

19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This *is* [e] the finger of God. And Pharaohs heart was hardned, and he hearkned not unto them; as the LORD had said.

20 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh: lo, he cometh forth to the water: and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

21 Else if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send || swarms *of flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*.

22 And [f] I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms *of flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

23 And I will put † a division between my people and thy people. || To morrow shall this sign be.

24 And [g] there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was || corrupted by reason of the swarm *of flies*.

25 ¶ And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do: for we shall sacrifice [h] the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: Lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

27 We will go [i] three days journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as [k] he shall command us.

28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; onely you shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD, that the swarm *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people: there remained not one.

32 And Pharaoh hardned his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAP. IX.

1 The murrain of beasts. 8 The plague of boyls and blains. 13 The message about the hail. 22 The plague of hail. 27 Pharaoh sueth to Moses, 35 but yet is hardned.

THen the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

2 For

[d] Chap. 7. 14.

[e] 1 Sam. 6. 9. Psal. 8. 3. Mat. 12. 28. Luk. 11. 20.

|| Or, a mixture of noisome beasts, &c.

[f] Chap. 9. 4, 26 & 10. 23. & 11. 7.

† Heb. a redemption.

|| Or, by to morrow.

[g] Psal. 78. 45. & 105. 31. Wis. 16. 9.

|| Or, destroyed.

[h] Gen. 43. 32. & 46. 34.

[i] Chap. 3. 12.

[k] Chap. 3. 18.

2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattel which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

4 And [l] the LORD shall sever between the cattel of Israel and the cattel of Egypt; and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the childrens of Israel.

5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow: and [m] all the cattel of Egypt died; but of the cattel of the children of Israel died not one.

7 And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not one of the cattel of the Israelites dead. And [n] the heart of Pharaoh was hardned, and he did not let the people go.

8 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfulls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it towards the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, & shall be [o] a boyl breaking forth *with* blains upon man and upon beast throughout all the land of Egypt.

10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven: and it became a [p] boyl breaking forth *with* blains upon man and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boyl: for the boyl was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

12 And the LORD hardned the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkned not unto them; [q] as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

13 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth.

15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

16 And in very deed for [r] this *cause* have I † raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

17 As yet exaltest thou thy self against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattel, and all that thou hast in the field: *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

20 He that feared the word of the LORD amongst the servants of Pharaoh, made his servants and his cattel flee into the houses.

21 And he that † regarded not the word of the LORD, left his servants and his cattel in the field.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be [t] hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and [u] the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that [w] was in the field, both man and beast: and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

26 [x] Onely in ŷ land of Goshen, where the chil-

[l] Chap. 8. 22.
[m] Psal. 78. 50.
[n] Chap. 7. 14.
[o] Rev. 16. 2.
[p] Deut. 28. 27.
[q] Chap. 9. 12.
[r] Rom. 9. 17.
† Heb. made thee stand.
† Heb. set not his heart unto.
[t] Rev. 16. 21.
[u] Psal. 78. 47. & 105. 32.
[w] Chap. 8. 22. & 11. 7.

children of Iſrael *were*, was there no hail.

27 ¶ And Pharaoh ſent, and called for Moſes and Aaron, and ſaid unto them, I have ſinned *this* time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

28 Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no *more* † mighty thundrings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye ſhall ſtay no longer.

† Heb. voices of God.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, Aſſoon as I am gone out of the city, I will ſpread abroad my hands unto the LORD: *and* the thunder ſhall ceaſe, neither ſhall there be any more hail; that thou mayeſt know how that the [x] earth *is* the LORDS.

[x] Pſal. 24. 1.

30 But as for thee and thy ſervants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

31 And the flax and the barley was ſmitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.

† Heb. hidden, or, dark.

32 But the wheat and the rie were not ſmitten: for they *were* † not grown up.

33 And Moſes went out of the city from Pharaoh, and ſpread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceaſed, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

34 And when Pharaoh ſaw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceaſed, he ſinned yet more, and hardned his heart, he and his ſervants.

† Heb. By the hand of Moſes.

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardned, neither would he let the children of Iſrael go; as the LORD had ſpoken † by Moſes.

CHAP. X.

1 God threatneth to ſend locuſts. 7 Pharaoh, moved by his ſervants, inclineth to let the Iſraelites go. 12 The plague of the locuſts. 16 Pharaoh ſueth to Moſes. 21 The plague of darkneſs. 24 Pharaoh ſueth again unto Moſes, 27 but yet is hardned.

[y] Chap. 4. 21. & 7. 14.

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Go in unto Pharaoh: [z] for I have hardned his heart, and [y] heart of his ſervants; that I might ſhew theſe my ſigns before him:

[z] Pſal. 78. 5. &c.

2 And that [b] thou mayeſt tell in the ears of thy ſon and of thy ſons ſon what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my ſigns which I have done amongſt them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

3 And Moſes and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuſe to humble thy ſelf before me? Let my people go, that they may ſerve me.

4 Elſe, if thou refuſe to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the [c] locuſts into thy coaſt.

[c] Wiſd. 16. 9. † Heb. Or.

5 And they ſhall cover the † face of the earth, that one cannot be able to ſee the earth: and [d] they ſhall eat [y] reſidue of that which is eſcaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and ſhall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field.

[d] Joel 1. 4.

6 And they ſhall fill thy houſes, and the houſes of all thy ſervants, and the houſes of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers nor thy fathers fathers have ſeen, ſince the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himſelf, and went out from Pharaoh.

† Heb. faſhioned to eat.

7 And Pharaohs ſervants ſaid unto him, How long ſhall this man be a ſnare unto us? Let the men go, that they may ſerve the LORD their God. Knoweſt thou not yet that Egypt is deſtroyed?

8 And Moſes and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he ſaid unto them, Go, ſerve the LORD your God: *but* † who *are* they that ſhall go?

† Heb. who and who?

9 And Moſes ſaid, We will go with our young and with our old, with our ſons and with our daughters; with our flocks and with our herds will we go: for we *muſt hold* a feaſt unto the LORD.

10 And he ſaid unto them, Let the LORD be ſo with you as I will let you go and your little ones: look *to it*; for evil *is* before you.

11 Not ſo: go now ye *that are* men, and ſerve the LORD; for that you did deſire. And they were driven out from Pharaohs preſence.

12 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locuſts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.

13 And

13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt: and the LORD brought an east-wind upon ỷ land all that day and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east-wind brought ỷ locusts.

14 And [c] the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were they*: before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkned; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

16 ¶ Then Pharaoh † called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin onely this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death onely.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the LORD.

19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west-wind, which took away the locusts, and † cast them [f] into the Red sea: there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

20 But the LORD [g] hardned Pharaohs heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

21 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over ỷ land of Egypt, † even darkness *which* may be felt.

22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven: & there was [h] a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days. [i] But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 ¶ And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD: onely let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said, Thou must give † us also sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

26 Our cattel also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind: for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, untill we come thither.

27 ¶ But the LORD [k] hardned Pharaohs heart, and he would not let them go.

28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thy self, see my face no more: for in *that* day thou seest my face, thou shalt die.

29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well: I will see thy face again no more.

CHAP. XI.

1 God's message to the Israelites to borrow jewels of their neighbours. 4 Moses threatneth Pharaoh with the death of the first-born.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: [a] when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether.

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, [b] jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.

3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, ỷ man [c] Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaohs servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, [d] About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt.

5 And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh, that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that *is* behind the mill; and all the first-born of beasts.

6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

7 [e] But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue,

[c] Psal. 78. 46. & 105. 34.
[f] Wisd. 16. 9. Heb. 11. 29.
[g] Josh. 11. 20.
[h] Chap. 4. 21.
[i] Psal. 105. 28. Wisd. 17. 2, &c.
[k] Chap. 8. 32. Wisd. 18. 1.
† Heb. hasted to call.
† Heb. shaked. [f] Psal. 136. 15.
† Heb. stear one manner of darkness.
† Heb. into our hands.
[k] Chap. 14. 4, 8.
[a] Chap. 12. 31, 33, 39.
[b] Chap. 3. 22. & 12. 35.
[c] Ecclus 45. 1.
[d] Chap. 12. 29.
[e] Chap. 8. 22.

againſt man or beaſt: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Iſrael.

8 And [f] all theſe thy ſervants ſhall come down unto me, and bow down themſelves unto me, ſaying, Get thee out, and all the people † that follow thee; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in † a great anger.

9 And [g] the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Pharaoh ſhall not hearken unto you; that [h] my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt.

10 And Moſes and Aaron did all theſe wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardned Pharaohs heart, ſo that he would not let the children of Iſrael go out of his land.

CHAP. XII.

1 The beginning of the year is changed. 3 The paſs-over inſtituted. 11 The rite of the paſs-over. 15 Unleavened bread. 29 The firſt-born of the Egyptians are ſlain. 31 The Iſraelites driven out of the land, 37 come to Succoth. 43 The ordinance of the paſs-over.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 This moneth *ſhall be* unto you the beginning of moneths: it *ſhall be* the firſt moneth of the year to you.

3 ¶ Speak ye unto all the congregation of Iſrael, ſaying, In the tenth *day* of this moneth they ſhall take to them every man a || lamb, according to the houſe of *their* fathers, a lamb for an houſe.

4 And if the houſhold be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his houſe take *it* according to the number of the ſouls; every man according to his eating ſhall make your count for the lamb.

5 Your lamb ſhall be without blemiſh, a male † of the firſt year: ye ſhall take *it* out from the ſheep or from the goats.

6 And ye ſhall keep it up untill the fourteenth day of the ſame moneth: and [a] the whole aſſembly of the congregation of Iſrael ſhall kill it † in the evening.

7 And they ſhall take of the blood, and ſtrike *it* on the two ſide-poſts and on the upper door-poſt of the houſes wherein they ſhall eat it.

8 And they ſhall eat the fleſh in that night roſt with fire, and unleavened bread, *and* with bitter *herbs* they ſhall eat it.

9 Eat not of it raw, nor ſodden at all with water, but roſt with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

10 [b] And ye ſhall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it untill the morning ye ſhall burn with fire.

11 ¶ And thus ſhall ye eat it; *With* your loyns girded, your ſhoes on your feet, and your ſtaff in your hand: and ye ſhall eat it in haſte, It *is* the LORDS paſs-over.

12 For I will paſs through the land of Egypt this night, and will ſmite all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beaſt: and [c] againſt all the || gods of Egypt I will execute judgement. I *am* the LORD.

13 And the bloud ſhall be to you for a token upon the houſes where you *are*: and when I ſee the bloud, I will paſs over you, and the plague ſhall not be upon you † to deſtroy *you*, when I ſmite the land of Egypt.

14 And this day ſhall be unto you for a memorial; and you ſhall keep it a feaſt to the LORD throughout your generations: you ſhall keep it a feaſt by an ordinance for ever.

15 [d] Seven days ſhall ye eat unleavened bread: even the firſt day ye ſhall put away leaven out of your houſes: for whoſoever eateth leavened bread from the firſt day untill the ſeventh day, [e] that ſoul ſhall be cut off from Iſrael.

16 And in the firſt day *there ſhall be* an holy convocation, and in the ſeventh day there ſhall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work ſhall be done in them, ſave *that* which every † man muſt eat, that only may be done of you.

17 And ye ſhall obſerve *the feaſt of* unleavened bread: for in this ſelf-ſame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore ſhall ye obſerve this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever.

18 ¶ [f] In the firſt *moneth*, on the fourteenth day of the moneth at even, ye ſhall eat

[f] Chap. 2. 31. 33
† Heb. that is at thy feet.
† Heb. heat of anger.
[g] Chap. 3. 19.
[h] Chap. 7. 3.
|| Or, kid.
† Heb. ſon of a year.
[a] Lev. 23. 5. Num. 9. 3. & 28. 16. Deut. 16. 1.
† Heb. between the two evenings.
|| Or, kid.
[a] Num. 33. 4.
|| Or, powers.
† Heb. for a ſtroke.
[b] Ezek. 9. 6. Rev. 7. 3. & 9. 4.
[c] Chap. 13. 6. & 23. 15. & 34. 18. & 25.
[d] Gen. 17. 14.
† Joſh. 4. 6.
† Heb. ſoul.
[e] Chap. 4. 21.
[f] Chap. 23. 15. Num. 28. 16.
[g] Levit. 23. 5. Numb. 28. 16.
[h] Chap. 4. 23. Wiſd. 18. 11.

eat unleavened bread, untill the one and twentieth day of the moneth at even.

19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger or born in the land.

20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened: in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 ¶ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a ‖ lamb according to your families, and kill the pass-over.

22 [g] And ye shall take a bunch of hyssope, and dip *it* in the bloud that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the bloud that *is* in the bason: and none of you shall go out at the door of his house untill the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians, and when he seeth the bloud upon the lintel and on the two side-posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and [h] will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 [i] And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean you by this service?

27 That ye shall say, It *is* the sacrifice of the LORDS pass-over, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people [k] bowed the head, and worshipped.

28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 ¶ [l] And it came to pass that at midnight [m] the LORD smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, [n] from the first-born of Pharaoh, that sat on his throne, unto the first-born of the captive that *was* in the † dungeon; and all the first-born of cattel.

30 And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians: and there was a great cry in Egypt: for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead.

31 ¶ And [o] he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth from amongst my people, [p] both you and the children of Israel: and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

32 [q] Also take your flocks & your herds, as ye have said, & be gone: & bless me also.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste: for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.

34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their ‖ kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.

35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses: and they borrowed of the Egyptians [r] jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.

36 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them *such things as they required*. And [s] they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 ¶ And [t] the children of Israel journeyed from [u] Rameses to Succoth, about [x] six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, besides children.

38 And † a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattel.

39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt: for it was not leavened; because [y] they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

40 ¶ Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* [z] four hundred and thirty years.

41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

42 It

‖ Or, kid.

† Heb. house of the pit.

‖ Or, dough.

† Heb. a great mixture.

42 It *is* † [a] a night to be much obſerved unto the LORD, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this *is* that night of the LORD to be obſerved of all the children of Iſrael in their generations.

43 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes & Aaron, This *is* the ordinance of the paſs-over. There ſhall no ſtranger eat thereof.

44 But every mans ſervant that is bought for money, when thou haſt circumciſed him, then ſhall he eat thereof.

45 A foreiner, and an hired ſervant ſhall not eat thereof.

46 In one houſe ſhall it be eaten; thou ſhalt not carry forth ought of the fleſh abroad out of the houſe: [b] neither ſhall ye break a bone thereof.

47 All the congregation of Iſrael ſhall † keep it.

48 And [c] when a ſtranger ſhall ſojourn with thee, and will keep the paſs-over to the LORD, let all his males be circumciſed, and then let him come near and keep it; and he ſhall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumciſed perſon ſhall eat thereof.

49 One law ſhall be to him that is home-born, and unto the ſtranger that ſojourneth among you.

50 Thus did all the children of Iſrael; as the LORD commanded Moſes and Aaron, ſo did they.

51 And it came to paſs the ſelf-ſame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt [d] by their armies.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The firſt-born are ſanctified to God. 3 The memorial of the paſs-over is commanded. 11 The firſtlings of beaſts are ſet apart. 17 The Iſraelites go out of Egypt, and carry Joſephs bones with them. 20 They come to Etham. 21 God guideth them by a pillar of a cloud, and a pillar of fire.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 [a] Sanctifie unto me all the firſt-born, whatſoever openeth the womb among the children of Iſrael, *both* of man and of beaſt: it *is* mine.

3 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the houſe of † bondage; for by ſtrength of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place*: there ſhall no leavened bread be eaten.

4 This day came ye out [b] in the moneth Abib.

5 ¶ And it ſhall be when the LORD ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, which he ſware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, [c] that thou ſhalt keep this ſervice in this moneth.

6 [d] Seven days ſhalt thou eat unleavened bread; and in the ſeventh day *ſhall be* a feaſt to the LORD.

7 Unleavened bread ſhall be eaten ſeven days: and there ſhall no leavened bread be ſeen with thee, neither ſhall there be leaven ſeen with thee in all thy quarters.

8 ¶ And thou ſhalt ſhew thy ſon in that day, ſaying, *This is done* becauſe of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt.

9 And it ſhall be for [e] a ſign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORDS law may be in thy mouth: for with a ſtrong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.

10 Thou ſhalt therefore keep this ordinance in his ſeaſon from year to year.

11 ¶ And it ſhall be when the LORD ſhall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he ſware unto thee and to thy fathers, and ſhall give it thee,

12 [f] That thou ſhalt † ſet apart unto the LORD all that openeth the matrice: and every firſtling ỹ cometh of a beaſt, which thou haſt, the males *ſhall be* the LORDS.

13 And [g] every firſtling of an aſs thou ſhalt redeem with a ‖ lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou ſhalt break his neck: and all the firſt-born of man amongſt thy children [h] ſhalt thou redeem.

14 ¶ And it ſhall be when thy ſon asketh thee † in time to come, ſaying, What *is* this? that thou ſhalt ſay unto him, By ſtrength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the houſe of bondage.

15 And it came to paſs when Pharaoh would

† Heb. *a night of obſervations.*
[a] See Deut. 16. 6.
[b] Num. 9. 12. John 19. 36.
† Heb. *do it.*
[c] Num. 9. 14.
[d] Chap. 6. 26.
[a] Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 19. Levit. 27. 26. Num. 3. 13. & 8. 16, 17. & 18. 15. Luke 2. 23.
† Heb. *ſervants.*
[b] Chap. 23. 15. Deut. 16. 1.
[c] Chap. 23. 20. 26.
[d] Chap. 12. 15.
[e] See 16. Num. 15. 38. Deut. 6. & 11. 18. Prov. 3. 3. & 7. 3. Jer. 31. 33. 2 Cor. 3. 3.
[f] Chap. 22. 29. & 34. 19. Deut. 15. 19. Ezek. 44. 30.
† Heb. *cauſe to paſs.*
[g] Num. 18. 15. 16.
‖ Or, *kid.*
[h] Num. 3. 47.
† Heb. *tomorrow.*

would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of beasts: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the matrice, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem.

16 And it shall be for a token upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near: for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, & they return to Egypt.

18 But God [i] led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea. And the children of Israel went up || harnessed out of the land of Egypt.

19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, [k] God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you.

20 ¶ And [l] they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.

21 And [m] the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

CHAP. XIV.

1 God instructeth the Israelites in their journey. 5 Pharaoh pursueth after them. 10 The Israelites murmure. 13 Moses comforteth them. 15 God instructeth Moses. 19 The cloud removeth behind the camp. 21 The Israelites pass through the Red sea, 23 which drowneth the Egyptians.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, [a] that they turn and encamp before [b] Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They *are* intangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And [c] I will harden Pharaohs heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD. And they did so.

5 ¶ And it was told the king of Egypt that ỹ people fled: and [d] the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him.

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardned the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and [e] the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

9 But the [f] Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth before Baal-zephon.

10 ¶ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lift up their eyes, and behold, ỹ Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 [g] *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 ¶ And Moses said unto the people, [h] Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: || for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto

[i] Chap. 14. 3.
|| Or, by five in a rank,
[k] Gen. 50. 25. Jos. 24. 32. Acts 7. 16.
[l] Num. 33. 6.
[m] Chap. 40. 38. Num. 9. 15. & 10. 34. & 14. 14. Deut. 1. 33. Neh. 9. 19. Psal. 78. 14. & 99. 7. & 105. 39. 1 Cor. 10. 1.
[a] Chap. 13. 18.
[b] Num. 33. 7.
[c] Chap. 7. 21.
[d] Psal. 105. 25.
[e] Num. 33. 3.
[f] Josh. 24. 6. 1 Mac. 4. 9.
[g] Chap. 5. 21. & 16. 3.
[h] 2 Chron. 20. 15, 17.
|| Or, for whereas you have seen the Egyptians to day, &c.

unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 ¶ And the Angel of God, [i] which went before the camp of Israel, removed, and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them.

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and [k] it was a cloud and darkness *to them*, but it gave light by night *to these*: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east-wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were [l] divided.

22 And [m] the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea, upon the dry ground: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 ¶ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them, to the midst of the sea, *even* all Pharaohs horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning-watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot-wheels, ‖ that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared, and the Egyptians fled against it: and the LORD † overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And [n] the waters returned and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them: there remained not so much as [o] one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians: and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great † work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Moses song.* 22 *The people want water.* 23 *The waters at Marah are bitter.* 25 *A tree sweeteneth them.* 27 *At Elim are twelve wells, and seventy palm-trees.*

THen sang [a] Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD: for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The LORD *is* my strength and [b] song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name.

4 Pharaohs chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

5 The depths have covered them: [c] they sank into the bottom as a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

7 And

[i] Chap. 13. 21.

[k] See Isa. 9. 14. 2 Cor. 4. 3.

[l] Josh. 3. 15. & 4. 23. Neh. 9. 11. Psal. 114. 3. & 106. 9.

[m] Num. 33. 8. Psal. 78. 13. 1 Cor. 10. 1. Hebr. 11. 29.

‖ Or, *and made them to go heavily.*

† Heb. *strook of.* Deut. 11. 4.

[n] Heb. 3. 8. 11.

[o] Psal. 106. 11.

† Heb. *hand.*

[a] Chap. 14. 31.

[b] Deut. 10. 21. Psal. 118. 14. & 140. 7. Isa. 12. 2.

[c] Neh. 9. 11.

7 And in the greatneſs of thine excellency thou haſt overthrown them that roſe up againſt thee: thou ſenteſt forth thy wrath, *which* conſumed them [d] as ſtubble.

8 [e] And with the blaſt of thy noſtrils the waters were gathered together: the floods ſtood upright as an heap, *and* the depths were congealed in the heart of the ſea.

9 [f] The enemy ſaid, I will purſue, I will overtake, I will divide the ſpoil: my luſt ſhall be ſatisfied upon them; I will draw my ſword, my hand ſhall ‖ deſtroy them.

10 Thou didſt blow with thy wind, the ſea covered them: [g] they ſank as lead in the mighty waters.

11 [h] Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, amongſt the ‖ gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in holineſs, fearfull *in* praiſes, doing wonders?

12 Thou ſtretcheddſt out thy right hand, the earth ſwallowed them.

13 Thou in thy mercy haſt led forth the people *which* thou haſt redeemed: thou haſt guided *them* in thy ſtrength unto thy holy habitation.

14 [i] The people ſhall hear, *and* be afraid: ſorrow ſhall take hold on the inhabitants of Paleſtina.

15 Then the dukes of Edom ſhall be amazed, [k] the mighty men of Moab, trembling ſhall take hold upon them: [l] all the inhabitants of Canaan ſhall melt away.

16 [m] Fear and dread ſhall fall upon them: by the greatneſs of thine arm they ſhall be *as* ſtill as a ſtone: till thy people paſs over, O LORD, till the people paſs over [n] *which* thou haſt purchaſed.

17 Thou ſhalt bring them in, and [o] plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, *in* the place, O LORD, *which* thou haſt made for thee to dwell in: *in* the Sanctuary, O LORD, *which* thy hands have eſtabliſhed.

18 [p] The LORD ſhall reign for ever & ever.

19 For the horſe of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horſemen into the ſea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the ſea upon them: but the children of Iſrael went on dry land in the mids of the ſea.

20 ¶ And Miriam the propheteſs, the ſiſter of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her [q] with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam anſwered them, Sing ye to the LORD: for he hath triumphed glorioufly: the horſe and his rider hath he thrown into the ſea.

22 So Moſes brought Iſrael from the Red ſea; and they went out into the wilderneſs of Shur: and they went three days in the wilderneſs, and found no water.

23 ¶ And when they came to [r] Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah; for they *were* bitter: therefore the name of it was called ‖ Marah.

24 And the people murmured againſt Moſes, ſaying, What ſhall we drink?

25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD ſhewed him a [t] tree, *which* when he had caſt into the waters, the waters were made ſweet. There he made for them a ſtatute and an ordinance, and there [t] he proved them,

26 And ſaid, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his ſight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his ſtatutes, [u] I will put none of theſe diſeaſes upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD [x] that healeth thee.

27 ¶ [y] And they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, and threeſcore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The Iſraelites come to Sin.* 2 *They murmure for want of bread.* 4 *God promiſeth them bread from Heaven.* 11 *Quails are ſent,* 14 *and manna.* 16 *The ordering of manna.* 25 *It was not to be found on the ſabbath.* 32 *An omer of it is preſerved.*

AND they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Iſrael came unto [a] the wilderneſs of Sin, which *is* between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the ſecond moneth after their departing out of the land of Egypt.

2 And the whole congregation of the children of Iſrael murmured againſt Moſes and Aaron in the wilderneſs.

3 And

[d] Iſa. 5. 24. & 47. 14.
[e] Chap. 14. 21. Job 4. 9. 2 Theſ. 2. 8.
[f] Judg. 5. 30.
‖ Or, poſſeſs.
[g] Ver. 5
[h] 2 Sam. 7. 22. 1 Kings 8. 23. Pſal. 86. 8. Jer. 10. 6.
‖ Or, mighty ones.
[i] Numb. 14. 14. Deut. 2. 25. Joſh. 2. 9.
[k] Numb. 22. 3. Hab. 3. 6.
[l] Joſh. 5. 1.
[m] Deut. 2. 25. Joſ. 2. 9.
[n] Chap. 19. 5. Deut. 32. 9. 2 Sam. 7. 23. Tit. 2. 14. 1 Pet. 2. 9.
[o] Pſal. 44. 2. & 80. 8.
[p] Pſal. 146. 10. Iſa. 52. 7.
[q] Judg. 11. 34. & 21. 21. 2 Sam. 6. 16. Pſal. 68. 11, 25.
[r] Numb. 33. 8.
‖ That is, Bitterneſs.
[t] Eccluſ 38. 5.
[t] Chap. 16. 4.
[u] Deut. 7. 15.
[x] Chap. 23. 25. Pſal. 103. 3. & 147. 3.
[y] Numb. 33. 9.
[a] Numb. 33. 11.

3 And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, [b] when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full: for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 ¶ Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain [c] bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out, and gather † a certain rate every day, that I may [d] prove them whether they will walk in my law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and [e] it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt.

7 And in the morning, then ye shall see [f] the glory of the LORD: for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: And what *are* we, that ye murmure against us?

8 And Moses said, *This shall be* when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full: for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmure against him. And what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but [g] against the LORD.

9 ¶ And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD [h] appeared in the cloud.

11 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel; speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.

13 And it came to pass, that at even [i] the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.

14 And when [k] the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, ‖ It *is* manna. For they wist not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, [l] This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.

16 ¶ This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer † for every man, *according to* the number of your † persons; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

18 And when they did mete *it* with an omer, [m] he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack: they gathered every man according to his eating.

19 And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.

20 Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank. And Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.

22 ¶ And it came to pass *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.

23 And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.

25 And Moses said, Eat that to day: for

[b] Num. 11. 4. 5.
[c] Psal. 78. 24, 25. & 105. 40. John 6. 31, 32. 1 Cor. 10. 3.
† Heb. the portion of a day in his day.
[d] Deut. 8. 2, 16.
[e] Chap. 16. 22. Deut. 8. 3, 16.
[f] See Lev. 9. 23.
[g] See Num. 16. 11.
[h] Chap. 33. 22.
[i] Num. 11. 31. Psal. 105. 40.
[k] Num. 11. 7. Neh. 9. 15. Psal. 78. 24. & 105. 40. Wisd. 16. 20.
‖ Or, what it is. Heb. what *is* it? It is a portion. John 6. 31. 1 Cor. 10. 3.
[l] Heb. *This is* the bread.
[m] 2 Cor. 8. 15.

for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 ¶ And it came to pass *that* there went out *some* of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

28 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

29 See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days: abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and [n] it *was* like coriander-seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like wafers *made* with honey.

32 ¶ And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, [o] Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.

34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the testimony, to be kept.

35 And the children of Israel did eat manna fourty years, [p] untill they came to a land inhabited: they did eat manna untill they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.

36 Now an omer *is* the tenth *part* of an ephah.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The people murmure for water at Rephidim. 5 God sendeth them for water to the rock in Horeb. 8 Amalek is overcome by the holding up of Moses hands. 15 Moses buildeth the altar JEHOVAH-nissi.

AND [a] all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim. And *there was* no water for the people to drink.

2 [b] Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide you with me? wherefore do ye [c] tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattel with thirst?

4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel: and thy rod, wherewith [d] thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

6 [e] Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place [f] ‖ Massah, and ‖ Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 ¶ [g] Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto [h] Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill, with [i] the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, & fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: & when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses hands *were* heavy; and they took a stone, & put *it* under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands

[a] Num. 11. 7.
[b] Numb. 20. 3. 4.
[c] Psal. 78. 41. 1 Cor. 9. 10.
[d] Chap. 7. 20.
[e] Numb. 20. 9. Psal. 78. 15. & 105. 41. Wis. 11. 4. 1 Cor. 10. 4.
[f] Numb. 20. 13. Psal. 81. 7. & 95. 8. Heb. 3. 8. ¶ That is, *Tentation*. ‖ That is, *Chiding* or *Strife*.
[g] Deut. 25. 17. 1 Sam. 15. 2. Wis. 11. 1.
[h] Called *Jesus*. Acts 7. 45.
[i] Chap. 4. 20.
[n] Num. 11. 7.
[o] 1 Kng. 8. 9. Heb. 9. 4.
[p] Josh. 5. 12. Neh. 9. 15.

hands were ſteady untill the going down of the ſun.

13 And Joſhua diſcomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the ſword.

14 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Write this *for* a memorial in a book, and rehearſe *it* in the ears of Joſhua: for [k] I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moſes built an altar, and called the name of it ‖ JEHOVAH-niſſi.

16 For he ſaid, ‖ Becauſe † the LORD hath ſworn *that* the LORD *will have* war with Amaleck from generation to generation.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jethro bringeth to Moſes his wife and two ſons. 7 Moſes entertaineth him. 13 Jethro's counſel is accepted. 27 Jethro departeth.

WHen [a] Jethro, the prieſt of Midian, Moſes father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moſes and for Iſrael his people, *and* that the LORD had brought Iſrael out of Egypt;

2 Then Jethro Moſes father in law took Zipporah Moſes wife, after he had ſent her back,

3 And her two ſons; of which the [b] name of the one *was* ‖ Gerſhom: for he ſaid, I have been an alien in a ſtrange land:

4 And the name of the other *was* ‖ Eliezer; For the God of my father, *ſaid he*, *was* mine help, and delivered me from the ſword of Pharaoh.

5 And Jethro Moſes father in law came with his ſons and his wife unto Moſes into the wilderneſs, where he encamped at [c] the mount of God.

6 And he ſaid unto Moſes, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two ſons with her.

7 ¶ And Moſes went out to meet his father in law, and did obeiſance, and kiſſed him: and they asked each other of *their* † welfare; and they came into the tent.

8 And Moſes told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Iſraels ſake, *and* all the travel that had † come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD had delivered them.

9 And Jethro rejoyced for all the goodneſs which the LORD had done to Iſrael, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

10 And Jethro ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.

11 Now I know that the LORD *is* greater then all gods: [d] for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly *he was* above them.

12 And Jethro Moſes father in law took a burnt-offering and ſacrifices for God: and Aaron came and all the elders of Iſrael to eat bread with Moſes father in law before God.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that Moſes ſat to judge the people: and the people ſtood by Moſes from the morning unto the evening.

14 And when Moſes father in law ſaw all that he did to the people, he ſaid, What *is* this thing that thou doſt to the people? why ſitteſt thou thy ſelf alone, & all the people ſtand by thee from morning unto even?

15 And Moſes ſaid unto his father in law, Becauſe [e] the people come unto me to enquire of God.

16 When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between † one and another, and I do make *them* know the ſtatutes of God and his laws.

17 And Moſes father in law ſaid unto him, The thing that thou doeſt *is* not good.

18 † Thou wilt ſurely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; [f] thou art not able to perform it thy ſelf alone.

19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counſel, & God ſhall be w[th] thee. Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayeſt bring the cauſes unto God:

20 And thou ſhalt teach them ordinances and laws, and ſhalt ſhew them the way wherein they muſt walk, and the work that they muſt do.

21 Moreover, thou ſhalt provide out of all the people [g] able men, ſuch as fear God, men of truth, hating covetouſneſs; and

place

[k] Num. 24. 20. 1 Sam. 15. 3, 7. & 30. 1, 17. 2 Sam. 8. 12. Eſth. 9. 24.
‖ That is, *The LORD my banner.*
‖ Or, *Becauſe the hand of Amalek is againſt the throne of the LORD, therefore, &c.*
† Heb. *the hand upon the throne of the LORD.*
[a] Chap. 2. 16.
[b] Chap. 2. 22.
‖ That is, *A ſtranger there.*
‖ That is, *My God is an help.*
[c] Chap. 3. 1.
† Heb. *peace.*
† Heb. *found them.*
[d] Gen. 1. 10. 22. 12. Chap. 5. 2. 14. 18.
[e] Lev. 24. 12. Numb. 15. 34.
† Heb. *a man and his fellow.*
[f] Numb. 11. 14. Deut. 1. 9.
† Be *fading, thou wilt fade.*
[g] Act. 6. 3. 7. 38.
[h] Deut. 1. 16. & 16. 18. 2 Chron. 19. 7.
[i] Deut. 29. 2.
[k] Deut. 32. 11. Iſa. 63. 9. Rev. 12. 14.
[l] Deut. 1. 13.
[m] Num. 10. 29, 32.
[n] Num. 33. 15.
[o] Act. 7. 38.
[p] Deut. 1. 15.

place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge. So shall it be easier for thy self, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.

23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

24 So Moses hearkned to the voice of his father in law, & did all that he had said.

25 And [b] Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

26 And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

27 ¶ And Moses let his father in law depart; and [i] he went his way into his own land.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The people come to Sinai. 3 Gods message by Moses unto the people out of the mount. 8 The peoples answer returned again. 10 The people are prepared against the third day. 12 The mount in must not be touched. 16 The fearfull presence of God upon the mount.

IN the third moneth, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, ỹ same day [a] came they *into* the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And [b] Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 [c] Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and *how* [d] I bare you on eagles wings, and brought you unto my self.

5 Now [e] therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then [f] ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for [g] all the earth *is* mine.

6 And ye shall be unto me a [h] kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

7 ¶ And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And [i] all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and [k] beleeve thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctifie them to day and to morrow, and let them [l] wash their clothes,

11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD [m] will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to your selves *that* ye go *not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: [n] whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death.

13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through: whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live. When the ‖ trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

14 ¶ And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes.

15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: [o] come not at *y.* [ir] wives.

16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were [p] thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

17 And

[a] Num. 33.15.
[b] Act. 7.38.
[c] Deut. 29.2.
[d] Deut. 32.11. Isa 63.9 Rev. 12 14.
[e] Deut. 10.15.
[f] Exod. 23.22. & 34.9. Deut. 7.6.
[g] Psal. 24.1.
[h] 1 Pet. 2.5,9. Rev. 1.6. & 5.10. & 20.6.
[i] Exod. 24.3,7. Deut. 5. 27. & 26. 17.
[k] Exod. 14.31. [l] Gen. 35.2.
[m] Exod. 34.5. Deut. 33. 2.
[n] Heb. 12.20.
[o] 1 Sam. 21.4,5. Zech. 7.3. 1 Cor. 7. 5.
[p] Heb. 12.18.

17 And [q] Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

18 And [r] mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and [s] the whole mount quaked greatly.

19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, [t] Moses spake, and [u] God answered him by a voice.

20 And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount, and Moses went up.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, †charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.

22 And let the priests also which come near to the LORD, sanctifie themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

23 And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctifie it.

24 And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through, to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.

25 So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

CHAP. XX.

1 *The ten commandments.* 18 *The people are afraid.* 20 *Moses comforteth them.* 22 *Idolatry is forbidden.* 24 *Of what sort the altar should be*

AND God spake all these words, saying,

2 [a] I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt [b] out of the house of † bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 [c] Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing*, that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth.

5 Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* [d] a jealous God, [e] visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me:

6 And [f] shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 [g] Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD [h] will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 [i] Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.

10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattel, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates.

11 For [k] *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 ¶ [l] Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 [m] Thou shalt not kill.

14 [n] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 [o] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 [p] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours house, [q] thou shalt not covet thy neighbours wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbours.

18 ¶ And [r] all the people saw the thundrings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, [s] Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not:

[q] Deut. 4.10.
[r] Deut. 4.11. & 32.22. Judg. 5.4. Psal. 68.7,8. Hab. 3.3.
[s] Heb. 12.26.
[t] Heb. 12.21.
[u] Neh. 9.13. Psal. 81.7.
† Heb. *command.*
[a] Lev. 26.1. Deut. 5.6. Psal. 81.10. Hos. 13.4.
[b] Chap. 13.3.
† Heb. *servants.*
[c] Levit. 26.1. Deut. 4.15. Psal. 97.7.
[d] Chap. 34.14. Deut. 4.24. & 5.9. Josh. 24.19. Nah. 1.2.
[e] Chap. 34.7. Num. 14.18. Deut. 5.9. 2 King. 21.29. Job 5.4. & 21.19. Isa. 14.21. & 65.6,7. Jer. 32.18.
[f] Deut. 7.9. Psal. 103.17. Jer. 32.18.
[g] Lev. 19.12. Deut. 5.11. Matth. 5.33.
[h] Mic. 6.11.
[i] Chap. 23.12. & 31.14. & 34.21. Lev. 23.3. Ezek. 20.12. Luke 13.14.
[k] Gen. 2.2.
[l] Lev. 19.3. Deut. 5.16. Matth. 15.4. Ephes. 6.2.
[m] Matth. 5.21. Rom. 13.9.
[n] Matth. 5.27.
[o] Deut. 19.16. & 27.25. Acts 20.33. Rom. 7.7.
[p] Job 31.9.
[q] Heb. 13.5.
[r] Deut. 5.24. & 18.16. Gal. 4.19,20. Heb. 12.19.
[s] Chap. 19.16. 1 King. 8.12.
[t] Deut. 4.36. Neh. 9.13.
[u] See 1 Sam. 5.4,5. 2 King. 17.33. Ezek. 20.39. & 43.8. Zeph. 1.5.
[a] Chap. 14.15,16.
[v] Lev. 1.2.
[b] Deut. 2.5. Josh. 8.31. 1 Macc. 4.47.
† Heb. *should them with knowing.*
[c] Chap. 24.3,4.
[d] Levit. 25.39. Deut. 15.12. Jer. 34.14.
† Heb. *with his body.*
† Heb. *saying shall say.*

not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto [c] the thick darkness where God *was*.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you [u] from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make [x] with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, [y] thy sheep, and thine oxen: In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And [z] if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not † build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Laws for men-servants. 5 For the servant whose ear is bored. 7 For women-servants. 12 For man-slaughter. 16 For stealers of men. 17 For cursers of parents. 18 For smiters. 22 For a hurt by chance. 28 For an ox that goreth. 33 For him that is an occasion of harm.

NOw these *are* the judgements which thou shalt [a] set before them.

2 [b] If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.

3 If he came in † by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.

4 If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her masters, and he shall go out by himself.

5 And if the servant † shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children, I will not go out free:

6 Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door-post: and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.

7 ¶ And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do.

8 If she † please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: To sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

9 And if he have betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

10 If he take him another *wife*; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage shall he not diminish.

11 And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free without money.

12 ¶ [c] He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into his hand; then [d] I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

14 But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; [e] thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 ¶ And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 ¶ And [f] he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 ¶ And [g] he that ‖ curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 ¶ And if men strive together, and one smite ‖ another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth *his* bed:

19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote *him*, be quit: only he shall pay *for* † the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be throughly healed.

20 ¶ And if a man smite his servant, or his maid with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely † punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his money.

22 ¶ If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from* her,

[a] Chap. 24.3, 4. [b] Levit. 25.39. Deut. 15.12. Jer. 34. 14. † Heb. with his body.

[c] Chap. 19.16. 1 King. 8.12. [u] Deut. 4.36. Neh. 9. 13. [x] see 1 Sam. 5.4.5. 2 King. 19.33. Ezek. 20.39. & 43.8. Zeph. 1. 5. 2 Cor. 6 14,15, 16. [y] Lev. 1. 2. [z] Deut. 27.5. Josh. 8. 31. 1 Macc. 4.47. † Heb. build them with hewn.

† Heb. saying shall say.

[c] Gen. 9. 6. Levit. 24.17. Matth. 26. 52. [d] Num. 35. 11. Deut. 19. 3. Josh. 20. 3. 1 King. 2. 28. [e] Exod. 21. 14. [f] Deut. 24. 7. [g] Levit. 20. 9. Prov. 20 20. Matth. 15. 4. Mark 7. 10. ‖ Or, revileth. ‖ Or, his neighbour. † Heb. his ceasing. † Heb. avenged.

her, and yet no miſchief follow; he ſhall be ſurely puniſhed, according as the womans husband will lay upon him; and he ſhall pay as the judges *determine*.

23 And if *any* miſchief follow, then thou ſhalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, ſtripe for ſtripe.

26 ¶ And if a man ſmite the eye of his ſervant, or the eye of his maid, that it periſh; he ſhall let him go free for his eyes ſake.

27 And if he ſmite out his man-ſervants tooth, or his maid-ſervants tooth; he ſhall let him go free for his tooths ſake.

28 ¶ If an ox gore a man or a woman that they die, then the ox ſhall be ſurely ſtoned, and his fleſh ſhall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *ſhall be* quit.

29 But if the ox were wont to puſh with his horn in time paſt, and it hath been teſtified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox ſhall be ſtoned, and his owner alſo ſhall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him a ſum of money, then he ſhall give for the ranſome of his life whatſoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether he have gored a ſon, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgement ſhall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox ſhall puſh a man-ſervant or maid-ſervant, he ſhall give unto their maſter thirty ſhekels of ſilver, and the ox ſhall be ſtoned.

33 ¶ And if a man ſhall open a pit, or if a man ſhall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an aſs fall therein;

34 The owner of the pit ſhall make *it* good, *and* give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beaſt* ſhall be his.

35 ¶ And if one mans ox hurt anothers that he die, then they ſhall ſell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead *ox* alſo they ſhall divide.

36 Or if it be known that the ox hath uſed to puſh in time paſt, and his owner hath not kept him in; he ſhall ſurely pay ox for ox, and the dead ſhall be his own.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of theft. 5 Of damage. 7 Of treſpaſſes. 14 Of borrowing. 16 Of fornication. 18 Of witchcraft. 19 Of beſtiality. 20 Of idolatry. 21 Of ſtrangers, widows, and fatherleſs. 25 Of uſury. 26 Of pledges. 28 Of reverence to magiſtrates. 29 Of the firſt-fruits.

IF a man ſhall ſteal an ox or a ‖ ſheep, and kill it, or ſell it; he ſhall reſtore five oxen for an ox, and four ſheep for a ſheep.

2 ¶ If a thief be found breaking up, and be ſmitten that he die, *there ſhall* no bloud *be ſhed* for him.

3 If the ſun be riſen upon him, *there ſhall be* bloud *ſhed* for him: *for* he ſhould make full reſtitution; if he have nothing, then he ſhall be ſold for his theft.

4 If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or aſs, or ſheep; he ſhall reſtore double.

5 ¶ If a man ſhall cauſe a field or vineyard to be eaten, and ſhall put in his beaſt, and ſhall feed in another mans field; of the beſt of his own field, and of the beſt of his own vineyard ſhall he make reſtitution.

6 ¶ If fire break out, and catch in thorns, ſo that the ſtacks of corn, or the ſtanding-corn, or the field be conſumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire ſhall ſurely make reſtitution.

7 ¶ If a man ſhall deliver unto his neighbour money or ſtuff to keep, and it be ſtolen out of the mans houſe; if the thief be found, let him pay double.

8 If the thief be not found, then the maſter of the houſe ſhall be brought unto the judges, *to ſee* whether he have put his hand unto his neighbours goods.

9 For all manner of treſpaſs, *whether it be* for ox, for aſs, for ſheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of loſt thing, which *another* challengeth to be his; the cauſe of both parties ſhall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges ſhall condemn, he ſhall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an aſs, or an ox, or a ſheep, or any beaſt to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man ſeeing *it*:

11 *Then* ſhall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand

Levit. 24. 20. Deut. 19. 21. Matth. 5. 38.

Gen. 9. 5.

Num. 35. 31.

See Matth. 26. 15. Phil. 2. 7.

Or, goat.

See 12. 6. Luke 19. 8. See Ps. 6. 3.

Deut. 22. 28. Heb. weigh. Lev. 19. 26, 31. & 20. 27. Deut. 18. 10, 11, 1 Sam. 28. 9. Lev. 18. 23. & 20. 15. Deut. 13. 1, 6, 13. &c. & 17. 2. 1 Mac. 3. 24. Exod. 23. 9. Levit. 19. 33. & 25. 35. Zech. 7. 10. Deut. 10. 18. & 24. 17. & 27. 19. Ia. 1. 17. Jam. 1. 27. Lev. 25. 35. 36, 37. Deut. 23. 19. Pſal. 15. 5. Neh. 5. 7. Ezr. 18. 8, 17. Deut. 25. 6, 10. 13. Job 24. 3. 9. Prov. 20. 16. & 22. 27. Amos 2. 8.

Gen. 31. 39.

hand unto his neighbours goods; and the owner of it shall accept *thereof*, and he shall not make *it* good.

12 And [b] if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces; *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 ¶ And if a man borrow *ought* of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being* not with it; he shall surely make *it* good.

15 *But* if the owner thereof *be* with it, he shall not make *it* good: if it *be* an hired *thing*, it came for his hire.

16 ¶ And [c] if a man intice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her; he shall surely endow her to be his wife.

17 If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall † pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 ¶ [d] Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

19 ¶ [e] Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 ¶ [f] He that sacrificeth unto *any* god save unto the LORD onely, he shall be utterly destroyed.

21 ¶ [g] Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ [h] Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child.

23 If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me; I will surely hear their cry;

24 And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; & your wives shall be widows, & your children fatherless.

25 ¶ [i] If thou lend money to *any of* my people *that is* poor by thee, thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shall thou lay upon him usury.

26 [k] If thou at all take thy neighbours raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down.

27 For that *is* his covering onely, it *is* his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? And it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear: for I *am* gracious.

28 ¶ [l] Thou shalt not revile the ‖ gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

29 ¶ Thou shalt not delay *to offer* † the first of thy ripe fruits and of thy † liquours: [m] the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

30 Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy sheep: [n] seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.

31 ¶ And ye shall be holy men unto me: [o] neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field: ye shall cast it to the dogs.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Of slander and false witness. 3, 6 Of justice. 4 Of charitableness. 10 Of the year of rest. 12 Of the sabbath. 13 Of idolatry. 14 Of the three feasts. 18 Of the bloud and the fat of the sacrifice. 20 An Angel is promised, with a blessing, if they obey him.

THOU [a] shalt not ‖ raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 ¶ [b] Thou shalt not follow a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou † speak in a cause, to decline after many, to wrest *judgement*:

3 ¶ [c] Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

4 ¶ [d] If thou meet thine enemies ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

5 [e] If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, ‖ and wouldest forbear to help him; thou shalt surely help with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of thy poor in his cause.

7 Keep thee far from a false matter: and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for [f] I will not justifie the wicked.

8 ¶ And [g] thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth † the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous.

9 ¶ Also [h] thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the † heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in ỳ land of Egypt.

10 And [i] six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

11 But the seventh *year* thou shalt let it rest, and lie still; that the poor of thy

[a] Gen. 31.39.

[b] Deut. 22.28. † Heb. weigh. [c] Lev. 19.20, 21. & 20.10. Deut. 18.10, 11, 1 Sam. 28.9. [d] Lev. 18.23. & 20.15. [e] Deut. 13.1,6, 13. &c. & 17. 2. 1 Mac. 2.24. [f] Exod. 33.9. Levit. 19.32. & 25.35. [g] Zech. 7.10. Deut. 10. 18. & 24 17. & 27. 19. Isa. 1.17. Jer. 1. 27. [h] Lev. 25. 35. 36.37. Deut. 23. 19. Psal. 15 5. Neh. 5.7. Ezr. 18. 8, 17. [i] Deut. 25.6, 10. 13. Job 24. 3. 9. Prov. 20 16. & 22. 27. Amos 2. 8.

[l] Exod. 22.28. Acts 23.5. Jude 8. ¶ Or, *judges*. Psal. 82. 6. † Heb. *thy fulness*. † Heb. *tear*. [m] Chap. 13 2. 12. & 34. 19. Levit. 15. 19. [n] Lev. 22. 27. [o] Lev. 22. 8. Ezek. 44. 31. Phal. 153. ‖ Or, *receive*. [a] Lev. 19.15. Deut. 1. 17. † Heb. *answer*. [b] Psal. 72.2. [c] Deut. 22. 1. Job 31. 29. Prov. 24. 17. & 25. 21. Matth. 5.44. Rom. 12.20. [d] Deut. 22.4. ‖ Or, *wilt thou cease to help him? or, and would'st cease to leave thy business for him; thou shalt surely leave it to joyn with him.* [e] Chap. 34 7. [g] Deut. 16.19. † Heb. *the seeing*. [h] Chap. 22.21. † Heb. *soul*. [i] Levit. 25.3.

people may eat: and what they leave, the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, *and* with thy ‖ olive yard.

12 [a] Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed.

13 And in all *things* that I have said unto you be circumspect: and [b] make no mention of the names of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 ¶ [c] Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 [d] Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee in the time appointed of the moneth Abib: for in it thou camest out from Egypt: [e] and none shall appear before me empty:

16 And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of in-gathering *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.

18 [f] Thou shalt not offer the bloud of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my ‖ sacrifice remain until the morning.

19 [g] The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. [h] Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mothers milk.

20 ¶ [i] Behold, I send an Angel before thee to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not: for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then [k] I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and ‖ an adversary unto thine adversaries.

23 [l] For mine Angel shall go before thee, and [x] bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, *and* the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, [y] nor do after their works: [z] but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and [a] he shall bless thy bread, and thy water: and [b] I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 ¶ [c] There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their † backs unto thee.

28 And [d] I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before thee.

29 [e] I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 And [f] I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

32 [g] Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, [h] it will surely be a snare unto thee.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Moses is called up into the mountain. 3 The people promise obedience. 4 Moses buildeth an altar, and twelve pillars. 6 He sprinkleth the bloud of the covenant. 9 The glory of God appeareth. 14 Aaron and Hur have the charge of the people. 15 Moses goeth into the mountain, where he continueth fourty days and fourty nights.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and worship ye afar off.

2 And

‖ Or, vineyard.
[a] Chap. 20.8. Deut. 5.12. Luke 13.14.
[b] Deut. 12.3. Josh. 23.7. Psal. 16.4. Hos. 2.17.
[c] Lev. 23.5. Deut. 16.16.
[d] Chap. 13.3. & 34.18.
[e] Chap. 34.20. Deut. 16.16. Ecclus 35.4.
[f] Chap. 34.25. Lev. 2.11. Deut 16.4.
‖ Or, feast.
[g] Chap. 34.26.
[h] Deut. 14.21.
[i] Chap. 33.2,14. Num. 20.16.
[k] Gen. 12.3. Deut. 30.7. Jer. 30.20.
‖ Or, I will affict them that affict thee.
[l] verf. 20.
[x] Josh. 24.11.
[y] Lev. 18.3. Deut. 12.30.
[z] Chap. 23.24. Deut. 7.5,25. & 12.3. Deut. 28.51.
† Chal. 15.6. Deut. 7.24.
[a] Deut. 7.13. Josh. 24.2. Psal. 105.28.
† Heb. necks.
[b] Deut. 7.20. Josh. 24.12. Wisd. 12.8. Deut. 7.22.
[c] Chap. 19.8. Verf. 7. Deut. 5.27.
[d] Verf. 3.
[e] 1 Par. 1.2. Heb. 9.20. & 13.20.
[f] Gen. 15.18. Num. 34.3. Josh. 1.4.
[g] Chap. 34.15. Deut. 7.2.
[h] Chap. 34.12. Deut. 7.16. Josh. 23.13. Judg. 2.3. 1 Sam. 18.21. Psal 106.36.
[i] Ex. 19. 16.& 20. 1.
[k] Chap. 31.18. & 32.16.

2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him.

3 ¶ And Moses came, and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgements. And all the people answered with one voice, and said, [a] All the words which the LORD hath said will we do.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people. And they said, [b] All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold [c] the blood of the covenant which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

9 ¶ Then went up Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel.

10 And they saw the God of Israel: and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a [d] sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written, that thou mayest teach them.

13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

16 And [f] the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the mount, in the eyes of the children of Israel.

18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and [h] Moses was in the mount fourty days and fourty nights.

CHAP. XXV.

1 What the Israelites must offer for the making of the tabernacle. 10 The form of the ark. 17 The mercy-seat, with the cherubims. 23 The table, with the furniture thereof. 31 The candlestick, with the instruments thereof.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they † bring me an ‖ offering: [a] of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering.

3 And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and ‖ fine linen and goats *hair*,

5 And rams skins died red, and badgers skins, and shittim-wood,

6 [b] Oyl for the light, [c] spices for anointing oyl and for [d] sweet incense,

7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the [e] ephod and in the [f] breast plate.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that [g] I may dwell amongst them.

9 According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

10 ¶ [h] And they shall make an ark *of* shittim-wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay

[a] Chap. 19. 8. Verse 7. Deut. 5. 27.

[b] Verse 3.

[c] 1 Pet. 1. 2. Heb. 9. 20. & 13. 20.

[d] Ex. 1 26. & 10. 1.

[e] Chap. 31. 18. & 32. 16.

[f] Num. 14. 10.

[g] Deut. 4. 36.

[h] Chap. 34. 28. Deut. 9. 9.

† Heb. take for me.
‖ Or, heave-offering.
[a] Chap. 35. 5.
‖ Or, silk.
[b] Chap. 27. 20.
[c] Chap. 30. 23.
[d] Chap. 30. 34.
[e] Chap. 28. 6.
[f] Chap. 28. 15.
[g] Chap. 29. 45. 1 Kings 6. 13. 2 Cor. 6. 16.
[h] Heb. 3. 6. Rev. 21. 3.
[i] Chap. 37. 1. Heb. 9. 4.

lay it: and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners thereof; & two rings *shall be* in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be born with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark [t] the testimony which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a mercy-seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold: *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat.

19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* || of the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings: and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; & in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

22 And [u] there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

23 ¶ [m] Thou shalt also make a table *of* shittim wood: two cubits *shall be* ŷ length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand-breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.

27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

28 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, & overlay them with gold, that the table may be born with them.

29 And thou shalt make [n] ŷ dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, || to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the table [o] shew bread before me alway.

31 ¶ [p] And thou shalt make a candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side.

33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, *with* a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

34 And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto almonds, *with* their knops and their flowers.

35 And *there shall be* a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

36 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it *shall be* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

37 And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: & [q] they shall || light ŷ lamps thereof, ŷ they may [r] give light over against † it.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the snuff-dishes thereof *shall be of* pure gold.

39 Of

[t] Chap. 16.34. & 31.18. Deut. 10.2. 1 King. 8.9.

[u] Or, *of the matter of the mercy-seat.* [m] 1 King. 8.7. 1 Chro. 28.18. Heb. 9.5

[m] Chap. 37.10. 1 King. 68.7. 2 Chr. 4.8.

[n] Num. 4.7. Or, *to pour out withal.*

[o] Lev. 24.5. [p] Chap. 37.17. 1 King. 7.49. Zech. 4.2. Rev. 1.12, & 4.5.

[q] Chap. 27.21. & 30.8. Lev. 24.3,4. || Or, *cause to ascend.* [r] Num. 8.2. † Heb. *the face of it.*

[r] Num. 8.4. 1 Chr. 28.19. Act 7 44. Heb. 8.5 † Heb. *which thou wast caused to see.*

[s] Chap. 36.8 † Heb. *the work of a curious workman or embroiderer.*

39 *Of* a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And † look that thou make *them* after their pattern† which was shewed thee in the mount.

† Num. 8.4. 1 Chr. 28.19. Act 7 44. He. 8.5. † Heb. which thou was caused to see.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The ten curtains of the tabernacle. 7 The eleven curtains of goats hair. 14 The covering of rams skins. 15 The boards of the tabernacle, with their sockets and bars. 31 The veil for the ark. 36 The hanging for the door.

MOreover, thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims † of cunning work shalt thou make them.

† Chap. 36.8. † Heb. the work of a cunning workman or embroiderer.

2 The length of one curtain *shall be* eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure.

3 The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; & likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain in the coupling of the second.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another.

6 And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, & couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

7 ¶ And thou shalt make curtains *of* goats *hair* to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8 The length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be all* of one measure.

9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, & six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle.

10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of one curtain *that is* outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

11 And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple ỹ ‖ tent together, that it may be one.

‖ Or, covering.

12 And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side † of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side, and on that side, to cover it.

† Heb. in the remainder, or superfluous.

14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent *of* rams skins died red, and a covering above *of* badgers skins.

15 ¶ And thou shalt make boards for ỹ tabernacle *of* shittim-wood, standing up.

16 Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board.

17 Two † tenons *shall there be* in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

† Heb. hand.

18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side, south-ward.

19 And thou shalt make fourty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north-side *there shall be* twenty boards.

21 And their fourty sockets *of* silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

22 And for the sides of the tabernacle west-ward thou shalt make six boards.

23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

24 And they shall be †coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

† Heb. twinned.

25 And they shall be eight boards, and their

their ſockets of ſilver, ſixteen ſockets; two ſockets under one board, and two ſockets under another board.

20 ¶ And thou ſhalt make bars of ſhittim-wood; five for the boards of the one ſide of the tabernacle,

27 And five bars for the boards of the other ſide of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the ſide of the tabernacle for the two ſides weſtward.

28 And the middle bar in the mids of the boards ſhall reach from end to end.

29 And thou ſhalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou ſhalt overlay the bars with gold.

30 And thou ſhalt rear up the tabernacle [a] according to the faſhion thereof which was ſhewed thee in the mount.

31 ¶ And thou ſhalt make [b] a veil of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims ſhall it be made.

32 And thou ſhalt hang it upon four pillars of ſhittim-wood overlaid with gold: their hooks ſhall be of gold, upon the four ſockets of ſilver.

33 ¶ And thou ſhalt hang up the veil under the taches, that thou mayeſt bring in thither within the veil the ark of the teſtimony: and the veil ſhall divide unto you between [c] the holy place and the moſt holy.

34 Thou ſhalt put the mercy-ſeat upon the ark of the teſtimony in the moſt holy place.

35 And [d] thou ſhalt ſet the table without the veil, and the candleſtick over againſt the table on the ſide of the tabernacle toward the ſouth: and thou ſhalt put the table on the north ſide.

36 And thou ſhalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, & fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work.

37 And thou ſhalt make for the hanging five pillars of ſhittim-wood, and [e] overlay them with gold, and their hooks ſhall be of gold: and thou ſhalt caſt five ſockets of braſs for them.

[a] Chap. 25. 9. 40. Act. 7. 44. Heb. 8. 5.
[b] 2 Chr. 3. 14. Matth. 27. 51. Hebr. 9. 3.
[c] Heb. 9. 2, 3.
[d] Hebr. 9. 2.
[e] Chap. 36. 38.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The altar of burnt-offering, with the veſſels thereof. 9 The court of the tabernacle incloſed with hangings and pillars. 11 The meaſure of the court. 20 The oil for the lamp.

AND thou ſhalt make [a] an altar of ſhittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar ſhall be four-ſquare: & the height thereof *ſhall be* three cubits.

2 And thou ſhalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns ſhall be of the ſame: and [b] thou ſhalt overlay it with braſs.

3 And thou ſhalt make his pans to receive his aſhes, and his ſhovels, and his baſons, & his fleſh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the veſſels thereof thou ſhalt make of braſs.

4 And thou ſhalt make for it a grate of net-work of braſs; and upon the net ſhalt thou make four braſen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt put it under the compaſs of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midſt of the altar.

6 And thou ſhalt make ſtaves for the altar, ſtaves of ſhittim-wood, and overlay them with braſs.

7 And the ſtaves ſhall be put into the rings, and the ſtaves ſhall be upon the two ſides of the altar to bear it.

8 Hollow with boards ſhalt thou make it: [c] as † it was ſhewed thee in the mount, ſo ſhall they make *it*.

9 ¶ And thou ſhalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the ſouth ſide ſouthward *there ſhall be* hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one ſide:

10 And the twenty pillars thereof, and their twenty ſockets *ſhall be of* braſs: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *ſhall be of* ſilver.

11 And likewiſe for the north ſide in length *there ſhall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, & his twenty pillars, and their twenty ſockets of braſs: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of ſilver.

12 ¶ And for the breadth of the court on the weſt ſide *ſhall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, & their ſockets ten.

13 And

[a] Chap. 38. 1.
[b] See Num. 16. 38.
† Heb. ſeen by thee.
[c] Chap. 25. 40. & 26. 30. † Heb. he ſaw.
[a] Lev. 24. 2.
† Heb. an aſcending up.
[c] Chap. 26. 31, 33.
[f] Chap. 30. 8. 1 Sam. 3. 3. 2 Chro. 13. 11.
[a] Hebr. 5. 1, 4.
[b] Chap. 39. 2.

13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of one side *of the gate* *shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings, fifteen *cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 ¶ And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle work: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars round about the court *shall be* filleted with silver: their hooks *shall be of* silver, and their sockets *of* brass.

18 ¶ The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth † fifty every where, and the height five cubits *of* fine twined linen, & their sockets *of* brass.

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court *shall be of* brass.

20 ¶ And [a] thou shalt command the children of Israel that they bring thee pure oyl olive beaten, for the light, to cause the lamp † to burn always.

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation [c] without the veil, which *is* before the testimony, [f] Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Aaron and his sons are set apart for the priests office.* 2 *Holy garments are appointed.* 6 *The ephod.* 15 *The breast-plate with twelve precious stones.* 30 *The Urim and Thummim.* 31 *The robe of the ephod, with pomegranates and bells.* 36 *The plate of the mitre.* 39 *The embroidered coat.* 40 *The garments for Aarons sons.*

AND take thou unto thee [a] Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priests office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aarons sons.

2 And [b] thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory & for beauty.

3 And [c] thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise hearted, [d] whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aarons garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

4 And these *are* the garments which they shall make; a breast plate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle. And they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priests office.

5 And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

6 ¶ And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue and *of* purple, *of* scarlet and fine twined linen, with cunning work.

7 It shall have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joyned at the two edges thereof; and *so* it shall be joyned together.

8 And the ‖ curious girdle of the ephod which *is* upon it shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 And thou shalt take two onyx-stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel;

10 Six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth.

11 [e] With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold.

12 And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod, *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 ¶ And thou shalt make ouches *of* gold;

14 And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends: *of* wreathen work shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches

15 ¶ And thou shalt make the breast-plate of judgement with cunning work: after the work of the ephod thou shalt make

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[a] Heb. 5.1, 4.

[b] Chap. 39.2.

[c] Chap. 36.1.

[d] Chap. 31.2 & 35.30.

[e] Wisd. 18.24.

‖ Or, *embroidered.*

make it; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen shalt thou make it.

16 Four-square it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof.

† Heb. fill in it fillings of stone. ‖ Or, ruby.

17 And thou shalt † set in it settings of stones, *even* four rows of stones. *The first* row *shall be* a ‖ sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: *this shall be* the first row.

18 And the second row *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

20 And the fourth row a beryll, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold in their † enclosings.

† Heb. fillings.

21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name shall they be according to ỹ twelve tribes.

22 ¶ And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work, *of* pure gold.

23 And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breast plate.

24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two rings *which are* on the ends of the breast-plate.

25 And *the other* two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two ouches, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before it.

26 ¶ And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breast-plate, in the border thereof, which *is* in the side of the ephod inward.

27 And two *other* rings of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, towards the fore-part thereof, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

28 And they shall bind the breast-plate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate be not loosed from the ephod.

29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breast-plate of judgement, upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 ¶ And [f] thou shalt put in the breast-plate of judgement the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aarons heart when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgement of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

[f] Levit. 8. Deut. 33. 8. 1 Sam. 28. 6. Ezra 2. 63. Neh. 7. 65.

31 ¶ And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue.

32 And there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the mids thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent.

33 ¶ And *beneath* upon the ‖ hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet round about the hem thereof, and bells of gold between them round about;

‖ Or, *skirt.*

34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about.

35 [g] And it shall be upon Aaron, to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he cometh out; that he die not.

[g] Ecclus. 45. 9.

36 ¶ And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, *like* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

37 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre: upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be.

38 And it shall be upon Aarons forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts: and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

39 ¶ And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre

mitre *of* fine linen; and thou shalt make the girdle *of* needle-work.

40 ¶ And for Aarons sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty.

41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him: and [a] [b] shalt anoint them, and † consecrate them, and sanctifie them, that they may minister unto me in the priests office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover † their nakedness: from the loins even unto the thighs they shall † reach.

43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy *place*; that they bear not iniquity, and die. *It shall be* a statute for ever unto him, and his seed after him.

[a] Chap. 29.7. & 30.30. † Heb. fill their hand. [b] Lev. 8. Deut. 33.8. 1 Sam. 28.6. Ezra 63. Neh. 65. † Heb. fill of their nakedness. † Heb. to.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The sacrifice and ceremonies of consecrating the priests. 38 The continual burnt-offering. 45 Gods promise to dwell among the children of Israel.

AND this *is* the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priests office; [a] Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,

2 And [b] unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oyl, and wafers unleavened anointed with oyl: *of* wheaten flour shalt thou make them.

3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams.

4 And Aaron & his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, & shalt wash them with water.

5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, & the breastplate, and gird him with [c] the curious girdle of the ephod.

6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, & put the holy crown upon the mitre.

7 Then shalt thou take the anointing [d] oyl, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him.

[a] Levit. 8.2. [b] Levit. 6.20. [c] Chap. 28.8. [d] Chap. 30.25.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them.

9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and † put the bonnets on them: and the priests office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. And thou shalt † [e] consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: & [f] Aaron & his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock.

11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And thou shalt take of the bloud of the bullock, and put *it* upon [g] the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the bloud beside the bottom of the altar.

13 And [h] thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar.

14 But [i] the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it *is* a sin-offering.

15 ¶ Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his bloud, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar.

17 And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and || unto his head.

18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it *is* a burnt offering unto the LORD: it *is* a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

19 ¶ And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his bloud, & put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, & upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the bloud upon the altar round about.

21 And

† Heb. fill the hand. [e] Chap. 28.41. [f] Levit. 1.4. [g] Chap. 27.2. & 30.2. [h] Levit. 3.3. || It seemeth by anatomy & the Hebrew doctours to be the midr. ff. [i] Lev. 4.12,21. || Or, upon.

21 And thou shalt take of the blood that *is* upon the altar, & of [k] the anointing oyl, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and [l] he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat and the rump, & the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and the right shoulder; for it *is* a ram of consecration:

23 And one loaf of bread, and one cake of oyled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that *is* before the LORD.

24 And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in the hands of his sons; and shalt † wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 And thou shalt receive them of their hands, and burn *them upon* the altar for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savour before the LORD. It *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And thou shalt take [m] the breast of the ram of Aarons consecrations, and wave it *for* a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thy part.

27 And thou shalt sanctifie [n] the breast of the wave-offering, and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up of the ram of the consecration, *even* of *that* which *is* for Aaron, and of *that* which *is* for his sons.

28 And it shall be Aarons and his sons by a statute for ever, from the children of Israel: for it *is* an heave offering: and it shall be an heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their peace-offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

29 ¶ And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons after him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them.

30 *And* † [o] that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days, when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy *place*.

31 ¶ And thou shalt take the ram of the consecration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place.

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the [p] bread that *is* in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

33 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctifie them: but a stranger shall not eat *thereof*, because they *are* holy.

34 And if ought of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning; then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it *is* holy.

35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded thee: seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

36 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin-offering, for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it to sanctifie it.

37 Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctifie it, [q] and it shall be an altar most holy: [r] whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 ¶ Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; [s] two lambs of the first year [t] day by day continually.

39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even:

40 And with the one lamb a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oyl; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink-offering.

41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

42 *This shall be* a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD: [u] where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

43 And

[k] Chap. 30. 25.
[l] Heb. 9. 22.
† Heb. *fhake to and fro.*
[m] Lev. 8. 29.
[n] Lev. 7. 34. Num. 18. 18. Deut. 18. 3.
† Heb. *he of his seed.* [o] Num. 2. 8.
[p] Lev. 6. 16. Mat. 12. 4.
[q] Chap. 40. 10. [r] Chap. 30. 29. Mat. 23. 19. [s] Num. 28. 3. [t] See Dan. 8. 13. 27. 8. 12. 11.
[u] Chap. 30. 36.

43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and ‖ *the tabernacle* shall be sanctified by my glory.

‖ Or, Israel.

44 And I will sanctifie the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctifie also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priests office.

45 ¶ And [x] I will dwell amongst the children of Israel, and will be their God.

[x] Exod. 25. 8. Levit. 26. 12. 2 Cor. 6. 16.

46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell amongst them. I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The altar of incense.* 11 *The ransom of souls* 17 *The brasen laver.* 22 *The holy anointing oyl.* 34 *The composition of the perfume.*

AND thou shalt make [a] an altar to burn incense upon: *of* shittim-wood shalt thou make it.

[a] Chap. 37. 25.

2 A cubit *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof: foursquare shall it be: and two cubits *shall be* the height thereof: the horns thereof *shall be* of the same.

3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the † top thereof, and the † sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof: and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.

† Heb. roof. † Heb. walls.

4 And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two † corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make *it*: and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.

† Heb. ribs.

5 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim-wood, & overlay them with gold.

6 And thou shalt put it before the veil that *is* by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat, that *is* over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.

† Heb. incense of spices. [b] Chap. 27. 20. ‖ Or, setteth up. † Heb. causeth to ascend. † Heb. between the two evens.

7 And Aaron shall burn thereon † sweet incense every morning: when [b] he dresseth the lamps he shall burn incense upon it.

8 And when Aaron ‖ † lighteth the lamps † at even he shall burn incense upon it; a perpetual incense before the LORD, throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, not burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon.

10 And [c] Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin-offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It *is* most holy unto the LORD.

[c] Lev. 16. 14. & 23. 27.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

[d] Chap. 38. 25. Num. 1. 2. & 26. 2. † Heb. them that are to be numbred. See Num. 31. 50. [e] Matt. 17. 24.

12 [c] When thou takest the summe of the children of Israel after † their number, then shall they give every man a ransome for his soul unto the LORD when thou numbrest them, that there be no plague amongst them when *thou* numbrest them.

13 This they shall give, every one that passeth among them † are numbred, [e] half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary. [f] A shekel *is* twenty gerahs. An half-shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD.

[f] Levit. 27. 25. Num. 3. 47. Ezek. 45. 12.

14 Every one that passeth among them that are numbred from twenty years old and above shall give an offering unto the LORD.

15 The rich shall not † give more, & the poor shall not † give less then half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

† Heb. multiply. † Heb. diminish.

16 And thou shalt take the atonement-money of the children of Israel, and [g] shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

[g] Chap. 38. 25.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 Thou shalt also make a laver *of* brass, and his foot *also of* brass, to wash *withall*: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 For Aaron and his sons [h] shall wash their hands and their feet thereat.

[h] Psal. 26. 6. Isa. 52. 11. Hebr. 10. 22.

20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not: or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering

offering made by fire unto the LORD.

21 So they ſhall waſh their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it ſhall be a ſtatute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his ſeed, throughout their generations.

22 ¶ Moreover the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Take thou alſo unto thee principal ſpices, of pure myrrh five hundred *ſhekels*, and of ſweet cinnamon half ſo much, *even* two hundred and fifty *ſhekels*, and of ſweet calamus two hundred and fifty *ſhekels*,

24 And of caſſia five hundred *ſhekels*, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, and of oyl-olive an [i] hin.

[i] Chap. 29.40.

25 And thou ſhalt make it an oyl of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the || apothecary: it ſhall be an holy anointing oyl.

|| Or, perfumer.

26 And thou ſhalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the teſtimony,

27 And the table and all his veſſels, and the candleſtick and his veſſels, and the altar of incenſe,

28 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his veſſels, and the laver and his foot.

29 And thou ſhalt ſanctifie them, that they may be moſt holy: [k] whatſoever toucheth them ſhall be holy.

[k] Chap. 29.37.

30 And thou ſhalt anoint Aaron and his ſons, and conſecrate them, that *they* may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.

31 And thou ſhalt ſpeak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This ſhall be an holy anointing oyl unto me throughout your generations.

32 Upon mans fleſh ſhall it not be poured, neither ſhall ye make *any other* like it, after the compoſition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it ſhall be holy unto you.

33 Whoſoever compoundeth *any* like it, or whoſoever putteth *any* of it upon a ſtranger, [l] ſhall even be cut off from his people.

[l] Gen. 17.14.

34 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Take unto thee ſweet ſpices, ſtacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *theſe* ſweet ſpices with pure frankincenſe: of each ſhall there be a like weight.

35 And thou ſhalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, † tempered together, pure *and* holy.

† Heb. ſalted.

36 And thou ſhalt beat *ſome* of it very ſmall, and put of it before the teſtimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, [m] where I will meet with thee: it ſhall be unto you moſt holy.

[m] Chap. 29.42. Levit. 1.1. &c.

37 And *as for* the perfume which thou ſhalt make, you ſhall not make to your ſelves according to the compoſition thereof: it ſhall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

38 Whoſoever ſhall make like unto that, to ſmell thereto, ſhall even be cut off from his people.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Bezaleel and Aholiab are called, and made meet for the work of the tabernacle. 12 The obſervation of the ſabbath is again commanded. 18 Moſes receiveth the two tables.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 [a] See, I have called by name Bezaleel the [b] ſon of Uri, the ſon of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

[a] Chap. 35.30. 1 Chron. 2.20.

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wiſdom, and in underſtanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanſhip,

4 To deviſe cunning works, to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs,

5 And in cutting of ſtones to ſet *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanſhip.

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab the ſon of Ahiſamach of the tribe of Dan: And in the hearts of all that are wiſe-hearted I have put wiſdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the teſtimony, and the mercy-ſeat that *is* thereupon, and all the † furniture of the tabernacle,

† Heb. veſſels.

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candleſtick with all his furniture, and the altar of incenſe,

9 And the altar of burnt-offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

[c] Chap. 29.1, &c. Num. 4.6, &c.

10 And [c] the clothes of ſervice, and the holy

holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priests office,

11 And the anointing oyl, and sweet incense for the holy *place*. According to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, [d] Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctifie you.

14 [e] Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore: for it *is* holy unto you. Every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for [f] whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from amongst his people.

15 Six days may work be done, but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, † holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath-day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant.

17 It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever. For [g] *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 ¶ And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, [h] two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 *The people in the absence of Moses cause Aaron to make a calf.* 7 *God is angred thereby.* 11 *At the intreaty of Moses he is appeased.* 15 *Moses cometh down with the tables.* 19 *He breaketh them.* 20 *He destroyeth the calf.* 22 *Aarons excuse for himself.* 25 *Moses causeth the idolaters to be slain.* 30 *He prayeth for the people.*

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, [a] Up, make us gods which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden ear-rings which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden ear-rings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron.

4 [b] And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving-tool, after he had made it a molten calf. And they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow *is* a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings: and the [c] people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [d] Go, get thee down: for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*.

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, [e] These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, [f] I have seen this people, and behold, it *is* a stiff-necked people.

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and [g] I will make of thee a great nation.

11 [h] And Moses besought † the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

12 [i] Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains,

and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac and Israel thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, [k] I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written.

16 And the [l] tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them that* shout for mastery, neither *is it* the voice of *them that* cry for † being overcome: *but* the noise of *them that* sing do I hear.

19 ¶ And it came to pass assoon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing. And Moses anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 [m] And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strawed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it*.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people that they *are set* on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 ¶ And when Moses saw that the people *were* naked: for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame amongst † their enemies:

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORDS side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and [n] slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: & there fell of ỳ people that day about three thousand men.

29 ‖ For Moses had said, † Consecrate your selves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 ¶ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; [o] peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin: and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, [p] Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: [q] Behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: Nevertheless, [r] in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

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[k] Gen. 12. 7. and 13. 15. & 15. 7. 8. & 26. 4. & 28. 13. & 48. 16.

[l] Chap. 31. 18.

† Heb. weakness.

[m] Deut. 9. 21.

† Heb. their adversaries.

[n] Num. 25. 5. Deut. 33. 9.

‖ Or, Consecrate your hands to day to the LORD, even every man hath been against his son, and against his brother, &c.

† Heb. Fill your hands.

[o] 2 Sam. 16. 12. Amos 5. 15.

[p] Psal. 69. 28. Rev. 3. 5.

[q] Chap. 32. 34. & 33. 2.

[r] Deut. 32. 35.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *The Lord refuseth to go, as he had promised, with the people.* 4 *The people mourn thereat.* 7 *The tabernacle is removed out of the camp.* 9 *The Lord talketh familiarly with Moses.* 12 *Moses desireth to see the glory of God.*

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, [a] Unto thy seed will I give it:

2 [b] And I will send an Angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

3 Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: For I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a [c] stiff-necked people: lest [d] I consume thee in the way.

4 ¶ And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiff-necked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.

6 And the children of Israel stript themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

7 And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, *that* every one which sought the LORD, went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which *was* without the camp.

8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent-door, and looked after Moses until he was gone into the tabernacle.

9 And it came to pass, as Moses entred into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and *the* LORD talked with Moses.

10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle-door: and all the people rose up, and worshipped, every man in his tent-door.

11 And [e] the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

12 ¶ And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, [f] I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation *is* thy people.

14 And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? *Is it* not in that thou goest with us? So [g] shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

18 And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.

19 And he said, [h] I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; [i] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for [k] there shall no man see me, & live.

21 And the LORD said, Behold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock.

22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by.

23 And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back-parts: but my face shall not be seen.

CHAP. XXXIV.

The tables are renewed. 5 The name of the LORD proclaimed. 8 Moses intreateth God to go with the people. 10 God maketh a covenant with them, repeating certain duties of the first table. 28 Moses, after fourty days abode in the mount, cometh down with the tables. 29 His face shineth, and he covereth it with a veil.

a Deut. 10. 1.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, [a] Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon *those* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

b Chap. 19. 20.

2 And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thy self there to me [b] in the top of the mount.

c Chap. 19. 12.

3 And no man shall [c] come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount: neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

4 ¶ And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, & took in his hand the two tables of stone.

d Chap. 33. 19.

5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and [d] proclaimed the name of the LORD.

e Num. 14. 18. f Chap. 20. 5. Deut. 5. 9. Jer. 32. 18. g Num. 14. 18, 20. Josh. 24. 19. Job 10. 14. Mic. 6. 11. Nah. 1. 3.

6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD [e] God, mercifull and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 [f] Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and [g] that will by no means clear *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the childrens children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

h Deut. 5. 2.

8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, & worshipped.

9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go amongst us; for it *is* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 ¶ And he said, Behold, [h] I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people amongst which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it *is* a terrible thing that I will do with thee.

11 Observe thou that which I command thee this day: Behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

12 [i] Take heed to thy self lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee.

13 But ye shall destroy their altars, [k] break their †images, and [l] cut down their groves.

14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a [m] jealous God.

15 Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice,

16 And thou take of [n] their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters [o] go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.

17 Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 ¶ The feast of [p] unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the moneth Abib: for in the [q] moneth Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

19 [r] All that openeth the matrice *is* mine; and every firstling among thy cattel, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is male*.

20 But [r] the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a ‖ lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me [t] empty.

21 ¶ [u] Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 ¶ [x] And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of ŷ first fruits of wheat harvest, & the feast of in-gathering at the † years end.

23 ¶ [y] Thrice in the year shall all your men-

i Chap. 23. 32. Deut. 7. 2. k Chap. 23. 24. Deut. 12. 3. † Heb. statues. l Josh. 6. 26. 2 Kings 18. 4. 23. 14. 1 Chron. 14. 3. & 31. 1. m Chap. 20. 5. n 1 Kings 11. 2. Neh. 13. 25. o Num. 25. 1. p Chap. 12. 15. 23. 15. q Chap. 13. 4. r Chap. 22. 29. Ezek. 44. 30. Luke 2. 23. s Num. 18. 15. Ordained. t Chap. 23. 15. 1 Sam. 9. 7. 2 Sam. 24. 24. u Chap. 23. 12. Deut. 5. 13. Luke 13. 14. x Chap. 23. 16. † Heb. revolution of the year. y Chap. 23. 14. 17. Deut. 16. 16.

1 Cor. 3. 13.

men-children appear before the Lord GOD the God of Iſrael.

24 For I will caſt out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: [z] neither ſhall any man deſire thy land when thou ſhalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year.

25 [a] Thou ſhalt not offer the bloud of my ſacrifice with leaven; [b] neither ſhall the ſacrifice of the feaſt of paſs-over be left unto the morning.

26 [c] The firſt of the firſt-fruits of thy land thou ſhalt bring unto the houſe of the LORD thy God. Thou ſhalt not ſeethe a [d] kid in his mothers milk.

27 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Write thou theſe words: for after the tenour of theſe words I have made a covenant with thee and with Iſrael.

28 [e] And he was there with the LORD fourty days and fourty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water: and [f] he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten † commandments.

29 ¶ And it came to paſs when Moſes came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of teſtimony in Moſes hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moſes wiſt not that [g] the skin of his face ſhone while he talked with him.

30 And when Aaron and all the children of Iſrael ſaw Moſes, behold, the skin of his face ſhone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

31 And Moſes called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moſes talked with them.

32 And afterward all the children of Iſrael came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had ſpoken with him in mount Sinai.

33 And *till* Moſes had done ſpeaking with them, he put [h] a veil on his face.

34 But when Moſes went in before the LORD to ſpeak with him, he took the veil off untill he came out. And he came out, and ſpake unto the children of Iſrael *that* which he was commanded.

35 And the children of Iſrael ſaw the face of Moſes, that the skin of Moſes face ſhone: and Moſes put the veil upon his face again untill he went in to ſpeak with him.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 The ſabbath. 4 The free gifts for the tabernacle. 20 The readineſs of the people to offer. 30 Bezaleel and Aholiab are called to the work.

AND Moſes gathered all the congregation of the children of Iſrael together, and ſaid unto them, Theſe *are* the words which the LORD hath commanded that ye ſhould do them.

2 [a] Six days ſhall work be done, but on the ſeventh day there ſhall be to you † an holy day, a ſabbath of reſt to the LORD: whoſoever doth work therein ſhall be put to death.

3 [b] Ye ſhall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the ſabbath-day.

4 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded, ſaying,

5 [c] Take ye from amongſt you an offering unto the LORD: [d] whoſoever *is* of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and ſilver, and braſs,

6 And blue, and purple, and ſcarlet, and fine linen, and goats *hair*,

7 And rams skins died red, and badgers skins, and ſhittim-wood,

8 And oyl for the light, and ſpices for anointing oyl and for the ſweet incenſe,

9 And onyx-ſtones, and ſtones to be ſet, for the ephod, and for the breaſt-plate.

10 And [e] every wiſe-hearted among you ſhall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

11 [f] The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his ſockets,

12 The ark and the ſtaves thereof, *with* the mercy-ſeat, and the veil of the covering,

13 The table and his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, and the ſhew-bread,

14 The candleſtick alſo for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oyl for the light,

15 [g] And the incenſe-altar and his ſtaves,

and the anointing oyl, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entring-in of the tabernacle,

16 [h] The altar of burnt-offering with his brasen grate, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

17 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court,

18 The pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords,

19 The clothes of service to do service in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons to minister in the priests office.

20 ¶ And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORDS offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

22 And they came both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and ear-rings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, *offered* an offering of gold unto the LORD.

23 And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers skins, brought *them*.

24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass, brought the LORDS offering: and every man with whom was found shittim-wood for any work of the service, brought *it*.

25 And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen.

26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats *hair*.

27 And the rulers brought onyx-stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breast-plate;

28 And [l] spice, & oyl for the light, and for the anointing oyl, & for the sweet incense.

29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

30 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, [k] the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

31 And he hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

33 And in the cutting of stones to set *them*, and in carving of wood to make any manner of cunning work.

34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.

35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart to work all manner of work of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 The offerings are delivered to the workmen. 4 The liberality of the people is restrained. 8 The curtains of cherubims. 14 The curtains of goats hair. 19 The coverings of skins. 20 The boards, with their sockets. 31 The bars. 35 The veil. 37 The hanging for the door.

THen wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it.

3 And they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the san-

[h] Chap. 27. 1.

[l] Chap. 30. 23.

[k] Chap. 31. 2.

sanctuary, to make it *withall*. And they brought yet unto him free-offerings every morning.

4 ¶ And all the wise men that wrought all the work of the sanctuary came every man from his work which they made;

5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more then enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 ¶ [a] And every wise-hearted man, among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims *of* cunning work made he them.

9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one cise.

10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another; and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain in the coupling of the second.

12 [b] Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.

13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches. So it became one tabernacle.

14 ¶ And he made curtains *of* goats *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains he made them.

15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one cise.

16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

19 And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams skins died red, and a covering *of* badgers skins above *that*.

20 ¶ And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim-wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, & the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another. Thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south-side, south-ward:

24 And fourty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle *which is* toward the north-corner he made twenty boards,

26 And their fourty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle west-ward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were † coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring. Thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, ‡ under every board two sockets.

31 ¶ And he made bars *of* shittim-wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 And

† Heb. twinned.

‡ Heb. two sockets, two sockets under one tenon. Chap. 25. 28. & 30. 5.

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

[d] Chap. 26. 31. 35 ¶ And he made [d] a veil *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim-*wood*, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks *were of* gold, and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

[e] Chap. 26. 36. 37 ¶ And he made an [e] hanging for the tabernacle-door, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, † of needle-work,

† Heb. the work of a needle-worker, or, embroiderer. 38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters, and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets *were of* brass.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 The ark. 6 The mercy-seat with cherubims. 10 The table, with his vessels. 17 The candlestick, with his lamps and instruments. 25 The altar of incense. 29 The anointing oyl, and sweet incense.

[a] Chap. 25. 10. AND Bezaleel made [a] the ark *of* shittim-wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it.

2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

4 And he made staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

[b] Chap. 25. 17. 6 ¶ And he made the [b] mercy-seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and an half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and an half the breadth thereof.

7 And he made two cherubims *of* gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-seat;

8 One cherub ‖ on the end on this side, and another cherub ‖ on the *other* end on that side: out of the mercy-seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

‖ Or, out of one piece, &c. ‖ Or, and so, &c.

9 And the cherubims spread out *their* wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy-seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy-seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

[c] Chap. 25. 23. 10 ¶ And he made [c] the table *of* shittim-wood: two cubits *was* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

[f] Chap. 30. 1. 11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

12 Also he made thereunto a border of an hand-breadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that *were* in the four feet thereof.

14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

15 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table.

[g] Chap. 30. 23, 35. 16 And he made the vessels which *were* upon the table, his [d] dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers ‖ to cover withall, *of* pure gold.

[d] Chap. 25. 29. ‖ Or, to pour out withal. [e] Chap. 25. 31.

17 ¶ And he made the [e] candlestick *of* pure gold: *of* beaten work made he the candlestick, his shaft and his branch, his bowls, his knops, & his flowers were of the same.

[h] Chap. 27. 1. 18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of ỹ candlestick out of the one side thereof, & three branches of ỹ candlestick out of the other side thereof.

19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

20 And

20 And in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops and his flowers;

21 And a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

22 Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it *was* one beaten work *of* pure gold.

23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuff-dishes *of* pure gold.

24 *Of* a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 ¶ [f] And he made the incense-altar *of* shittim-wood: the length of it *was* a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; *it was* four-square: and two cubits *was* the height of it. The horns thereof were of the same.

26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

28 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with gold.

29 ¶ And he made [g] the holy anointing oyl, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The altar of burnt-offering.* 8 *The laver of brass.* 9 *The court.* 21 *The sum of that the people offered.*

AND [a] he made the altar of burnt-offering *of* shittim-wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; *it was* four-square: and three cubits the height thereof.

2 And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.

3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, *and* the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans: all the vessels thereof made he *of* brass.

4 And he made for the altar a brasen grate of net-work under the compass thereof, beneath unto the midst of it.

5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves.

6 And he made the staves *of* shittim-wood, and overlaid them with brass.

7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withall, he made the altar hollow with boards.

8 ¶ And he made [b] the laver *of* brass, and the foot of it *of* brass, of the ‖ looking-glasses of *the women* † assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

9 ¶ And he made [c] the court: on the south-side south-ward the hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen an hundred cubits.

10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty: the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets *were of* silver.

11 And for the north-side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits: their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, *of* silver.

12 And for the west-side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, *of* silver.

13 And for the east-side east-ward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court-gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about *were* of fine twined linen.

17 And the sockets for the pillars *were of* brass; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, *of* silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters *of* silver: and all the pillars of the court *were* filletted with silver.

18 And the hanging for the gate of the court *was* needle-work, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty

[b] Chap. 30. 18.
‖ Or, brasen glasses.
† Heb. assembling by troops. 1 Sam. 2. 22.
[c] Chap. 27. 9.

twenty cubits *was* the length, and the height in the breadth *was* five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.

19 And their pillars *were* four, and their sockets *of* brass four; their hooks *of* silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters, and their fillets, *of* silver.

[d] Chap. 27. 19. 20 And all the [d] pins of the tabernacle and of the court round about *were of* brass.

21 ¶ This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar son to Aaron the priest.

22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

23 And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was occupied for the work, in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, & seven hundred & thirty shekels, after [e] the shekel of the sanctuary.

[e] Chap. 30. 13.

25 And the silver of them that were numbred of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:

[f] Chap. 30. 15. † Heb. *a poll.*

26 [f] A bekah for † every man, *that is*, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbred from twenty years old and upward, for [g] six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty *men*.

[g] Num. 1. 46.

[h] Chap. 26. 19, 21, 25, 32.

27 And of the hundred talents of silver were cast [h] the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil, an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

29 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar,

31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 *The clothes of service, and holy garments.* 2 *The ephod.* 8 *The breast-plate.* 22 *The robe of the ephod.* 27 *The coats, mitre, and girdle of fine linen.* 30 *The plate of the holy crown.* 32 *All is viewed and approved by Moses.*

AND of the blue and purple and scarlet they made clothes of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and [a] made the holy garments for Aaron; [b] as the LORD commanded Moses.

[a] Chap. 31. 10. & 35. 19.

[b] Chap. 28. 4.

2 And he made the ephod, *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

3 And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wiers, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, & in the fine linen, *with* cunning work.

4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together.

5 And the curious girdle of his ephod that *was* upon it *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses.

6 ¶ [c] And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel.

[c] Chap. 28. 9.

7 And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a [d] memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.

[d] Chap. 28. 12.

8 ¶ And he made the breast plate *of* cunning work, like the work of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

9 It was four-square; they made the breast-plate double: a span *was* the length thereof, & a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled

10 And

Or, ruby.

10 And they set in it four rows of stones: *the first* row *was* a || sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this *was* the first row.

11 And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

12 And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

13 And the fourth row, a beryll, an onyx, and a jasper. *They were* inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings.

14 And the stones *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

15 And they made upon the breast-plate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

16 And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the breast-plate.

17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-plate.

18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastned in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, before it.

19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breast-plate upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward.

20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.

21 And they did bind the breast-plate by his rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* blue.

23 And *there was* a hole in the midst of the robe as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rent.

24 And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined *linen*.

25 And they made [c] bells *of* pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates, upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates;

26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate round about the hem of the robe to minister *in*; as the LORD commanded Moses.

27 ¶ And they made coats *of* fine linen, *of* woven work, for Aaron and for his sons,

28 And a mitre *of* fine linen, and goodly bonnets *of* fine linen, and [f] linen breeches *of* fine twined linen,

29 And a girdle *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, *of* needlework; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And they made the plate of the holy crown *of* pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, [g] HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

32 ¶ Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

33 ¶ And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of rams skins died red, and the covering of badgers skins, and the veil of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat,

36 The table, *and* all the vessels thereof, and the shew-bread,

37 The pure candlestick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oyl for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oyl, and † the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass,

10 Or, ruby.

c Chap. 28. 33.

f Chap. 28. 42.

g Chap. 29. 36.

† Heb. the incense of sweet spices.

braſs, his ſtaves, and all his veſſels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his ſockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the veſſels of the ſervice of the tabernacle for the tent of the congregation,

41 The clothes of ſervice to do ſervice in the holy *place*, and the holy garments for Aaron the prieſt, and his ſons garments to miniſter in the prieſts office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo the children of Iſrael made all the work.

43 And Moſes did look upon all the work, and behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even ſo had they done it: And Moſes bleſſed them.

CHAP. XL.

1 The tabernacle is commanded to be reared, 9 and anointed. 13 Aaron and his ſons to be ſanctified. 16 Moſes performeth all things accordingly. 34 A cloud covereth the tabernacle.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 On the firſt day of the firſt moneth ſhalt thou ſet up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

3 And thou ſhalt put therein the ark of the teſtimony, and cover the ark with the veil.

4 And [a] thou ſhalt bring in the table, and ſet in order † the things that are to be ſet in order upon it; and thou ſhalt bring in the candleſtick, & light the lamps thereof.

5 And thou ſhalt ſet the altar of gold for the incenſe before the ark of the teſtimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And thou ſhalt ſet the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

7 And [b] thou ſhalt ſet the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and ſhalt put water therein.

8 And thou ſhalt ſet up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate.

9 And thou ſhalt take the anointing oyl, and [c] anoint the tabernacle and all that *is* therein, and ſhalt hallow it, and all the veſſels thereof: and it ſhall be holy.

10 And thou ſhalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his veſſels, and ſanctifie the altar: and [d] it ſhall be an altar † moſt holy.

11 And thou ſhalt anoint the laver and his foot, and ſanctifie it.

12 And thou ſhalt bring Aaron and his ſons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and waſh them with water.

13 And thou ſhalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and ſanctifie him; that he may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office.

14 And thou ſhalt bring his ſons, and clothe them with coats:

15 And thou ſhalt anoint them, as thou didſt anoint their father, that they may miniſter unto me in the prieſts office: for their anointing ſhall ſurely be an everlaſting prieſthood throughout their generations.

16 Thus did Moſes: according to all that the LORD commanded him, ſo did he.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs, in the firſt moneth in the ſecond year, on the firſt *day* of the moneth, *that* the [e] tabernacle was reared up.

18 And Moſes reared up the tabernacle, and faſtned his ſockets, and ſet up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up his pillars.

19 And he ſpread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

20 ¶ And he took and put [f] the teſtimony into the ark, and ſet the ſtaves on the ark, and put the mercy-ſeat above upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and [g] ſet up the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the teſtimony; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

22 ¶ And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the ſide of the tabernacle north-ward, without the veil:

23 And he ſet the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD had commanded Moſes.

24 ¶ And

[a] Chap. 26. 35. † heb. the order thereof

[b] Chap. 30. 18.

[c] Chap. 30. 26.

[d] Chap. 29. 37. † Heb. holineſs of holineſſes.

[e] Num. 7. 1.

[f] Chap. 25. 16.

[g] Chap. 25. 21.

24 ¶ And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward:

25 And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

26 ¶ And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation, before the veil:

27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded Moses.

28 ¶ And he set up the hanging, at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt-offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering; as the [h] LORD commanded Moses.

30 ¶ And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *withall:*

31 And Moses, and Aaron and his sons, washed their hands and their feet thereat:

32 When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed, [i] as the LORD commanded Moses.

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court-gate. So Moses finished the work.

34 ¶ [k] Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel † went onward in all their journeys:

37 But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not, till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of the LORD *was* upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

[h] Chap. 30. 9.

[i] Chap. 30. 19.

[k] Lev. 16. 2. Num. 9. 15. 1 Kings 8. 10. Isa. 6. 4. Rev. 15. 8.

† Heb. *journeyed.*

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CHAP. I.

1 *The burnt-offerings,* 3 *of the herd,* 10 *of the flocks,* 14 *of the fowls.*

AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [a] If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattel, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

3 If his offering *be* a burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

4 [b] And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering: and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

5 And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall bring ỹ bloud, & sprinkle the bloud round about upon the altar that *is* by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces.

7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire.

8 And the priests Aarons sons shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

9 But his inwards & his legs shall he wash in water: & the priest shall burn all on the altar, *to be* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 ¶ And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely* of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish.

[a] Chap. 22. 18.

[b] Exod. 29. 10, 15. Chap. 4. 15.

11 And

11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar north-ward before the LORD: and the priests Aarons sons shall sprinkle his bloud round about upon the altar.

12 And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar.

13 But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar. It *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 ¶ And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of [c] turtle doves, or of young pigeons.

15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and ‖ wring off his head, and burn *it* on the altar: and the bloud thereof shall be wrung out at the side of the altar.

16 And he shall pluck away his crop with ‖ his feathers, & cast it beside the altar on the east-part, by the place of the ashes.

17 And he shall cleave it, with the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide *it* asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire. It *is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

[c] Chap. 5. 7.

‖ Or, pinch off the head with the nail.

‖ Or, the filth thereof.

CHAP. II.

1 *The meat-offering of flour with oyl and incense,* 4 *either baken in the oven,* 5 *or on a plate,* 7 *or in a frying-pan;* 12 *or of the first-fruits in the ear.* 13 *The salt of the meat-offering.*

AND when any will offer a meat-offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour oyl upon it, and put frankincense thereon.

2 And he shall bring it to Aarons sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handfull of the flour thereof, and of the oyl thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be* an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

3 And [a] the remnant of the meat-offering *shall be* Aarons and his sons. [b] *It is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

[a] Chap. 7. 6. Ecclus 7. 31. [b] Num. 18. 9.

4 ¶ And if thou bring an oblation of a meat-offering baken in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oyl, or unleavened wafers anointed with oyl.

5 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering *baken* ‖ in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened, mingled with oyl.

6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oyl thereon. It *is* a meat-offering.

7 ¶ And if thy oblation *be* a meat-offering *baken* in the frying-pan, it shall be made *of* fine flour with oyl.

8 And thou shalt bring the meat-offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar.

9 And the priest shall take from the meat-offering [c] a memorial thereof, and shall burn *it* upon the altar. *It is* an [d] offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 And that which is left of the meat-offering *shall be* Aarons and his sons: *It is* a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

11 No meat-offering which ye shall bring unto the LORD shall be made with [e] leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

12 ¶ As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto the LORD: but they shall not † be burnt on the altar for a sweet savour.

13 And every oblation of thy meat-offering [f] shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of thy first-fruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat-offering of thy first-fruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even* corn beaten out of full ears.

15 And thou shalt put oyl upon it, and lay frankincense thereon. It *is* a meat-offering.

16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof,

‖ Or, made off with the fowl, and cast the feathers.

of, and *part* of the oyl thereof, with all the frankincense thereof. *It is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 *The peace-offering of the herd: 6 of the flock; 7 either a lamb, 12 or a goat.*

AND if his oblation *be* a [a] sacrifice of peace offering, if he offer *it* of the herd, whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD.

2 And [b] he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons sons the priests shall sprinkle the bloud upon the altar round about.

3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; [c] the ‖ fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards:

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the ‖ caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And Aarons sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire. *It is* an offering made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

6 ¶ And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the LORD be *of* the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish.

7 If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD.

8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aarons sons shall sprinkle the bloud thereof round about upon the altar.

9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD: the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards:

10 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar. *It is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

12 ¶ And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD.

13 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the bloud thereof upon the altar round about.

14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards:

15 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar. *It is* the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savour. [d] All the fat *is* the LORDS.

17 *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor [e] bloud.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The sin-offering of ignorance, 3 for the priest, 13 for the congregation, 22 for the ruler, 27 for any of the people.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [a] If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

3 If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin which he hath sinned, [b] a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.

4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD, and shall lay his hand upon the bullocks head, and kill the bullock before the LORD.

5 And the priest that is anointed shall take

[a] Chap. 7.11. 23. & 22. 18.21.

[b] Exod. 29.10, 15.

[c] Exod. 29.13, 22. Or, fats.

‖ Or, midriff over the inwards, and over the kidneys.

[d] Chap. 23, 25. [e] Gen. 9.4. Chap. 7. 23, 26. & 17.10.14. Deut. 12.16. 1 Sam. 14.33. Ezek. 44.7.

[a] Num. 15.22.

[b] Chap. 9.2.

take of the bullocks bloud, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation.

6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the bloud, and sprinkle of the bloud seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary.

7 And the priest shall put *some* of the bloud upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour [c] all the bloud of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards:

9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away,

10 [d] As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering.

11 [e] And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung,

12 Even the whole bullock, shall he carry forth † without the camp unto a clean place, [f] where the ashes are poured out, and [g] burn him on the wood with fire: † where the ashes are poured out, shall he be burnt.

13 ¶ And [h] if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, [i] and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the LORD, *concerning things* which should not be done, and are guilty;

14 When the sin which they have sinned against it is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.

16 And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullocks bloud to the tabernacle of the congregation.

17 And the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the bloud, & sprinkle *it* seven times before the LORD, *even* before the veil.

18 And he shall put *some* of the bloud upon the horns of the altar which *is* before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the bloud at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which *is* at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

19 And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* upon the altar.

20 And he shall do with the bullock as he did [k] with the bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this. And the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock. It *is* a sin-offering for the congregation.

22 ¶ When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God, *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty;

23 Or if his sin wherein he hath sinned come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.

24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD. It *is* a sin-offering.

25 And the priest shall take of the bloud of the sin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out his bloud at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering.

26 And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as [l] the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings. And the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

27 ¶ And [m] if † any one of the † common people sin through ignorance, while he doth *somewhat against* any of [ŷ] commandments

[c] Chap. 5. 9.
[d] Chap. 3. 3.
[e] Exod. 29. 14. Num. 19. 5.
† Heb. & without the camp.
[f] Chap. 6. 11.
[g] Heb. 13. 11.
† Heb. at the pouring out of the ashes.
[h] Num. 15. 24.
[i] Chap. 5. 2, 3, 4.
[k] Chap. 8. 14.
[l] Chap. 3. 5.
[m] Num. 15. 27.
† Heb. any one.
† Heb. people of the land.

ments of the LORD, *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

28 Or if his sin which he hath sinned come to his knowledge; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.

29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering.

30 And the priest shall take of the bloud thereof with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the bloud thereof at the bottom of the altar.

31 And [n] he shall take away all the fat thereof, [o] as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon the altar for a [p] sweet savour unto the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

32 And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.

33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.

34 And the priest shall take of the bloud of the sin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the bloud thereof at the bottom of the altar.

35 And he shall take away all ŷ fat thereof, as the fat of ŷ lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace-offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAP. V.

1 *He that sinneth in concealing his knowledge, 2 in touching an unclean thing, 4 or in making an oath; 6 his trespass-offering, of the flock, 7 of fowls, 11 or of flour. 14 The trespass-offering in sacrilege, 17 and in sins of ignorance.*

AND if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and *is* a witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it*; if he do not utter *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity.

2 Or [a] if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether *it be* a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattel, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and *if* it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.

3 Or if he touch [b] the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness *it be* that a man shall be defiled withall, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty.

4 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

5 And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, that he shall [c] confess that he hath sinned in that *thing*:

6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

7 And [d] if † he be not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass which he hath committed two turtle-doves or two young pigeons unto the LORD, one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.

8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for the sin-offering first, and [e] wring off his head from his neck, but shall not divide *it* asunder.

9 And he shall sprinkle of the bloud of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the bloud shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar. It *is* a sin-offering.

10 And he shall offer the second *for a* burnt-offering according to the ‖ [f] manner. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he had sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

11 ¶ But if he be not able to bring two

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[n] Chap. 3. 14.
[o] Chap. 3. 3.
[p] Gen. 8. 21.

[a] Chap. 11. 24, 28, 31, 39.
[b] Chap. 12. 2. 15, & 15.
[c] Num. 5. 7.
[d] Chap. 14. 21.
† Heb. his hand cannot reach to the sufficiency of a lamb.
[e] Chap. 1. 15.
‖ Or, ordinance.
[f] Chap. 6. 14.

turtle-doves, or two young pigeons; then he that ſinned ſhall bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a ſin-offering. He ſhall put no oyl upon it, neither ſhall he put *any* frankincenſe thereon: for it *is* a ſin-offering.

12 Then ſhall he bring it to the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall take his handfull of it, [e] *even* a memorial thereof, and burn *it* on the altar, [b] according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD. It *is* a ſin-offering.

13 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him as touching his ſin that he hath ſinned in one of theſe, and it ſhall be forgiven him. And *the remnant* ſhall be the prieſts, as a meat-offering.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

15 [i] If a ſoul commit a treſpaſs, and ſin through ignorance, in the holy things of the LORD; then he ſhall bring for his treſpaſs unto the LORD a ram without blemiſh out of the flocks, with thy eſtimation by ſhekels of ſilver, after [k] the ſhekel of the ſanctuary, for a treſpaſs-offering.

16 And he ſhall make amends for the harm that he hath done in the holy thing, and [l] ſhall add the fifth part thereto, & give it unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him with the ram of the treſpaſs-offering, & it ſhall be forgiven him.

17 ¶ And if a [m] ſoul ſin, and commit any of theſe things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wiſt *it* not, yet is he guilty, and ſhall bear his iniquity.

18 And he ſhall bring a ram without blemiſh out of the flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering, unto the prieſt: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred & wiſt *it* not, & it ſhall be forgiven him.

19 It *is* a treſpaſs-offering: he hath certainly treſpaſſed againſt the LORD.

CHAP VI.

1 *The treſpaſs-offering for ſins done wittingly.* 8 *The law of the burnt-offering,* 14 *and of the meat-offering.* 19 *The offering at the conſecration of a prieſt.* 24 *The law of the ſin-offering.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 If a ſoul ſin, and commit a treſpaſs againſt the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in ‖ † fellowſhip, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was loſt, and lieth concering it, and [a] ſweareth falſly; in any of all theſe that a man doeth, ſinning therein:

4 Then it ſhall be, becauſe he hath ſinned and is guilty, that he ſhall reſtore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the loſt thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath ſworn falſly; he ſhall even [b] reſtore it in the principal, and ſhall add the fifth part more thereto, *and* give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, ‖ † in the day of his treſpaſs-offering.

6 And he ſhall bring his treſpaſs-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemiſh out of the [c] flock, with thy eſtimation, for a treſpaſs-offering, unto the prieſt.

7 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for him, before the LORD: and it ſhall be forgiven him, for any thing of all that he hath done, in treſpaſſing therein.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

9 Command Aaron and his ſons, ſaying, This *is* the law of the burnt-offering: It *is* the burnt-offering, ‖ becauſe of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, & the fire of the altar ſhall be burning in it.

10 [d] And the prieſt ſhall put on his linen garment, & his linen breeches ſhall he put upon his fleſh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath conſumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he ſhall put them [e] beſides the altar.

11 And he ſhall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the aſhes without the camp [f] unto a clean place.

12 And the fire upon the altar ſhall be burning in it; it ſhall not be put out: and the prieſt ſhall burn wood on it every morning,

[e] Chap. 2. 2.
[b] Chap. 4. 35.
[i] Chap. 22. 14.
[k] Exod. 30. 13.
[l] Chap. 22. 14. & 27. 13, 15, 27. Numb. 5. 7.
[m] Chap. 4. 2.
[a] Chap. 5. 1, 3, 4.
[b] Chap. 5. 1. Numb. 5. 6, 7.
[c] Chap. 1. 2, 3, 10.
[d] Exod. 28. 40, 42.
[e] Chap. 1. 16. & 4. 12.
[f] Chap. 4. 12.

ing, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and he shall burn thereon [g] the fat of the peace-offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar: it shall never go out.

14 ¶ [h] And this *is* the law of the meat-offering. The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it his handfull, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oyl thereof, and all the frankincense which *is* upon the meat-offering, and shall burn *it* upon the altar *for* a sweet savour, *even* the [i] memorial of it, unto the LORD.

16 And [k] the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; [l] in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baked with leaven. [m] I have given it *unto them for* their portion of my offerings made by fire. [n] It *is* most holy, as *is* the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire. [o] Every one ẏ toucheth them shall be holy.

19 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

20 [p] This *is* the offering of Aaron, and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an [q] ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oyl; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat-offering shalt thou offer *for* a sweet savour unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons [r] that is anointed in his stead shall offer it. *It is* a statute for ever unto the LORD; [s] it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat-offering for ẏ priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, [t] This *is* the law of the sin-offering: [u] In the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before the LORD: [x] it *is* most holy.

26 [h] The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the bloud thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden [z] shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it *is* most holy.

30 [a] And no sin-offering whereof *any* of the bloud is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withall* in the holy *place*, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

CHAP. VII.

1 The law of the trespass-offering, 11 and of the peace-offerings, 12 whether it be for a thanksgiving, 16 or a vow, or a free-will-offering. 22 The fat 26 and the bloud are forbidden. 28 The priests portion in the peace-offerings.

LIkewise [a] this *is* the law of the trespass-offering: [b] it *is* most holy.

2 [c] In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trespass-offering: and the bloud thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it [d] all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul *that is* above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away.

5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar *for* an offering made by fire unto the LORD. It *is* a trespass-offering.

6 [e] Every male among the priests shall eat thereof; it shall be eaten in the holy place: it *is* most holy.

7 As the sin-offering *is*, so *is* [f] the tres-

[g] Chap. 3. 3, 9, 14.
[h] Chap. 1. Numb. 15. 4.
[i] Chap. 2. 2, 9. [k] Chap. 6. 3.
[l] Chap. 10. 13.
[m] Numb. 18. 8, 10.
[n] Chap. 6. 3.
[o] Exod. 29. 37. Chap. 22. 4, 5, 6.
[p] Exod. 29. 2.
[q] Exod. 16. 36.
[r] Chap. 4. 3.
[s] Exod. 29. 35.
[t] Chap. 4. 2.
[u] Chap. 1. 3, 5, 11. & 4. 24, 29, 33.
[x] Chap. 21. 22.
[y] Numb. 8. 9.
[z] Chap. 11. 33.
[a] Hebr. 13. 11.
[a] Chap. 5, & 6.
[b] Chap. 21. 22.
[c] Chap. 1. 3, 5, 11. & 4. 24, 29, 33.
[d] Exod. 29. 13. Chap. 3. 4, 10. & 4. 8, 9.
[e] Numb. 18. 9, 10.
[f] Chap. 6. 26.

paſs-offering: *there is* one law for them: the prieſt that maketh atonement therewith ſhall have *it*.

8 And the prieſt that offereth any mans burnt-offering, *even* the prieſt, ſhall have to himſelf the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered.

9 And [e] all the meat-offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dreſſed in the frying-pan, and || in the pan, ſhall be the prieſts that offereth it.

10 And every meat-offering mingled with oyl, and dry, ſhall all the ſons of Aaron have, one *as much* as another.

11 And [h] this *is* the law of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings, which he ſhall offer unto the LORD.

12 If he offer it for a thankſgiving, then he ſhall offer with the ſacrifice of thankſgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oyl, and unleavened wafers anointed with oyl, and cakes mingled with oyl, of fine flour, fryed.

13 Beſides the cakes, he ſhall offer *for* his offering leavened bread, with the ſacrifice of thankſgiving of his peace-offerings.

14 And of it he ſhall offer one out of the whole oblation *for* an heave-offering unto the LORD, *and* it ſhall be the prieſts that ſprinkleth ỹ bloud of the peace-offerings.

15 And the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings for thankſgiving ſhall be eaten the ſame day that it is offered: he ſhall not leave any of it until the morning.

16 But [i] if the ſacrifice of his offering *be* a vow, or a voluntary offering, it ſhall be eaten the ſame day that he offereth his ſacrifice: and on the morrow alſo the remainder of it ſhall be eaten.

17 But the remainder of the fleſh of the ſacrifice on the third day ſhall be burnt with fire.

18 And if *any* of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it ſhall not be accepted, neither ſhall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it ſhall be an abomination, and the ſoul that eateth of it ſhall bear his iniquity.

19 And the fleſh that toucheth any unclean *thing* ſhall not be eaten; it ſhall be burnt with fire: and as for the fleſh, all that be clean ſhall eat thereof.

20 But the ſoul that eateth *of* the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings that *pertain* unto the LORD, [k] having his uncleanneſs upon him, even that ſoul [l] ſhall be cut off from his people.

21 Moreover, the ſoul that ſhall touch any unclean *thing*, *as* [m] the uncleanneſs of man, or *any* [n] unclean beaſt, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the fleſh of the ſacrifice of peace-offerings which *pertain* unto the LORD, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

22 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

23 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, [o] Ye ſhall eat no manner fat, of ox, or of ſheep, or of goat.

24 And the fat of the † beaſt that dieth of it ſelf, and the fat of that which is torn with beaſts, may be uſed in any other uſe: but ye ſhall in no wiſe eat of it.

25 For whoſoever eateth the fat of the beaſt of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the ſoul that eateth *it* ſhall be cut off from his people.

26 [p] Moreover, ye ſhall eat no manner of bloud, *whether it be* of fowl or of beaſt, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whatſoever ſoul *it be* that eateth any manner of bloud, even that ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people.

28 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

29 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, He that offereth the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings unto the LORD, ſhall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the ſacrifice of his peace-offerings.

30 [q] His own hands ſhall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breaſt, it ſhall he bring, that [r] the breaſt may be waved *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

31 And the prieſt ſhall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breaſt ſhall be Aarons and his ſons.

32 And the right ſhoulder ſhall ye give unto

[e] Chap. 2. 10.
|| Or, on the flat plate, or pan.
[h] Chap. 3. 1. & 22. 18, 21.
[i] Chap. 19. 7, 8.
[k] Chap. 5. 3. [l] Gen. 17. 14.
[m] Chap. 11. 24. & 15. 2. [n] Chap. 11. 2. & 20. 25.
[o] Chap. 3. 17.
† Heb. torah.
[p] Gen. 9. 4. Chap. 17. 10, 14.
[q] Exod. 29. 28. Chap. 10. 14. Numb. 18. 18. Deut. 18. 3.
[r] Exod. 29. 1. [s] Exod. 28. 3, 4. [t] Exod. 30. 24.

unto the priest *for* an heave-offering of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron that offereth the bloud of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part.

34 For [f] the wave-breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, & have given them unto Aaron the priest, and unto his sons, by a statute for ever, from among ỹ children of Israel.

35 ¶ This *is the portion* of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day *when* he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priests office:

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, [g] in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This *is* the law of the burnt-offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings;

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Moses consecrateth Aaron and his sons.* 14 *Their sin-offering.* 18 *Their burnt-offering.* 22 *The ram of consecrations.* 31 *The place and time of their consecration.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Take Aaron & his sons with him, and [b] the garments, and [c] the anointing oyl, and a bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.

3 And gather thou all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

5 And Moses said unto the congregation, [d] This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water.

7 And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him therewith.

8 And he put the breast-plate upon him: also he [e] put in the breast-plate the Urim and Thummim.

9 And he put the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his forefront, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD [f] commanded Moses.

10 [g] And Moses took the anointing oyl, and anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* therein, and sanctified them.

11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar, and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctifie them.

12 And he [h] poured of the anointing oyl upon Aarons head, and anointed him to sanctifie him.

13 [i] And Moses brought Aarons sons, and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and † put bonnets upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses.

14 [k] And he brought the bullock for the sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin-offering.

15 And he slew *it*, and Moses took the bloud, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and [l] purified the altar, and poured the bloud at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it.

16 And he took all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned *it* upon the altar.

17 But the bullock and his hide, his flesh & his dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD [m] commanded Moses.

18 ¶ [n] And

[f] Exod. 29. 28. Chap. 10. 14. Numb. 18. 18. Deut. 18. 3.

[g] Exod. 40. 13, 15. Chap. 9. 12, 30.

[a] Exod. 29. 1.

[b] Exod. 28. 2, 4.

[c] Exod. 30. 24.

[d] Exod. 29. 4.

[e] Exod. 28. 30.

[f] Exod. 28. 37, &c.

[g] Exod. 30. 26.

[h] Exod. 29. 7. & 30. 30. Psal. 133. 2. Ecclus 45. 15.

[i] Exod. 29. 8. † Heb. *bound.*

[k] Exod. 29. 10.

[l] Exod. 29. 36.

[m] Exod. 29. 14.

18 ¶ [a] And he brought the ram for the burnt-offering; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

19 And he killed *it*, and Moses sprinkled the bloud upon the altar round about.

20 And he cut the ram into pieces, and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat.

21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar. It *was* a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savour, *and* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; [o] as the LORD commanded Moses.

22 ¶ And [p] he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.

23 And he slew *it*, and Moses took of the bloud of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aarons right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

24 And he brought Aarons sons, and Moses put of the bloud upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the bloud upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, & the right shoulder.

26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread that *was* before the LORD he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oyled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder.

27 And he put all [q] upon Aarons hands, and upon his sons hands, and waved them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savour: it *is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: *for* of the ram of consecration it was Moses [r] part; as the LORD commanded Moses.

30 And [s] Moses took of the anointing oyl, and of the bloud which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons garments with him.

31 ¶ And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boyl the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and there [t] eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his son, shall eat it.

32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* seven days, untill the days of your consecration be at an end: for [u] seven days shall he consecrate you.

34 As he hath done this day, *so* the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you.

35 Therefore shall ye abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. IX.

1 The first offerings of Aaron for himself and the people. 8 The sin-offering, 12 and the burnt-offering for himself. 15 The offerings for the people. 23 Moses and Aaron bless the people. 24 Fire cometh from the Lord upon the altar.

AND it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel;

2 And he said unto Aaron, [a] Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD.

3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, [b] Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin-offering; and a calf, and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering;

4 Also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings,

offerings, to ſacrifice before the LORD;
and a meat-offering mingled with oyl: for
c to day the LORD will appear unto you.

c Verſe 23.

5 ¶ And they brought *that* which Moſes commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and ſtood before the LORD.

6 And Moſes ſaid, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye ſhould do: and the glory of the LORD ſhall appear unto you.

7 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and d offer thy ſin-offering, & thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thy ſelf and for the people: and offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

d Hebr. 5. 3.

8 ¶ Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and ſlew the calf of the ſin-offering which *was* for himſelf.

9 And the ſons of Aaron brought the bloud unto him: and he dipt his finger in the bloud, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the bloud at the bottom of the altar.

10 But the fat and the kidneys and the caul *above* the liver of the ſin-offering he burnt upon the altar; e as the LORD commanded Moſes.

e Chap. 4. 8.

11 f And the fleſh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp.

f Chap. 4. 11.

12 And he ſlew the burnt-offering; and Aarons ſons preſented unto him the bloud, which he ſprinkled round about upon the altar.

13 And they preſented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar.

14 And he did waſh the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 ¶ And he brought the peoples offering, and took the goat which *was* the ſin-offering for the people, and ſlew it, and offered it for ſin, as the firſt.

g Chap. 1. 1, 10. ‖ Or, ordinance. h Chap. 2. 1, 2. † Heb. filled his hand out of it. i Exod. 29. 38.

16 And he h brought the burnt-offering, and offered it g according to the ‖ manner.

17 And he brought h the meat-offering, and † took an handfull thereof, and burnt *it* upon the altar, i beſide the burnt-ſacrifice of the morning.

18 He ſlew alſo the bullock & the ram, *for* k a ſacrifice of peace-offerings which *was* for the people: and Aarons ſons preſented unto him the bloud, which he ſprinkled upon the altar round about;

k Chap. 3. 1.

19 And the fat of the bullock, and of the ram the rump, and that which covereth *the inwards*, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver:

20 And they put the fat upon ỹ breaſts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar:

21 And the breaſts and the right ſhoulder Aaron waved l *for* a wave-offering before the LORD; as Moſes commanded.

l Exod. 29. 24, 28.

22 And Aaron lift up his hand towards the people, and m bleſſed them; and came down from offering of the ſin offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings.

m Num. 6. 23.

23 And Moſes and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and bleſſed the people. And the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people.

24 And n there came a fire out from before the LORD, and conſumed upon the altar the burnt-offering, and the fat. *Which* when all the people ſaw, they ſhouted, and fell on their faces.

n Gen. 4. 4. 1 King. 18. 38. 2 Chro. 7. 1. 2 Mac. 2. 10, 11.

CHAP. X.

1 Nadab and Abihu, for offering of ſtrange fire, are burnt by fire. 6 Aaron and his ſons are forbidden to mourn for them. 8 The prieſts are forbidden wine when they are to go into the tabernacle. 12 The law of eating the holy things. 16 Aarons excuſe for tranſgreſſing thereof.

AND a Nadab and Abihu, the ſons of Aaron, took either of them his cenſer, and put fire therein, and put incenſe thereon, and offered ſtrange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

a Num. 3. 4 & 26. 61. 1 Chro. 24. 2.

2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD ſpake, ſaying, I will be ſanctified in them b that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

b Exod. 19. 22.

4 And Moſes called Miſhael & Elzaphan, the ſons of c Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, & ſaid unto them, Come near, carry your

c Exod. 6. 18. Num. 3. 19.

brethren from before the ſanctuary out of the camp.

5 So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moſes had ſaid.

6 And Moſes ſaid unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his ſons, [d] Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; leſt you die, and leſt wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole houſe of Iſrael, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled.

7 And ye ſhall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, leſt you die: for the anointing oyl of the LORD *is* upon you. And they did according to the word of Moſes.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Aaron, ſaying,

9 [e] Do not drink wine nor ſtrong drink, thou, nor thy ſons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation; leſt ye die: *It ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations:

10 And that ye may [f] put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;

11 And that ye may teach the children of Iſrael all the ſtatutes which the LORD hath ſpoken unto them by the hand of Moſes.

12 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his ſons that were left, Take [g] ỹ meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beſide the altar: for [h] it *is* moſt holy.

13 And ye ſhall eat it in the holy place, becauſe it *is* thy due and thy ſons due of the ſacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for [i] ſo I am commanded.

14 And [k] the wave-breaſt and heave-ſhoulder ſhall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy ſons, and thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy ſons due, *which* are given out of the ſacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Iſrael.

15 [l] The heave-ſhoulder and the wave-breaſt ſhall they bring, with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave *it for a* wave-offering before the LORD; & it ſhall be thine, & thy ſons with thee, by a ſtatute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

16 ¶ And Moſes diligently ſought [m] the goat of the ſin-offering, and behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the ſons of Aaron, *which were* left *alive*, ſaying,

17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the ſin-offering in the holy place, ſeeing it *is* moſt holy, and *God* hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD?

18 Behold, the bloud of it was not brought in within the holy *place*: ye ſhould indeed have eaten it in the holy *place*, [n] as I commanded.

19 And Aaron ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, this day have they offered their ſin-offering and their burnt-offering before the LORD; and ſuch things have befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the ſin-offering to day, ſhould it have been accepted in the ſight of the LORD?

20 And when Moſes heard *that*, he was content.

CHAP. XI.

1 What beaſts may, 4 and what may not be eaten. 9 What fiſhes. 13 What fowls. 29 The creeping things which are unclean.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and to Aaron, ſaying unto them,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, [a] Theſe *are* ỹ beaſts which ye ſhall eat among all the beaſts that *are* on the earth.

3 Whatſoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, *and* cheweth the cud among the beaſts, that ſhall ye eat.

4 Nevertheleſs, theſe ſhall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the Camel, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

5 And the Cony, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

6 And the Hare, becauſe he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you.

7 And [b] the Swine, though he divide the hoof,

[d] Chap. 13. 45. & 21. 1, 10 Num. 6. 6. Deut. 33. 9. Ezek. 24. 16.

[e] Ezek. 44. 21. 1 Tim. 3. 3.

[f] Jer. 15. 19. Ezek. 22. 26. & 44. 23.

[g] Exod. 29. 2. Chap. 8. 2.

[h] Chap. 21. 22.

[i] Chap. 2. 3. & 6. 16.

[k] Exod. 29. 24. Chap. 7. 31, 34.

[l] Chap. 7. 29, 30.

[m] Chap. 9. 3.

[n] Chap. 6. 26.

[a] Deut. 14. 4. Acts 10. 12, 14.

[b] 2 Mac. 6. 18. 7. 1.

hoof, and be cloven-footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; [c] he *is* unclean to you.

8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch: [d] they *are* unclean to you.

9 ¶ These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat.

10 And all that have not fins nor scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing, which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination unto you.

11 They shall be even an abomination unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, but you shall have their carcases in abomination.

12 Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that *shall be* an abomination unto you.

13 ¶ And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten; they *are* an abomination: the Eagle, and the Ossifrage, and the Ospray,

14 And the Vulture, and the Kite after his kind;

15 Every Raven after his kind;

16 And the Owl, and the Night-hawk, & the Cuckow, & the Hauk after his kind,

17 And the little Owl, and the Cormorant, and the great Owl,

18 And the Swan, and the Pelecane, and the gier-Eagle,

19 And the Stork, the Heron after her kind, and the Lapwing, and the Bat.

20 All fowls that creep, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomination unto you.

21 Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withall upon the earth;

22 *Even* these of them ye may eat; [e] the Locust after his kind, & the Bald-locust after his kind, and the Beetle after his kind, and the Grashopper after his kind.

23 But all *other* flying creeping things which have four feet *shall be* an abomination unto you.

24 And for these ye shall be unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean untill the even.

25 And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean untill the even.

26 *The carcases* of every beast which divideth the hoof, and *is* not cloven-footed, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean.

27 And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of beasts that go on *all* four, those *are* unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean untill the even.

28 And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean untill the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

29 ¶ These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the Weasel, and [f] the Mouse, and the Tortoise after his kind,

30 And the Ferret, and the Chameleon, and the Lizard, and ỹ Snail, and the Mole.

31 These *are* unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them when they be dead shall be unclean untill the even.

32 And upon whatsoever *any* of them when they are dead doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel *it be* wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean untill the even; so it shall be cleansed.

33 And every earthen vessel whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and [g] ye shall break it.

34 Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean.

35 And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for* they *are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you.

36 Never-

[c] Isa. 65. 4. & 66. 3, 17.
[d] See Acts 10. 14, 15. & 15. 29. Rom. 14. 14, 17. 1 Cor. 8. 8. Col. 2. 21.
[e] Chap. 9. 3.
[f] Chap. 26. 5.
[f] Isa. 66. 17.
[g] Chap. 6. 28.
[h] Deut. 14. 4. Acts 10. 12, 14.
[i] Mat. 3. 4. Mark 1. 6.
[k] 1 Mat. 6. 18. & 7. 1.

† Heb. a gathering together of waters.

36 Nevertheleſs, a fountain or pit † *wherein there is* plenty of water ſhall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcaſe ſhall be unclean.

37 And if *any part* of their carcaſe fall upon any ſowing-ſeed which is to be ſown, it *ſhall be* clean.

38 But if *any* water be put upon the ſeed, and *any part* of their carcaſe fall thereon, it *ſhall be* unclean unto you.

39 And if any beaſt of which ye may eat die, he that toucheth the carcaſe thereof ſhall be unclean untill the even.

[b] Chap. 17. 15. & 22. 8. Deut. 14. 21. Ezek. 4. 14. & 44. 31.

40 And [b] he that eateth of the carcaſe of it ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean untill the even: he alſo that beareth the carcaſe of it ſhall waſh his clothes, and be unclean untill the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth *ſhall be* an abomination: it ſhall not be eaten.

† Heb. doth multiply feet.

42 Whatſoever goeth upon the belly, and whatſoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatſoever † hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye ſhall not eat; for they *are* an abomination.

[i] Chap. 20. 25. † Heb. ſouls.

43 [i] Ye ſhall not make your † ſelves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither ſhall ye make your ſelves unclean with them, that ye ſhould be defiled thereby.

[k] Chap. 19. 2. & 20. 7. 1 Pet. 1. 15, 16.

44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye ſhall therefore ſanctifie your ſelves, and [k] ye ſhall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither ſhall ye defile your ſelves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

45 For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye ſhall therefore be holy; for I *am* holy.

46 This *is* the law of the beaſts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth;

47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beaſt that may be eaten and the beaſt that may not be eaten.

CHAP. XII.

1 The purification of a woman after child birth. 6 Her offerings for her purifying.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If a woman have conceived ſeed, and born a man-child: then [a] ſhe ſhall be unclean ſeven days, [b] according to the days of the ſeparation for her infirmity ſhall ſhe be unclean.

[a] Lev. 15. 19. Ch. 18. 19. [b] Ch. 15. 19.

3 And [c] in the eighth day the fleſh of his fore-ſkin ſhall be circumciſed.

[c] Gen. 17. 12. Luk. 2. 21. Joh. 7. 22.

4 And ſhe ſhall then continue in the bloud of her purifying three and thirty days: ſhe ſhall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the ſanctuary, untill the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

5 But if ſhe bear a maid-child, then ſhe ſhall be unclean two weeks, as in her ſeparation: and ſhe ſhall continue in the bloud of her purifying threeſcore and ſix days.

6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled for a ſon, or for a daughter; ſhe ſhall bring a lamb † of the firſt year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon or a turtle-dove for a ſin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the prieſt:

† Heb. a ſon of the firſt year.

7 Who ſhall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and ſhe ſhall be cleanſed from the iſſue of her bloud. This *is* the law for her that hath born a male or a female.

8 [d] And if † ſhe be not able to bring a lamb, then ſhe ſhall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons, the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a ſin-offering: and the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for her; and ſhe ſhall be clean.

[d] Chap. 5. 7. Luk. 2. 24. † Heb. her hand reach not enough for.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The laws and tokens whereby the prieſt is to be guided in diſcerning the leproſie.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes and Aaron, ſaying,

2 When a man ſhall have in the skin of his fleſh a ‖ riſing, a ſcab, or bright ſpot, and it be in the skin of his fleſh *like* the plague of leproſie; [a] then he ſhall be brought unto

† Heb. the ſwitching or ſtrung fleſh.

‖ Or, ſwelling. [a] Ch. 14. 2. Deut. 17. 8. Ch. 24. 8.

unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests.

3 And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *is* deeper then the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosie: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean.

4 If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper then the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days.

5 And the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more.

6 And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin; the priest shall pronounce him clean: it *is but* a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

7 But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again.

8 And *if* the priest see that behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosie.

9 ¶ When the plague of leprosie is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest:

10 And the priest shall see *him*: and behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* † quick raw flesh in the rising;

11 It *is* an old leprosie in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean.

12 And if a leprosie break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosie cover all the skin of *him that hath* the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh;

13 Then the priest shall consider: and behold, *if* the leprosie have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean.

14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.

15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* a leprosie.

16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white; he shall come unto the priest:

17 And the priest shall see him: and behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

18 ¶ The flesh also in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a bile, and is healed,

19 And in the place of the bile there be a white rising, or a bright spot white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shewed to the priest;

20 And if when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight lower then the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosie broken out of the bile.

21 But if the priest look on it, and behold, *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower then the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

22 And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague.

23 But if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning bile; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

24 ¶ Or if there be *any* flesh in the skin whereof *there is* † a hot burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white;

25 Then the priest shall look upon it: and behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be in* sight deeper then the skin; it *is* a leprosie broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosie.

26 But if the priest look on it, and behold,

† Heb. the quickliving of living flesh.

† Heb. a burning of fire.

hold, *there be* no white hair on the bright spot, and it *be* no lower then the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days.

27 And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosie.

28 And if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, & the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

29 ¶ If a man or woman hath a plague upon the head or the beard;

30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and behold, if it *be* in sight deeper then the skin, and *there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosie upon the head or beard.

31 And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and behold, it *be* not in sight deeper then the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days.

32 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper then the skin;

33 He shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave: and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more.

34 And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper then the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.

35 But if the scall spread much in the skin after his cleansing;

36 Then the priest shall look on him: and behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean.

37 But if the scall be in his sight at a stay, and *that* there is black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 ¶ If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots;

39 Then the priest shall look: and behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish white; it *is* a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin; he *is* clean.

40 And the man whose † hair is fallen off his head, he *is* bald; *yet is* he clean. † Heb. *head is pilled.*

41 And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he *is* forehead bald; *yet is* he clean.

42 And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore, it *is* a leprosie sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead.

43 Then the priest shall look upon it: and behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosie appeareth in the skin of the flesh;

44 He *is* a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean, his plague *is* in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. † Heb. *whether in the bald head in the bald thereof, or in the forehead thereof.*

46 All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone, ᵇ without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*. ᵇ Num. 5. 2. 12. 14. 2 King. 15. 5. 2 Chron. 26. 21.

47 ¶ The garment also that the plague of leprosie *is* in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment;

48 Whether *it be* in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any † thing made of skin: † Heb. *work.*

49 And if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any † thing of skin; it *is* a plague of leprosie, and shall be shewed unto the priest. † Heb. *of the garment, or of the skin, or of the warp, or of the woof, or of any thing of skin.*

50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *it that hath* the plague seven days.

51 And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the

the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, *or* in any work that is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting leprosie; it *is* unclean.

52 He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it *is* a fretting leprosie; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin;

54 Then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* wherein the plague *is*, and he shall shut it up seven days more.

55 And the priest shall look on the plague after that it is washed: and behold, *if* the plague have not changed his colour, and the plague be not spread; it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire: it *is* fret inward, †*whether* it *be* bare within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and behold, the plague *be* somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof.

57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it *is* a spreading *plague*: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague *is* with fire.

58 And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be*, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean.

59 This *is* the law of the plague of leprosie in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The rites and sacrifices in cleansing of the leper.* 33 *The signs of leprosie in an house.* 48 *The cleansing of that house.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He [a] shall be brought unto the priest:

3 And the priest shall go forth out of the camp: and the priest shall look, and behold, *if* the plague of leprosie be healed in the leper;

4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two ‖ birds alive *and* clean, and [b] cedar-wood, and [c] scarlet, and [d] hyssop.

5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water.

6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar-wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the bloud of the bird *that was* killed over the running water.

7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosie seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose † into the open field.

8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and [e] shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days.

9 But it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard & his eye-brows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ew-lamb † of the first year without blemish, and three tenth-deals of fine flour *for* [f] a meat-offering, mingled with oyl, and one log of oyl.

11 And the priest that maketh *him* clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

12 And the priest shall take one he-lamb, and [g] offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and [h] wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

13 And he shall slay the lamb [i] in the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and

‖ Or, sparrows.
[a] Numb. 19. 6.
[b] Heb. 9. 19.
[c] Psal. 51. 7.
† Heb. upon the face of the field.
[e] Numb. 12. 15.
† Heb. the daughter of her year.
[f] Chap. 2. 1.
[g] Chap. 4. 3.
[h] Exod. 29. 24. Levit. 8. 27. Chap. 23. 11. Ezra 6. 21.
[i] Chap. 4. 24.

and the burnt-offering, in the holy place:
k Chap. 7. 7. l Chap. 2. 3. & 21. 22.
for k as the sin-offering *is* the priests, *so is* the trespass offering: l it *is* most holy.

14 And the priest shall take *some* of the bloud of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put *it* m upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.
m Exod. 29. 20. Chap. 8. 23.

15 And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oyl, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand:

16 And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oyl that *is* in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oyl with his finger seven times before the LORD.

17 And of the rest of the oyl that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the bloud of the trespass-offering.

18 And the remnant of the oyl that *is* in the priests hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

n Chap. 5. 1.
19 And the priest shall offer n the sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering.

20 And the priest shall offer the burnt-offering and the meat-offering upon the altar. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

o Chap. 5. 7. † Heb. *his hand reach not.* ‡ Heb. *for a waving.*
21 And o if he *be* poor, and † cannot get so much; then he shall take one lamb *for* a trespass-offering ‡ to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth-deal of fine flour mingled with oyl for a meat-offering, and a log of oyl;

22 And two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering.

23 And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the LORD.

24 And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oyl, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD.

25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the bloud of the trespass-offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot.

26 And the priest shall pour of the oyl into the palm of his own left hand.

27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oyl that *is* in his left hand seven times before the LORD.

28 And the priest shall put of the oyl that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the bloud of the trespass-offering.

29 And the rest of the oyl that *is* in the priests hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD.

30 And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he can get;

31 *Even* such as he is able to get, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

32 This *is* the law *of him* in whom *is* the plague of leprosie, whose hand is not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

34 When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosie in a house of the land of your possession;

35 And he that oweth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it were a plague in the house:

36 Then the priest shall command that they

they || empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague; that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house.

|| Or, prepare.

37 And he shall look on the plague; and behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house with hollow strakes greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower then the wall;

38 Then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days.

39 And the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house;

40 Then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague *is*, and they shall cast them into an unclean place without the city.

41 And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place.

42 And they shall take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and he shall take other morter, and shall plaister the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house after that he hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plaistered;

44 Then the priest shall come and look; and behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting leprosie in the house: it *is* unclean.

45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the morter of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the city into an unclean place.

46 Moreover, he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean untill the even.

47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes: and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

† Heb. *in coming he shall come in, &c.*

48 And if the priest † shall come in, and look *upon it*, and behold, the plague hath not spread in the house after the house was plaistered: then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.

49 And [p] he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

[p] Ver. 4.

50 And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water.

51 And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the bloud of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times.

52 And he shall cleanse the house with the bloud of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet.

53 But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

54 This *is* the law for all manner plague of leprosie, and [q] scall,

[q] Chap. 13. 30.

55 And for the leprosie of a garment, and of an house,

56 And for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot:

† Heb. *in the day of the unclean, & in the day of the clean.*

57 To teach † when *it is* unclean, and when *it is* clean. This *is* the law of leprosie.

CHAP. XV.

1 The uncleanness of men in their issues: 13 The cleansing of them. 19 The uncleanness of women in their issues: 28 Their cleansing.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [a] When any man hath a || running issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he *is* unclean.

[a] Numb. 5. 2.
|| Or, running of the veins.

3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it *is* his uncleanness.

4 Every bed whereon he lieth that hath the issue is unclean; and every † thing whereon he sitteth shall be unclean.

† Heb. *vessel.*

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in

in water, and be unclean untill the even.

6 And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

9 And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the issue shall be unclean.

10 And whosoever toucheth any thing that was under him shall be unclean untill the even: and he that beareth *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

11 And whomsoever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

[b] Chap. 6. 28. & 11. 32, 33. 12 And the [b] vessel of earth that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

[c] Chap. 14. 15. 13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then [c] he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

[d] Chap. 14. 22. 14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him [d] two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest.

15 And the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue.

[e] Deut. 23. 10. 16 And [e] if any mans seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, & be unclean untill the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean untill the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall *both* bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

[f] Chap. 12. 2. 19 ¶ And [f] if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be bloud, she shall be † put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean untill ỹ even.

† Heb. separated.

20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

[a] Chap. 20. 18. 23 And if it *be* on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean untill the even.

[g] Heb. her separation. 24 And [g] if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days: and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

[b] Exod. 30. 10. Chap. 23. 27. Hebr. 9. 7. [c] Exod. 40. 35. 1 King. 8. 12. [d] Chap. 4. 3. [e] Exod. 28. 39. 43. [f] Exod. 30. 20. [g] Heb. 9. 7.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her bloud many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean.

26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to her self seven days; and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of ỹ tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin-

a sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that *is* among them.

32 This *is* the law of him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers; and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman; and of him that lieth with her which is unclean.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *How the high-priest must enter into the holy place.* 11 *The sin-offering for himself.* 15 *The sin-offering for the people.* 20 *The scape-goat.* 29 *The yearly feast of the expiations.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, after [a] the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother that he [b] come not at all times into the holy *place* within the veil, before the mercy-seat which *is* upon the ark; that he die not: for [c] I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy *place*: [d] with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering.

4 He shall put on [e] the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore [f] shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall offer his bullock of [g] sin-offering which *is* for himself, and [g] make an atonement for himself and for his house.

7 And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the † scape-goat.

9 And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORDS lot † fell, and offer him *for* a sin-offering.

10 But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which *is* for himself.

12 And he shall take a censer-full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of [h] sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil.

13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that *is* upon the testimony, that he die not.

14 And [i] he shall take of the bloud of the bullock, and [k] sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy-seat east-ward: and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the bloud with his finger seven times.

15 ¶ Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering that *is* for the people, and bring his bloud within the veil, and do with that bloud as he did with the bloud of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat.

16 And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation that † remaineth among them, in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 [l] And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself & for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.

18 And

[a] Chap. 10. 1.
[b] Exod. 30. 10. Chap. 23. 27. Hebr. 9. 7.
[c] Exod. 40. 35. 1 King. 8. 12.
[d] Chap. 4. 3.
[e] Exod. 28. 39, 42.
[f] Exod. 30. 20.
[g] Heb. 9. 7.
[h] Exod. 30. 34.
[i] Hebr. 9. 13. & 10. 4.
[k] Chap. 4. 6.
[l] Luke 1. 10.

† Heb. Azazel.
† Heb. went up.
† Heb. dwelleth.

18 And he ſhall go out unto the altar that *is* before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and ſhall take of the bloud of the bullock, and of the bloud of the goat, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about.

19 And he ſhall ſprinkle of the bloud upon it with his finger ſeven times, and cleanſe it, and hallow it from the uncleanneſs of the children of Iſrael.

20 ¶ And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he ſhall bring the live goat:

21 And Aaron ſhall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confeſs over him all the iniquities of the children of Iſrael, and all their tranſgreſſions in all their ſins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and ſhall ſend *him* away by the hand of † a fit man into the wilderneſs.

† Heb. *a man of opportunity.*

22 And the goat ſhall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land † not inhabited: and he ſhall let go the goat in the wilderneſs.

† Heb. *of ſeparation.*

23 And Aaron ſhall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and ſhall put off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and ſhall leave them there.

24 And he ſhall waſh his fleſh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt-offering, and the burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himſelf, and for the people.

m Chap. 4.10.

25 And m the fat of the ſin-offering ſhall he burn upon the altar.

26 And he that let go the goat for the ſcape-goat ſhall waſh his clothes, and bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

n Chap. 4. 12, 21. & 6. 30. Hebr. 13. 11.

27 n And the bullock *for* the ſin-offering, and the goat *for* the ſin-offering, whoſe bloud was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, ſhall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they ſhall burn in the fire their skins and their fleſh and their dung.

28 And he that burneth them ſhall waſh his clothes, & bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward he ſhall come into the camp.

29 ¶ And *this* ſhall be a ſtatute for ever unto you: *That* o in the ſeventh moneth, on the tenth *day* of the moneth, ye ſhall afflict your ſouls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own countrey, or a ſtranger that ſojourneth among you.

o Exod. 30. 10. Chap. 23. 27. Num. 29. 7.

30 For on that day ſhall *the prieſt* make an atonement for you to cleanſe you, *that* ye may be clean from all your ſins before the LORD.

31 It *ſhall be* a ſabbath of reſt unto you, and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls by a ſtatute for ever.

p Chap. 6. 15. † Heb. *conſecrate his hand.*

32 p And the prieſt whom he ſhall anoint, and whom he ſhall † conſecrate to miniſter in the prieſts office in his fathers ſtead, ſhall make the atonement, and ſhall put on the linen clothes, *even* the holy garments.

33 And he ſhall make an atonement for the holy ſanctuary, and he ſhall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar: and he ſhall make an atonement for the prieſts, and for all the people of the congregation.

q Exod. 30. 10. Heb. 9. 7.

34 And this ſhall be an everlaſting ſtatute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Iſrael for all their ſins q once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moſes.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The bloud of all ſlain beaſts muſt be offered to the Lord at the door of the tabernacle. 7 They muſt not offer to devils. 10 All eating of bloud is forbidden, 15 and all that dieth alone, or is torn.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, ſaying,

3 What man ſoever *there be* of the houſe of Iſrael that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp,

4 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; bloud ſhall be

be imputed unto that man, he hath shed bloud; and that man shall be cut off from among his people:

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace-offerings unto the LORD.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the bloud upon the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, & burn the fat for a [a] sweet savour unto the LORD.

7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices [b] unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 ¶ And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of ỳ strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it unto the LORD; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

10 ¶ [c] And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of bloud; [d] I will even set my face against that soul that eateth bloud, and will cut him off from among his people.

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the bloud; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for [e] it *is* the bloud *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat bloud, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat bloud.

13 And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, † which [f] hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the bloud thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 [g] For *it is* the life of all flesh; the bloud of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the bloud of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the bloud thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

15 [h] And every soul that eateth † that which died *of it self*, or that which was torn *with beasts*, *whether it be* one of your own countrey, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean untill the even: then shall he be clean.

16 But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Unlawful marriages.* 19 *Unlawful lusts.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I *am* the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgements, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein. I *am* the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgements: [a] which if a man do, he shall live in them. I *am* the LORD.

6 ¶ None of you shall approach to any that is † near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness. I *am* the LORD.

7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she *is* thy mother, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 [b] The nakedness of thy fathers wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy fathers nakedness.

9 [c] The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

10 The nakedness of thy sons daughter, or of thy daughters daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs *is* thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy fathers wives

[a] Exod. 29.18. Chap. 4.31. [b] Deut. 32.17. 2 Chron. 11.15 15.3. 33.19. 1 Cor. 10.20.

[a] Gen. 9.4. Chap. 7.26. & 19.26. Deut. 12. 16. & 15. 23. 1 Sam. 14.33. Ezek. 44.7. [d] Jer. 44.11. [e] Heb. 9.22.

† Heb. *that hunteth any beasting* [f] Chap. 7.26. [g] Gen. 9.4.

[h] Exod. 22.31. Ezek. 44.31. † Heb. *a carcase.*

[a] Ezek. 20.11, 13. Luke 10.28. Rom. 10.5. Galat. 3.12. † Heb. *remainder of his flesh.*

[b] Chap. 20.11. Deut. 22, 30. & 27. 20. Amos 2.7. 1 Cor. 5.1. [c] Chap. 20.17. 2 Sam. 13.12. Ezek. 22.11.

daughter, begotten of thy father; she *is* thy sister: thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

12 [d] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy fathers sister: she *is* thy fathers near kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mothers sister: for she *is* thy mothers near kinswoman.

14 [e] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy fathers brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine aunt.

15 [f] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she *is* thy sons wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 [g] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brothers wife: it *is* thy brothers nakedness.

17 [h] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her sons daughter, or her daughters daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for* they *are* her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take ‖ a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness besides the other in her life-*time*.

19 [i] Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover, [k] thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbours wife, to defile thy self with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed [l] pass through *the fire* to [m] Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God. I *am* the LORD.

22 [n] Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

23 [o] Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thy self therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

24 Defile not your selves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and [p] the land it self vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 [p] Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgements, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done which *were* before you, and the land is defiled)

28 That [q] the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that *were* before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit *them*, shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not your selves therein. I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *A repetition of sundry laws.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, [a] Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy.

3 ¶ [b] Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father, and [c] keep my sabbaths. I *am* the LORD your God.

4 [d] Turn ye not unto idols, [e] nor make to your selves molten gods. I *am* the LORD your God.

5 ¶ And [f] if ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it at your own will.

6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.

7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, is *it* abominable; it shall not be accepted.

8 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

9 ¶ And [g] when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the cor-

[c] Chap. 20. 19.
[d] Chap. 18. 12.
[e] Chap. 20. 20.
[f] Chap. 20. 12. Ezek. 22. 11.
[g] Chap. 20. 21. Matth. 14. 4. See Deut. 25. 5.
[h] Chap. 20. 14.
‖ Or, one *wife* to another.
[i] Chap. 20. 18. Ezek. 18. 6. & 22. 11.
[k] Exod. 20. 14. Chap. 20. 10.
[l] Chap. 20. 2. 2 King. 23. 10.
[m] Called Acts 7. 43. Molech.
[n] Chap. 20. 13. 1 Cor. 6. 9. 1 Tim. 1. 10.
[o] Exod. 22. 19. Chap. 20. 15.
[p] Chap. 20. 22.
[q] Jer. 5. 19. Ezek. 36. 13. 17.
[a] Chap. 11. 44. & 20. 7. 1 Pet. 1. 16.
[b] Exod. 20. 8. Deut. 5. 16.
[c] Exod. 31. 13. Ezek. 20. 12.
[d] Exod. 20. 4. Deut. 4. 15. Chap. 26. 1.
[e] Exod. 34. 17. Deut. 27. 15.
[f] Chap. 7. 11. & 22. 21. Deut. 12. 6.
[g] Chap. 23. 22. Deut. 24. 19. Ruth 2. 15, 16.

corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger. I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ¶ [h] Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsly, neither lie one to another.

12 ¶ And ye shall not [i] swear by my name falsly, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God. I *am* the LORD.

13 ¶ [k] Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob *him*: [l] the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not curse the deaf, [m] nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God. I *am* the LORD.

15 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement; thou shalt not [n] respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: *but* in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 ¶ [o] Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a tale-bearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand against the bloud of thy neighbour. I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ [p] Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: [q] thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, & not suffer sin upon him.

18 ¶ Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, [r] but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self. I *am* the LORD.

19 ¶ Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattel gender with a divers kind: Thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

20 ¶ And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman that *is* a bond-maid, †betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; ‖ † she shall be scourged: they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

21 And [t] he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even* a ram for a trespass-offering.

22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before the LORD, for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.

23 ¶ And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food; then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten of.

24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be †holy to praise the LORD *withall*.

† Heb. *holiness of praises to the LORD.*

25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yeeld unto you the increase thereof. I *am* the LORD your God.

26 ¶ [s] Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the bloud: [u] neither shall ye use inchantment, nor observe times.

27 [x] Ye shall not round the corners of your heads; neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

28 Ye shall not [y] make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you. I *am* the Lord.

29 ¶ Do not † prostitute thy daughter to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

† Heb. *pr fane.*

30 ¶ [z] Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary. I *am* the LORD.

31 ¶ Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them. I *am* the LORD your God.

32 ¶ Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God. I *am* the LORD.

33 ¶ And [b] if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not ‖ vex him.

34 [c] *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born amongst you, and [d] thou shalt love him as thy self: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.

35 ¶ Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement, in mete-yard, in weight, or in measure.

36 [e] Just balances, just † weights, a just

† Heb. *stones.*

ephah, and a juſt hin ſhall ye have. I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 Therefore ſhall ye obſerve all my ſtatutes and all my judgements, and do them. I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XX.

1 Of him that giveth of his ſeed to Molech: 4 Of him that ſhutteth his eye from him. 6 Of going to wizards. 7 Of ſanctification. 9 Of him that curſeth his parents. 10 Of adultery. 11, 14, 17, 19 Of inceſt. 13 Of Sodomy. 15 Of beſtiality. 18 Of uncleanneſs. 22 Obedience is required with holineſs. 27 Wizards muſt be put to death.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 [a] Again, thou ſhalt ſay to the children of Iſrael, [b] Whoſoever *he be* of the children of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers that ſojourn in Iſrael, that giveth *any* of his ſeed unto Molech; he ſhall ſurely be put to death: the people of the land ſhall ſtone him with ſtones.

3 And [c] I will ſet my face againſt that man, and will cut him off from among his people; becauſe he hath given of his ſeed unto Molech, to defile my ſanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his ſeed unto Molech, and kill him not;

5 Then I will ſet my face againſt that man, and [d] againſt his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

6 ¶ And [e] the ſoul that turneth after ſuch as have familiar ſpirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even ſet my face againſt that ſoul, and will cut him off from among his people.

7 ¶ [f] Sanctifie your ſelves therefore, & be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

8 And ye ſhall keep my ſtatutes, and do them. I *am* the LORD which ſanctifie you.

9 ¶ [g] For every one that curſeth his father or his mother ſhall be ſurely put to death: he hath curſed his father or his mother; his bloud *ſhall be* upon him.

10 ¶ And [h] the man that committeth adultery with *another* mans wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbours wife, the adulterer and the adultereſs ſhall ſurely be put to death.

11 [i] And the man that lieth with his fathers wife hath uncovered his fathers nakedneſs: both of them ſhall ſurely be put to death; their bloud *ſhall be* upon them.

12 [k] And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them ſhall ſurely be put to death: they have wrought confuſion; their bloud *ſhall be* upon them.

13 [l] If a man alſo lie with mankind as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their bloud *ſhall be* upon them.

14 [m] And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedneſs: they ſhall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedneſs among you.

15 [n] And if a man lie with a beaſt, he ſhall ſurely be put to death; and ye ſhall ſlay the beaſt.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beaſt, and lie down thereto, thou ſhalt kill the woman and ỹ beaſt: they ſhall ſurely be put to death; their bloud *ſhall be* upon them.

17 [o] And if a man ſhall take his ſiſter, his fathers daughter, or his mothers daughter, and ſee her nakedneſs, and ſhe ſee his nakedneſs; it *is* a wicked thing; and they ſhall be cut off in the ſight of their people: he hath uncovered his ſiſters nakedneſs; he ſhall bear his iniquity.

18 [p] And if a man ſhall lie with a woman having her ſickneſs, and ſhall uncover her nakedneſs; he hath † diſcovered her fountain, and ſhe hath uncovered the fountain of her bloud: and both of them ſhall be cut off from among their people.

19 [q] And thou ſhalt not uncover the nakedneſs of thy mothers ſiſter, nor of thy fathers ſiſter: for he uncovereth his near kin; they ſhall bear their iniquity.

20 [r] And if a man ſhall lie with his uncles wife, he hath uncovered his uncles nakedneſs: they ſhall bear their ſin; they ſhall die childleſs.

21 [s] And if a man ſhall take his brothers wife,

[a] Chap. 18.21. [b] Deut. 18.10. 2 King. 17.17. & 23.10. Jer. 32. 35.
[c] Chap. 17.10.
[d] Exod. 20.5.
[e] Chap. 19.31.
[f] Chap. 11.44. & 19.2. 1 Pet. 1.16. [g] Exod. 21.17. Deut. 27. 16. Prov. 20.20. Matth. 15.4. [h] Deut. 22.22. Joh. 8 4.5.
[i] Chap. 18.8.
[k] Chap. 18.15. Deut. 27.23.
[l] Chap. 18.22.
[m] Chap. 18.17.
[n] Chap. 18.23. Deut. 27.21.
[o] Chap. 18.9. Deut. 27.22.
[p] Chap. 18.19. See Chap. 15.24. † Heb. made naked.
[q] Chap. 18.14. 13.
[r] Chap. 18.14.
[s] Chap. 18.16.

† Heb. a ſeparation.
[t] Chap. 18.16.
[u] Chap. 18.25, 28.
[x] Deut. 9.5.
[y] Chap. 18.7. Deut. 14.1.
‖ Or, nakedneſs.
[z] Verſ. 7. Chap. 19.2. 1 Pet. 1.16. [a] Deut. 18.10, 11. 1 Sam. 28.7,8.
[b] Ezek. 44.25.
‡‡ Or, being an Iſraelite among his people he ſhall not defile himſelf for his wife, &c.

wife, it *is* † an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brothers nakedneſs; they ſhall be childleſs.

† Heb. a ſeparation.

22 ¶ Ye ſhall therefore keep all my [c] ſtatutes and all my judgements, and do them; that the land whither I bring you to dwell therein [d] ſpue you not out.

[c] Chap. 18.4, 26.
[d] Chap. 18.25, 28.

23 And ye ſhall not walk in the manners of the nation which I caſt out before you: for they committed all theſe things, and [e] therefore I abhorred them.

[e] Deut. 9.5.

24 But I have ſaid unto you, Ye ſhall inherit their land, & I will give it unto you to poſſeſs it, a land that floweth with milk and hony. I *am* the LORD your God, which have ſeparated you from *other* people.

25 [f] Ye ſhall therefore put difference between clean beaſts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye ſhall not make your ſouls abominable by beaſt or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that ‖ creepeth on the ground, which I have ſeparated from you as unclean.

[f] Chap. 11.2. Deut. 14.4.
‖ Or, moveth.

26 And ye ſhall be holy unto me: [g] for I the LORD *am* holy, and have ſevered you from *other* people, that ye ſhould be mine.

[g] Chap. 19.2. 1 Pet. 1.16.

27 ¶ [h] A man alſo or woman that hath a familiar ſpirit, or that is a wizard, ſhall ſurely be put to death: they ſhall ſtone them with ſtones; their bloud *ſhall be* upon them.

[h] Deut. 18.10, 11. 1 Sam. 28.7, 8.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Of the prieſts mourning: 6 Of their holineſs: 8 Of their eſtimation: 7, 13 Of their marriages. 16 The prieſts that have blemiſhes muſt not miniſter in the ſanctuary.

AND the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Speak unto the prieſts the ſons of Aaron, and ſay unto them, [a] There ſhall none be defiled for the dead among his people.

[a] Ezek. 44.25.

2 But for his kin that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his father, and for his ſon, and for his daughter, and for his brother,

3 And for his ſiſter a virgin, that is nigh unto him, which hath had no husband; for her may he be defiled.

‖ Or, *being an husband among his people he ſhall not defile himſelf for his wife, &c.*

4 *But* ‖ he ſhall not defile himſelf, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himſelf.

5 [b] They ſhall not make baldneſs upon their head, neither ſhall they ſhave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their fleſh.

[b] Chap. 19.27, 28. Ezek. 44.20.

6 They ſhall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire *and* the bread of their God they do offer: therefore they ſhall be holy.

7 [c] They ſhall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or profane; neither ſhall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he *is* holy unto his God.

[c] Ezek. 44.22.

8 Thou ſhalt ſanctifie him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he ſhall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which ſanctifie you, *am* holy.

9 ¶ And the daughter of any prieſt, if ſhe profane her ſelf by playing the whore, ſhe profaneth her father: ſhe ſhall be burnt with fire.

10 And *he that is* the high prieſt among his brethren, upon whoſe head [d] the anointing oyl was poured, and [e] that is conſecrated to put on the garments, [f] ſhall not uncover his head, nor rent his clothes;

[d] Exod. 30.30.
[e] Exod. 28.2. Chap. 16.32.
[f] Chap. 10.6.

11 Neither ſhall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himſelf for his father, or for his mother;

12 Neither ſhall he go out of the ſanctuary, nor profane the ſanctuary of his God: for [g] the crown of the anointing oyl of his God *is* upon him. I *am* the LORD.

[g] Exod. 28.36.

13 And [h] he ſhall take a wife in her virginity.

[h] Ezek. 44.22.

14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, theſe ſhall he not take: but he ſhall take a virgin of his own people to wife.

15 Neither ſhall he profane his ſeed among his people: for I the LORD do ſanctifie him.

16 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

17 Speak unto Aaron, ſaying, Whoſoever *he be* of thy ſeed in their generations that hath *any* blemiſh, let him not approach to offer the ‖ bread of his God.

‖ Or, food.

18 For whatſoever man *he be* that hath a blemiſh, he ſhall not approach: a blind

man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat noſe, or any thing [1] ſuperfluous,

19 Or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed,

20 Or crook-backt, or ‖ a dwarf, or that hath a blemiſh in his eye, or be ſcurvy, or ſcabbed, or hath his ſtones broken;

21 No man that hath a blemiſh of the ſeed of Aaron the prieſt ſhall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemiſh; he ſhall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

22 He ſhall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the moſt holy, and of the holy.

23 Onely he ſhall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, becauſe he hath a blemiſh; that he profane not my ſanctuaries: for I the LORD do ſanctifie them.

24 And Moſes told *it* unto Aaron, and to his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The prieſts in their uncleanneſs muſt abſtain from the holy things. 6 How they ſhall be cleanſed. 10 Who of the prieſts houſe may eat of the holy things. 17 The ſacrifices muſt be without blemiſh. 26 The age of the ſacrifice. 29 The law of eating the ſacrifice of thankſgiving.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto Aaron and to his ſons, that they ſeparate themſelves from the holy things of the children of Iſrael, and that they profane not my holy name *in thoſe things* which they hallow unto me. I *am* the LORD.

3 Say unto them, Whoſoever *he be* of all your ſeed among your generations that goeth unto ỹ holy things which ỹ children of Iſrael hallow unto the LORD having his uncleanneſs upon him, that ſoul ſhall be cut off from my preſence. I *am* the LORD.

4 What man ſoever of the ſeed of Aaron *is* a leper, or hath [a] a † running iſſue; he ſhall not eat of the holy things [b] untill he be clean. And [c] whoſo toucheth any thing *that is* unclean *by* the dead, or [d] a man whoſe ſeed goeth from him;

5 Or [e] whoſoever toucheth any creeping thing whereby he may be made unclean, or [f] a man of whom he may take uncleanneſs, whatſoever uncleanneſs he hath;

6 The ſoul which hath touched any ſuch ſhall be unclean untill even, and ſhall not eat of the holy things, unleſs he waſh his fleſh with water.

7 And when the ſun is down, he ſhall be clean, and ſhall afterward eat of the holy things; becauſe it *is* his food.

8 [g] That which dieth of it ſelf, or is torn *with beaſts*, he ſhall not eat to defile himſelf therewith. I *am* the LORD.

9 They ſhall therefore keep mine ordinance, leſt they bear ſin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it. I the LORD do ſanctifie them.

10 [h] There ſhall no ſtranger eat *of* ỹ holy thing: a ſojourner of the prieſt, or an hired ſervant ſhall not eat *of* the holy thing.

11 But if ỹ prieſt buy *any* ſoul † with his money, he ſhall eat of it, and he that is born in his houſe: they ſhall eat of his meat.

12 If the prieſts daughter alſo be *married* unto † a ſtranger, ſhe may not eat of an offering of the holy things.

13 But if ỹ prieſts daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her fathers houſe, [i] as in her youth, ſhe ſhall eat of her fathers meat: but there ſhall no ſtranger eat thereof.

14 ¶ And if a man eat *of* the holy thing unwittingly, then he ſhall put the fifth *part* thereof unto it, and ſhall give *it* unto the prieſt, with the holy thing.

15 And they ſhall not profane the holy things of the children of Iſrael which they offer unto the LORD;

16 Or ‖ ſuffer them to bear the iniquity of treſpaſs, when they eat their holy things: for I the LORD do ſanctifie them.

17 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

18 Speak unto Aaron & to his ſons, and unto all the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, [k] Whatſoever *he be* of the houſe of Iſrael, or of the ſtrangers in Iſrael, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his free-will-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt-offering;

19 *Ye ſhall offer* at your own will a male without blemiſh of the beeves, of the ſheep, or of the goats.

20 [l] *But*

[1] Chap. 21.23.

‖ Or, not ſtanding.

† Heb. running of the reins.

[a] Chap. 15.2.
[b] Chap. 14.2. & 15.13.
[c] Numb. 19.11.
[d] Chap. 15.16.
[e] Chap. 11.24.
[f] Chap. 15.7,19.
[g] Exod. 22.31. Chap. 17.15. Ezek. 44.31.
[h] See Chap. 21.6.
† Heb. a man's ſoul.
† Heb. a man's ſtranger.
[i] Chap. 10.14.
[k] Exod. 12.49. & 29.38. Numb. 15.26. Deut. 14.21.
‖ Or, ſuffer them. ſo Chap. 19.8. & 20.20.
[l] Chap. 1.3.

20 [l] *But* whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

21 And [m] whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, to accomplish *his* vow, or a free-will offering in beeves, or ‖ sheep, it shall be perfect, to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

22 [n] Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD.

23 Either a bullock or a ‖ lamb that hath any thing [o] superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer *for* a free-will-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted.

24 Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall you make any offering thereof in your land.

25 Neither from a stranger's hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption *is* in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 [p] When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And *whether it be* cow or ‖ ewe, ye shall not kill it [q] and her young both in one day.

29 And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer *it* at your own will.

30 On the same day it shall be eaten up; ye shall leave [r] none of it until the morrow. I *am* the LORD.

31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them. I *am* the LORD.

32 Neither shall ye profane my holy name, but [s] I will be hallowed among the children of Israel. I *am* the LORD which hallow you,

33 That brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The feasts of the Lord. 3 The sabbath. 4 The passover. 9 The sheaf of first-fruits. 15 The feast of pentecost. 22 Gleanings to be left for the poor. 23 The feast of trumpets. 26 The day of atonement. 33 The feast of tabernacles.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

3 [a] Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work *therein*: it *is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 ¶ These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 [b] In the fourteenth *day* of the first moneth at even *is* the LORDS passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same moneth *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days. In the seventh day *is* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [c] When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a ‖ † sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day, when ye wave the sheaf, an he-lamb without blemish of the first year, for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

13 And the meat-offering thereof *shall be* two tenth-deals of fine flour mingled with

[l] Deut. 15.21. & 17.1. Mal. 1.8. ‖ Or, goat. [m] Lev. 7.16. [n] Or, maimed. [o] Chap. 21.18. [p] Exod. 22.30. & 23.19. & 34.26. Deut. 14.21. [q] Or, the goat. [r] Deut. 16.4. [s] Chap. 21.6. [t] Chap. 7.15. [u] Chap. 10.3.

[a] Exod. 20.9. & 23.12. & 31.13. & 34.21. Chap. 19.3. Deut. 5.13. Luke 13.14. [b] Exod. 12.18. & 23.3. & 23.15. & 34.18. Numb. 9.2. & 28.16. Deut. 16.1. [c] Exod. 23.16. & 34.22. Num. 28.26. Deut. 16.9. ‖ Or handful. † Heb. omer.

with oyl, an offering made by fire unto the LORD *for* a sweet savour: and the drink-offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth *part* of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the self-same day that ye have brought an offering unto your God. *It shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

[d] Deut. 16. 9. 15 ¶ And [d] ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be compleat:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth-deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; *they are* [e] the first-fruits unto the LORD.

[e] Exod. 23. 16, 19. & 34. 26. Numb. 15. 17. & 28. 26. Deut. 26. 1.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, & two rams: they shall be *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, *even* an offering made by fire of sweet savour unto the LORD.

[f] Chap. 4. 2. 19 Then ye shall sacrifice [f] one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, & two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of [g] peace-offerings.

[g] Chap. 3. 1. 20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits *for* a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: [h] they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

[h] Num. 18. 12. Deut. 18. 4. 21 And ye shall proclaim on the self-same day *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. *It shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

[i] Chap. 19. 9. 22 ¶ And [i] when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, [k] neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor and to the stranger. I *am* the LORD your God.

[k] Deut. 24. 19.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the [l] seventh moneth, in the first *day* of the moneth shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

[l] Num. 29. 1.

25 Ye shall do no servile work *therein*; but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

[m] Chap. 16. 29. Num. 29. 7. 27 [m] Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh moneth *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[n] Heb. that. 28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

[o] Gen. 17. 14. 29 For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, [o] he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work. *It shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the moneth at even: from even unto even shall ye † celebrate your sabbath.

† Heb. rest.

33 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, [p] The fifteenth day of this seventh moneth *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.

[p] Exod. 23. 16. Num. 29. 12. Deut. 16. 13.

35 On ŷ first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

[q] Ezra 3. 4. Neh. 8. 18. 36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: [q] on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it *is* a † solemn assembly; *and* ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

† Heb. day of restraint.

37 These

37 These *are* the feasts of the LORD which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your free-will offerings which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh moneth, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath.

40 And [r] ye shall take you on the first day the †boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoyce before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh moneth.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *The oyl for the lamps.* 5 *The shew-bread.* 10 *Shelomiths son blasphemeth.* 13 *The law of blasphemy.* 17 *Of murther.* 18 *Of damage.* 23 *The blasphemer is stoned.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Command the children of Israel that they bring unto thee pure oyl-olive beaten for the light, † to cause the lamps to burn continually.

3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the LORD continually. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations.

4 He shall order the lamps upon [b] ỹ pure candlestick before the LORD continually.

5 ¶ And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve [c] cakes thereof: two tenth-deals shall be in one cake.

6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table, before the LORD.

7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

8 Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.

9 And [d] it shall be Aarons and his sons; and they shall eat it in ỹ holy place: for it *is* most holy unto him, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute.

10 ¶ And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp:

11 And the Israelitish womans son blasphemed the Name *of the* LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses (and his mothers name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan)

12 And they [e] put him in ward, †that ỹ mind of the LORD might be shewed them.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* [f] lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him.

15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin.

16 And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the Name *of the* LORD, shall be put to death.

17 ¶ [g] And

[r] Neh. 8. 15. † Heb. fruit.
[a] Exod. 27. 20. † Heb. cause to ascend
[b] Exod. 31. 8.
[c] Exod. 25. 30.
[d] Exod. 29. 33. Chap. 8. 31. 1 Sam. 21. 6. Matth. 12. 4.
[e] Numb. 15. 34. † Heb. to expound unto them according to the mouth of the LORD.
[f] Deut. 13. 9. & 17. 7.

17 ¶ And he that † killeth any man ſhall ſurely be put to death.

18 And he that killeth a beaſt ſhall make it good, † beaſt for beaſt.

19 And if a man cauſe a blemiſh in his neighbour; as [h] he hath done, ſo ſhall it be done unto him;

20 Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath cauſed a blemiſh in a man, ſo ſhall it be done to him *again*.

21 [i] And he that killeth a beaſt, he ſhall reſtore it: and he that killeth a man, he ſhall be put to death.

22 Ye ſhall have [k] one manner of law as well for the ſtranger as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.

23 ¶ And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael that they ſhould bring forth him that had curſed out of the camp, and ſtone him with ſtones: And the children of Iſrael did as the LORD commanded Moſes.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The ſabbath of the ſeventh year. 8 The jubile in the fiftieth year. 14 Of oppreſſion. 18 A bleſſing of obedience. 23 The redemption of land, 29 of houſes. 35 Compaſſion of the poor. 39 The uſage of bond men. 47 The redemption of ſervants.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in mount Sinai, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then ſhall the land † keep [a] a ſabbath unto the LORD.

3 Six years thou ſhalt ſow thy field, and ſix years thou ſhalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof:

4 But in the ſeventh year ſhall be a ſabbath of reſt unto the land, a ſabbath for the LORD: thou ſhalt neither ſow thy field nor prune thy vineyard.

5 [b] That which groweth of its own accord of thy harveſt thou ſhalt not reap, neither gather the grapes † of thy vine undreſſed: *for* it is a year of reſt unto the land.

6 And the ſabbath of the land ſhall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy ſervant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired ſervant, and for thy ſtranger that ſojourneth with thee,

7 And for thy cattel, and for the beaſt, that *are* in thy land, ſhall all the increaſe thereof be meat.

8 ¶ And thou ſhalt number ſeven ſabbaths of years unto thee, ſeven times ſeven years; and the ſpace of the ſeven ſabbaths of years ſhall be unto thee fourty and nine years.

9 Then ſhalt thou cauſe the trumpet † of the jubile to ſound, on the tenth *day* of the ſeventh moneth, [c] in the day of atonement ſhall ye make the trumpet ſound throughout all your land.

10 And ye ſhall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it ſhall be a jubile unto you; and ye ſhall return every man unto his poſſeſſion, and ye ſhall return every man unto his family.

11 A jubile ſhall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye ſhall not ſow, neither reap that which groweth of it ſelf in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undreſſed.

12 For it *is* the jubile; it ſhall be holy unto you: ye ſhall eat the increaſe thereof out of the field.

13 In the year of this jubile ye ſhall return every man unto his poſſeſſion.

14 And if thou ſell ought unto thy neighbour, or buyeſt *ought* of thy neighbours hand, ye ſhall not oppreſs one another.

15 According to the number of years after ỹ jubile thou ſhalt buy of thy neighbour, *and* according unto the number of years of the fruits he ſhall ſell unto thee.

16 According to the multitude of years thou ſhalt increaſe the price thereof, and according to the fewneſs of years thou ſhalt diminiſh the price of it: for *according* to the number *of the years* of the fruits doth he ſell unto thee.

17 Ye ſhall not therefore oppreſs one another; but thou ſhalt fear thy God. For I *am* the LORD your God.

18 ¶ Wherefore ye ſhall do my ſtatutes, and keep my judgements, and do them; and ye ſhall dwell in the land in ſafety.

19 And the land ſhall yeeld her fruit, and ye ſhall eat your fill, and dwell therein in ſafety.

20 And if ye ſhall ſay, What ſhall we eat the

† Hebr. *reſt.*
[a] Exod. 23.10. See Chap. 26.34.
[b] 2 King. 19.29.
† Heb. *of thy ſeparation.*
[h] Exod. 21.12. Numb. 35.31. Deut. 19.21.
† Heb. *ſmiteth* the life of a man.
† Heb. *life for life.*
[i] Exod. 21.24. Deut. 19.21. Matt. 5.38.
[k] Exod. 21.33.
[l] Exod. 12.49.
† Heb. *his hand hath attained and found ſufficient.*
[c] Chap. 23.27.
† Heb. *cauſing to ſound.*
§ Or, *in the appointed day.*
† Heb. *for releaſing of.*
[d] Pſa. 119.9 1 Pet. 2.11.
† Heb. *redeem.*
Or, *be of the Levites redeem them.*

the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase:

21 Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit untill the ninth year; untill her fruits come in ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

23 ¶ The land shall not be sold || † for ever: for the land *is* mine; for ye *are* [d] strangers and sojourners with me.

24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 ¶ If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that w[ch] his brother sold.

26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and † himself be able to redeem it;

27 Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

28 But if he be not able to restore *it* to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it untill the year of jubile: & in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; *within* a full year may he redeem it.

30 And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year; then the house that *is* in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in ỹ jubile.

31 But the houses of the villages which have no walls round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: † they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.

32 Notwithstanding, the cities of the Levites, *and* the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time.

33 And if || a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold and the city of his possession shall go out in the *year of* jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children of Israel.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it *is* their perpetual possession.

35 ¶ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and † fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt † relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

36 [e] Take thou no usury of him, or increase; but [f] fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

38 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

39 ¶ And [g] if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not † compell him to serve as a bond-servant:

40 *But* as an hired servant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubile.

41 And *then* shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him, & shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.

42 For they *are* my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold † as bond-men.

43 [h] Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

44 Both thy bond-men and thy bond-maids, which thou shalt have, *shall be* of ỹ heathen ỹ are round about you; of them shall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.

45 Moreover, of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession.

46 And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit *them for* a possession; † they shall be your bond-men for ever: but over your brethren the

† Heb. *his hand faileth.*
† Heb. *strengthen.*
[e] Exod. 22.25. Deut. 23.19. Prov. 28.8. Ezek. 18.8. & 22.12.
[f] Neh. 5.9.
[g] Exod. 21. 2. Deut. 15.12. Jer. 34. 14.
† Heb. *serve thy self with him with the service, &c.*
† Heb. *with the sale of a bond-man.*
[h] Eph. 6.9. Col. 4.1.
† Heb. *ye shall serve your selves with them.*

the children of Iſrael ye ſhall not rule one over another with rigour.

† Heb. his hand obtain, &c.

47 ¶ And if a ſojourner or ſtranger † wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and ſell himſelf unto the ſtranger *or* ſojourner by thee, or to the ſtock of the ſtrangers family:

48 After that he is ſold, he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:

49 Either his uncle, or his uncles ſon may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him, of his family, may redeem him; or, if he be able, he may redeem himſelf.

50 And he ſhall reckon with him that bought him, from the year that he was ſold to him, unto the year of jubile: and the price of his ſale ſhall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired ſervant ſhall it be with him.

51 If *there be* yet many years *behind*, according unto them he ſhall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for.

52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he ſhall count with him, *and* according unto his years ſhall he give him again the price of his redemption.

53 *And* as a yearly hired ſervant ſhall he be with him: and *the other* ſhall not rule with rigour over him in thy ſight.

‖ Or, *by theſe means.*

54 And if he be not redeemed ‖ in theſe *years*, then he ſhall go out in the year of jubile, *both* he, and his children with him.

55 For unto me the children of Iſrael *are* ſervants; they *are* my ſervants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Of idolatry. 2 Religiouſneſs. 3 A bleſſing to them that keep the commandments: 14 A curſe to theſe that break them. 40 God promiſeth to remember them that repent.

[a] Exod. 20. 4. Deut. 5. 8. & 16. 22. & 27. 15. Pſal. 97. 7.

‖ Or, *pillar.* ‖ Or, *figured ſtone.* † Heb. *a ſtone of preſence.*

YE ſhall make you [a] no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a ‖ ſtanding image, neither ſhall ye ſet up *any* ‖ † image of ſtone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

[b] Chap. 19. 30.

[c] Deut. 28.

2 [b] Ye ſhall keep my ſabbaths, and reverence my ſanctuary. I *am* the LORD.

3 ¶ [c] If ye walk in my ſtatutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

4 Then I will give you rain in due ſeaſon, & the land ſhall yeeld her increaſe, and the trees of the field ſhall yeeld their fruit.

[d] Amos 9. 13.

5 And [d] your threſhing ſhall reach unto the vintage, & the vintage ſhall reach unto the ſowing-time: & ye ſhall eat your bread to the full, and [e] dwell in your land ſafely.

[e] Jer. 23. 6. & 32. 37. Joel 3. 20. Amos 9. 15. Ezek. 34. 25. † Heb. cauſe to reſt.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and [f] ye ſhall lie down, and none ſhall make *you* afraid: and I will † rid evil beaſts out of the land; neither ſhall the ſword go through your land.

[g] Deut. 32. 30. Judg. 7. 6. 1 Chr. 12. 8. Iſa. 30. 17.

7 And ye ſhall chaſe your enemies, and they ſhall fall before you by the ſword.

8 And [g] five of you ſhall chaſe an hundred, and an hundred of you ſhall put ten thouſand to flight: and your enemies ſhall fall before you by the ſword.

9 For I will have reſpect unto you, and make you fruitfull, and multiply you, and eſtabliſh my covenant with you.

10 And ye ſhall eat old ſtore, and bring forth the old becauſe of the new.

[h] Ezek. 37. 26.

11 [h] And I will ſet my tabernacle amongſt you: and my ſoul ſhall not abhor you.

[i] 2 Cor. 6. 16.

12 [i] And I will walk among you, and will be your God; and ye ſhall be my people.

13 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye ſhould not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

[k] Deut. 28. 15. Lam. 2. 17. Mal. 2. 2.

14 ¶ [k] But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all theſe commandments;

15 And if ye ſhall deſpiſe my ſtatutes, or if your ſoul abhor my judgements, ſo that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

† Heb. appoint.

16 I alſo will do this unto you, I will even appoint † over you terrour, conſumption, and the burning-ague, that ſhall conſume the eyes, and cauſe ſorrow of heart: and [l] ye ſhall ſow your ſeed in vain, for your enemies ſhall eat it.

[l] Joel 1. 16. Jer. 5. 17. & 12. 13. Mic. 6. 15.

17 And [m] I will ſet my face againſt you, and ye ſhall be ſlain before your enemies: they

[m] Chap. 17. 10.

they that hate you shall reign over you, & [n] ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yeeld her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yeeld their fruits.

21 ¶ And if ye walk ‖ contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times mo plagues upon you according to your sins.

22 [o] I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattel, and make you few in number; and [p] your *high*-ways shall be desolate.

23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

24 [q] Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

26 [r] *And* when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight: and [s] ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

29 [t] And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, & the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

30 And I will destroy your high places, and [u] cut down your images, and cast your carcases upon the carcases of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

31 And I will make your cities waste, and [x] bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And [y] I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

34 [z] Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.

35 As long as it lieth desolate, it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths when ye dwelt upon it.

36 And upon them that are left *alive* of you, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; & [a] the sound of a † shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee as fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And [b] they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

39 And they that are left of you [c] shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

40 If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

41 And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their [d] uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity:

42 Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

43 The

[n] Psal. 53. 5. Prov. 28. 1.
[o] Deut. 32. 24. Ezek. 5. 17.
[p] Judg. 5. 6.
[q] Lev. 26. 18. 21. 24. 28.
[r] Isa. 3. 1. Ezek. 4. 16. & 5. 16. & 14. 13. Mic. 6. 14. Hag. 1. 6.
[s] Deut. 28. 53. Lam. 4. 10.
[t] Deut. 28. 53. Ezek. 5. 10.
[u] 2 Kings 23. 14. 2 Chr. 34. 7. Ezek. 6. 4, 5.
[x] Psal. 74. 7. Lam. 1. 10. Ezek. 9. 6. & 24. 21.
[y] Deut. 4. 27. & 28. 62, 64.
[z] 2 Chr. 36. 21.
[a] Pro. 28. 1. † Heb. driven.
[b] Isa. 10. 4.
[c] Deut. 4. 29. & 30. 1. Neh. 1. 9. Jer. 2. 25. & 29. 12, 13. Ezek. 4. 17. & 6. 9. & 20. 43. & 24. 23. & 33. 10. & 36. 31. Hos. 5. 15. Zech. 10. 9.
[d] See Jer. 6. 10. Rom. 2. 29. Col. 2. 11.

43 The land alſo ſhall be left of them, and ſhall enjoy her ſabbaths, while ſhe lieth deſolate without them: and they ſhall accept of the puniſhment of their iniquity; becauſe, even becauſe they deſpiſed my judgements, and becauſe their ſoul abhorred my ſtatutes.

44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, [e] I will not caſt them away, neither will I abhor them, to deſtroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I *am* the LORD their God.

[e] Deut. 4. 31. Rom. 11. 26.

45 But I will for their ſakes remember the covenant of their anceſtours, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the ſight of the heathen, that I might be their God. I *am* the LORD.

46 Theſe *are* the ſtatutes and judgements and laws which the LORD made between him and the children of Iſrael in mount Sinai by the hand of Moſes.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 He that maketh a ſingular vow muſt be the Lords. 2 The eſtimation of the perſon; 9 Of a beaſt given by vow; 14 Of a houſe; 16 Of a field, and the redemption thereof. 28 No devoted thing may be redeemed. 32 The tithe may not be changed.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When a man ſhall make a ſingular vow, the perſons *ſhall be* for the LORD, by thy eſtimation.

3 And thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male from twenty years old even unto ſixty years old, even thy eſtimation ſhall be fifty ſhekels of ſilver, after the ſhekel of the ſanctuary.

4 And if it *be* a female, then thy eſtimation ſhall be thirty ſhekels.

5 And if *it be* from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male twenty ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

6 And if *it be* from a moneth old even unto five years old, then thy eſtimation ſhall be of the male five ſhekels of ſilver, and for the female thy eſtimation *ſhall be* three ſhekels of ſilver.

7 And if *it be* from ſixty years old and above; if *it be* a male, then thy eſtimation ſhall be fifteen ſhekels, and for the female ten ſhekels.

8 But if he be poorer then thy eſtimation, then he ſhall preſent himſelf before the prieſt, and the prieſt ſhall value him: according to his ability that vowed ſhall the prieſt value him.

9 And if *it be* a beaſt whereof men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that *any man* giveth of ſuch unto the LORD ſhall be holy.

10 He ſhall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he ſhall at all change beaſt for beaſt, then it and the exchange thereof ſhall be holy.

11 And if *it be* any unclean beaſt, of which they do not offer a ſacrifice unto the LORD, then he ſhall preſent the beaſt before the prieſt:

12 And the prieſt ſhall value it, whether it be good or bad: † as thou valueſt it *who art* the prieſt, ſo ſhall it be.

† Heb. *between the good and the bad.*

13 But if he will at all redeem it, then he ſhall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy eſtimation.

14 ¶ And when a man ſhall ſanctifie his houſe *to be* holy unto the LORD, then the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the prieſt ſhall eſtimate it, ſo ſhall it ſtand.

15 And if he that ſanctified it will redeem his houſe, then he ſhall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy eſtimation unto it, and it ſhall be his.

16 And if a man ſhall ſanctifie unto the LORD *ſome part* of a field of his poſſeſſion, then thy eſtimation ſhall be according to the ſeed thereof: ‖ an homer of barly ſeed *ſhall be valued* at fifty ſhekels of ſilver.

‖ Or, *the land of an homer, &c.*

17 If he ſanctifie his field from the year of jubile, according to thy eſtimation it ſhall ſtand.

18 But if he ſanctifie his field after the jubile, then the prieſt ſhall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it ſhall be abated from thy eſtimation.

19 And

19 And if he that ſanctified the field will in any wiſe redeem it, then he ſhall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy eſtimation unto it, and it ſhall be aſſured to him.

20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have ſold the field to another man, it ſhall not be redeemed any more.

21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, ſhall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted: the poſſeſſion thereof ſhall be the prieſts.

22 And if *a man* ſanctifie unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his poſſeſſion;

23 Then the prieſt ſhall reckon unto him the worth of thy eſtimation, *even* unto the year of the jubile: and he ſhall give thine eſtimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD.

24 In the year of the jubile the field ſhall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the poſſeſſion of the land *did belong*.

25 And all thy eſtimations ſhall be according to the ſhekel of the ſanctuary. [a] Twenty gerahs ſhall be the ſhekel.

26 ¶ Onely the † [b] firſtling of the beaſts, which ſhould be the LORDS firſtling, no man ſhall ſanctifie it; whether *it be* ox, or ſheep: it *is* the LORDS.

27 And if *it be* of an unclean beaſt, then he ſhall redeem *it* according to thine eſtimation, and ſhall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it ſhall be ſold according to thy eſtimation.

28 [c] Notwithſtanding, no devoted thing that a man ſhall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, *both* of man and beaſt, and of the field of his poſſeſſion, ſhall be ſold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* moſt holy unto the LORD.

29 None devoted, which ſhall be devoted of men, ſhall be redeemed; *but* ſhall ſurely be put to death.

30 And [d] all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the ſeed of the land, *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORDS: *it is* holy unto the LORD.

31 And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he ſhall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof.

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatſoever paſſeth under the rod, the tenth ſhall be holy unto the LORD.

33 He ſhall not ſearch whether it be good or bad, neither ſhall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof ſhall be holy; it ſhall not be redeemed.

34 Theſe *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moſes for the children of Iſrael in mount Sinai.

The fourth book of MOSES, called NUMBERS.

CHAP. I.

1 *God commandeth Moſes to number the people.* 5 *The princes of the tribes.* 17 *The number of every tribe.* 47 *The Levites are exempted for the ſervice of the Lord.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the firſt *day* of the ſecond moneth, in the ſecond year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 [a] Take ye the ſum of all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their poll;

3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Iſrael: thou and Aaron ſhall number them by their armies.

4 And with you there ſhall be a man of every tribe, every one head of the houſe of his fathers.

5 ¶ And theſe *are* the names of the men that ſhall ſtand with you. Of *the tribe of*

Reuben; Elizur the ſon of Shedeur.

6 Of Simeon; Shelumiel the ſon of Zurishaddai.

7 Of Judah; Nahshon the ſon of Amminadab.

8 Of Iſſachar; Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar.

9 Of Zebulun; Eliab the ſon of Helon.

10 Of the children of Joſeph: of Ephraim, Elishama the ſon of Ammihud; of Manaſſeh, Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

11 Of Benjamin; Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

12 Of Dan; Ahiezer the ſon of Ammishaddai.

13 Of Asher; Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

14 Of Gad; Eliaſaph the ſon of [b] Deuel.

15 Of Naphtali; Ahira the ſon of Enan.

16 Theſe *were* the renowned of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thouſands in Iſrael.

17 ¶ And Moſes and Aaron took theſe men, which are expreſſed by *their* names.

18 And they aſſembled all the congregation together on the firſt *day* of the ſecond moneth, and they declared their pedegrees after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their poll.

19 As the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo he numbred them in ỹ wilderneſs of Sinai.

20 And the children of Reuben Iſraels eldeſt ſon, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their poll, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

21 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Reuben, *were* fourty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

22 ¶ Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

23 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

24 ¶ Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

25 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Gad, *were* fourty and five thouſand ſix hundred and fifty.

26 ¶ Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

27 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Judah, *were* threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

28 ¶ Of the children of Iſſachar, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

29 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Iſſachar, *were* fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

30 ¶ Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

31 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

32 ¶ Of the children of Joſeph, *namely* of the children of Ephraim, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war:

33 Thoſe that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, *were* fourty thouſand and five hundred.

34 ¶ Of the children of Manaſſeh, by their generations, after their families, by the houſe of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old

[b] Chap. 2. 14. the ſame is called Reuel.

old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

35 Those that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

36 ¶ Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

37 Those that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

38 ¶ Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

39 Those that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Dan, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

40 ¶ Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

41 Those that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Asher, *were* fourty and one thousand and five hundred.

42 ¶ Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war;

43 Those that were numbred of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

44 These *are* those that were numbred, which Moses and Aaron numbred, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers.

45 So were all those that were numbred of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

46 Even all they that were numbred were [c] six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

47 ¶ But the Levites, after the tribe of their fathers, were not numbred among them.

48 For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying,

49 Onely thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel:

50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle.

51 And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.

53 But the Levites shall pitch round about ỹ tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: & the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony.

54 And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

[c] Exod. 38. 26. See Exo. 12. 37. Chap. 26. 51.

CHAP. II.

1 *The order of the tribes in their tents.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their fathers house: † far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

† Heb. over against.

3 ¶ And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah.

4 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* threeſcore and fourteen thouſand and ſix hundred.

5 And thoſe that do pitch next unto him *ſhall be* the tribe of Iſſachar: and Nethaneel the ſon of Zuar *ſhall be* captain of the children of Iſſachar.

6 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and four thouſand and four hundred.

7 *Then* the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the ſon of Helon *ſhall be* captain of the children of Zebulun.

8 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* fifty and ſeven thouſand and four hundred.

9 All that were numbred in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thouſand and fourſcore thouſand and ſix thouſand and four hundred throughout their armies. Theſe ſhall firſt ſet forth.

10 ¶ On the ſouth-ſide *ſhall be* the ſtandard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: & the captain of the children of Reuben *ſhall be* Elizur ỹ ſon of Shedeur.

11 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred thereof, *were* fourty and ſix thouſand and five hundred.

12 And thoſe which pitch by him *ſhall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *ſhall be* Shelumiel the ſon of Zuriſhaddai.

13 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and nine thouſand and three hundred.

14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the ſons of Gad *ſhall be* Eliaſaph the ſon of Reuel.

15 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fourty and five thouſand and ſix hundred and fifty.

16 All that were numbred in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thouſand and fifty and one thouſand and four hundred and fifty throughout their armies. And they ſhall ſet forth in the ſecond rank.

17 ¶ Then the tabernacle of the congregation ſhall ſet forward with the camp of the Levites in the midſt of the camp: as they encamp ſo ſhall they ſet forward, every man in his place by their ſtandards.

18 ¶ On the weſt-ſide *ſhall be* the ſtandard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the ſons of Ephraim *ſhall be* Eliſhama the ſon of Ammihud.

19 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fourty thouſand and five hundred.

20 And by him *ſhall be* the tribe of Manaſſeh: and the captain of the children of Manaſſeh *ſhall be* Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

21 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and two thouſand and two hundred.

22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the ſons of Benjamin *ſhall be* Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

23 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* thirty and five thouſand and four hundred.

24 All that were numbred of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thouſand and eight thouſand and an hundred throughout their armies. And they ſhall go forward in the third rank.

25 ¶ The ſtandard of the camp of Dan *ſhall be* on the north-ſide by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan *ſhall be* Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

26 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* threeſcore and two thouſand and ſeven hundred.

27 And thoſe that encamp by him *ſhall be* the tribe of Aſher: and the captain of the children of Aſher *ſhall be* Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

28 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fourty and one thouſand and five hundred.

29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali *ſhall be* Ahira the ſon of Enan.

30 And his hoſt, and thoſe that were numbred of them, *were* fifty and three thouſand and four hundred.

31 All they that were numbred in the camp of Dan *were* an hundred thouſand and fifty and ſeven thouſand and ſix hundred.

dred. They ſhall go hindmoſt with their ſtandards.

32 ¶ Theſe *are* thoſe which were numbred of the children of Iſrael by the houſe of their fathers. All thoſe that were numbred of the camps throughout their hoſts *were* ſix hundred thouſand and three thouſand and five hundred and fifty.

33 But the Levites were not numbred among the children of Iſrael; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

34 And the children of Iſrael did according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes: ſo they pitched by their ſtandards, and ſo they ſet forward, every one after their families, according to the houſe of their fathers.

CHAP. III.

1 *The ſons of Aaron.* 5 *The Levites are given to the prieſts for the ſervice of the tabernacle,* 11 *in ſtead of the firſt-born.* 14 *The Levites are numbred by their families.* 21 *The families, number, and charge of the Gerſhonites,* 27 *of the Kohathites,* 33 *of the Merarites.* 38 *The place and charge of Moſes and Aaron.* 40 *The firſt-born are freed by the Levites.* 44 *The overplus are redeemed.*

THeſe alſo *are* the generations of Aaron and Moſes, in the day *that* the LORD ſpake with Moſes in mount Sinai.

2 And theſe *are* the names of the ſons of Aaron; Nadab the [a] firſt-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 Theſe *are* the names of the ſons of Aaron, the prieſts which were anointed, † whom he conſecrated to miniſter in the prieſts office.

4 [b] And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered ſtrange fire before the LORD, in the wilderneſs of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar miniſtred in the prieſts office in the ſight of Aaron their father.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and preſent them before Aaron the prieſt, that they may miniſter unto him.

7 And they ſhall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

8 And they ſhall keep all the inſtruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Iſrael, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle.

9 And [c] thou ſhalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his ſons: they *are* wholly given unto him out of ỹ children of Iſrael.

10 And thou ſhalt appoint Aaron and his ſons, and they ſhall wait on their prieſts office: and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 And I, behold, [d] I have taken the Levites from among the children of Iſrael in ſtead of all the firſt-born that openeth the matrice among the children of Iſrael: therefore the Levites ſhall be mine:

13 Becauſe [e] all the firſt-born *are* mine. [f] *For* on the day that I ſmote all the firſt-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto me all the firſt-born in Iſrael, both man and beaſt: mine they ſhall be. I *am* the LORD.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, ſaying,

15 Number the children of Levi after the houſe of their fathers, by their families: every male from a moneth old and upward ſhalt thou number them.

16 And Moſes numbred them according to the † word of the LORD, as he was commanded.

17 § And theſe were the ſons of Levi, by their names; Gerſhon, and Kohath, and Merari.

18 And theſe *are* the names of the ſons of Gerſhon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

19 And the ſons of Kohath by their families; Amram, & Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 And the ſons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Muſhi. Theſe *are* the families of the Levites according to the houſe of their fathers.

21 Of Gerſhon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimites. Theſe *are* the families of the Gerſhonites.

22 Thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of all the males, from a moneth old and upward, *even* thoſe

that were numbred of them, *were* ſeven thouſand and five hundred.

23 The families of the Gershonites ſhall pitch behind the tabernacle weſt-ward.

24 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the Gershonites *ſhall be* Eliaſaph the ſon of Lael.

25 And [b] the charge of the ſons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *ſhall be* [i] the tabernacle, and [k] the tent, [l] the covering thereof, and [m] the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

26 And [n] the hangings of the court, and [o] the curtain for the door of ỹ court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the ſervice thereof.

27 ¶ And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites and the family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites. Theſe *are* the families of the Kohathites.

28 In the number of all the males, from a moneth old and upward, *were* eight thouſand and ſix hundred, keeping the charge of the ſanctuary.

29 The families of the ſons of Kohath ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle ſouth-ward.

30 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of the Kohathites *ſhall be* Elizaphan the ſon of Uzziel.

31 And their charge *ſhall be* [p] the ark, and [q] the table, and [r] the candleſtick, and [s] the altars, and the veſſels of the ſanctuary wherewith they miniſter, and [t] the hanging, and all the ſervice thereof.

32 And Eleazar the ſon of Aaron the prieſt *ſhall be* chief over the chief of the Levites, *and have* the overſight of them that keep the charge of the ſanctuary.

33 ¶ Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites. Theſe *are* the families of Merari.

34 And thoſe that were numbred of them, according to the number of all the males from a moneth old and upward, *were* ſix thouſand and two hundred.

35 And the chief of the houſe of the father of the families of Merari *was* Zuriel the ſon of Abihail. *Theſe* ſhall pitch on the ſide of the tabernacle north-ward.

36 And † *under* the cuſtody and charge of the ſons of Merari *ſhall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the ſockets thereof, and all the veſſels thereof, and all that ſerveth thereto,

37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their ſockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 ¶ But thoſe that encamp before the tabernacle toward the eaſt, *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eaſt-ward, *ſhall be* Moſes, and Aaron, and his ſons, keeping the charge of the ſanctuary, for the charge of the children of Iſrael: and the ſtranger that cometh nigh ſhall be put to death.

39 [u] All that were numbred of the Levites, which Moſes and Aaron numbred at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a moneth old and upward, *were* twenty and two thouſand.

40 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Number all the firſt-born of the males of the children of Iſrael from a moneth old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou ſhalt take the Levites for me (I *am* the LORD) in ſtead of all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael, and the cattel of the Levites in ſtead of all the firſtlings among the cattel of the children of Iſrael.

42 And Moſes numbred, as the LORD commanded him, all the firſt-born among the children of Iſrael.

43 And all the firſt born males, by the number of names, from a moneth old and upward, of thoſe that were numbred of them, were twenty and two thouſand two hundred and threeſcore and thirteen.

44 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

45 Take ỹ Levites in ſtead of all the firſt-born among ỹ children of Iſrael, & the cattel of ỹ Levites in ſtead of their cattel; and the Levites ſhall be mine. I *am* the LORD.

46 And

46 And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen, of the first-born of the children of Israel, which are more then the Levites;

47 Thou shalt even take five shekels a piece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take *them*. [x] The shekel *is* twenty gerahs.

48 And thou shalt give the money wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the redemption-money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites.

50 Of the first-born of the children of Israel took he the money, a thousand three hundred and threescore and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

51 And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The age and time of the Levites service.* 4 *The carriage of the Kohathites, when the priests have taken down the tabernacle.* 16 *The charge of Eleazar.* 17 *The office of the priests.* 21 *The carriage of the Gershonites.* 29 *The carriage of the Merarites.* 34 *The number of the Kohathites,* 38 *of the Gershonites,* 42 *and of the Merarites.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by the house of their fathers;

3 [a] From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things.

5 ¶ And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come and his sons, and they shall take down [b] the covering veil, and cover the ark of testimony with it:

6 And shall put thereon the covering of badgers skins, and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in [c] the staves thereof.

7 And upon the [d] table of shew-bread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to ‖ cover withall: and the continual bread shall be thereon. ‖ Or, *poure out withall.*

8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the [e] candlestick of the light [f] and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuff-dishes, and all the oyl-vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it.

10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers skins, and shall put *it* upon a bar.

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers skins, and shall put to the staves thereof.

12 And they shall take all the instruments of ministery, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers skins, and shall put *them* on a bar.

13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

14 And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the ‖ basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers skins, and put to the staves of it. ‖ Or, *bowls.*

15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but they shall not touch *any* holy thing, lest they die. [g] These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

16 ¶ And to the office of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* [h] the oyl for the light, and the [i] sweet incense, and [k] the daily meat-offering, and the [l] anointing oyl, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof.

17 ¶ And

[x] Exod. 30. 13. Levit. 27. 25. Chap. 18. 16. Ezek. 45. 12.

[a] See chap. 8. 24.

[b] Exod. 26. 31.

[c] Exod. 25. 13.

[d] Exod. 25. 30.

[e] Exod. 25. 31. [f] Exod. 25. 37, 38.

[g] Chap. 3. 31.

[h] Exod. 25. 6. [i] Exod. 30. 34. [k] Exod. 29. 40. [l] Exod. 30. 23.

17 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites.

19 But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things; Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden:

20 But they shall not go in to see when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

21 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

22 Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers by their families;

23 From thirty years old and upward untill fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in † to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. to war warfare.

24 This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, and for ‖ burdens.

‖ Or, carriage.

25 And [m] they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers skins that *is* above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

[m] Chap. 3. 25.

26 And the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve.

27 At the † appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens.

† Heb. mouth.

28 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge *shall be* under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 ¶ As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their families, by the house of their fathers;

30 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entreth into the † service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation.

† Heb. warfare.

31 And [n] this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; [o] the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof,

[n] Chap. 3. 36. [o] Exod. 26. 15.

32 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 ¶ And Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbred the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers;

35 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

36 And those that were numbred of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These *were* they that were numbred of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation; which Moses and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbred of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers;

39 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

40 Even those that were numbred of them, throughout their families, by the houses of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty.

41 These *are* they that were numbred of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that

that might do ſervice in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moſes and Aaron did number, according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 ¶ And thoſe that were numbred of the families of the ſons of Merari, throughout their families, by the houſe of their fathers;

43 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entreth in to the ſervice, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation:

44 Even thoſe that were numbred of them after their families were three thouſand and two hundred.

45 Theſe *be* thoſe that were numbred of the families of the ſons of Merari, whom Moſes and Aaron numbred according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moſes.

46 All thoſe that were numbred of the Levites, whom Moſes and Aaron and the chief of Iſrael numbred, after their families, and after the houſe of their fathers;

47 From thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the ſervice of the miniſtery, and the ſervice of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation;

48 Even thoſe that were numbred of them were eight thouſand and five hundred and fourſcore.

49 According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbred by the hand of Moſes, every one according to his ſervice, and according to his burden: thus were they numbred of him, as the LORD commanded Moſes.

CHAP. V.

1 The unclean are removed out of the camp. 5 Reſtitution is to be made in treſpaſſes. 11 The trial of jealouſie.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Command the children of Iſrael that they put out of the camp every [a] leper, and every one that hath an [b] iſſue, and whoſoever is defiled by the [c] dead.

3 Both male and female ſhall ye put out, without the camp ſhall ye put them; that they defile not their camps in the midſt whereof I dwell.

4 And the children of Iſrael did ſo, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſo did the children of Iſrael.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

6 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, [d] When a man or woman ſhall commit any ſin that men commit, to do a treſpaſs againſt the LORD, and that perſon be guilty;

7 Then they ſhall confeſs their ſin which they have done: and he ſhall recompenſe his treſpaſs [e] with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it* unto *him* againſt whom he hath treſpaſſed.

8 But if the man have no kinſman to recompenſe the treſpaſs unto, let the treſpaſs be recompenſed unto the LORD, *even* to the prieſt: beſide [f] the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement ſhall be made for him.

9 And every ‖ ſ offering of all the holy things of the children of Iſrael, which they bring unto the prieſt, ſhall be his.

10 And every mans hallowed things ſhall be his: whatſoever any man giveth the prieſt, it ſhall be [h] his.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

12 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, If any mans wife go aſide, and commit a treſpaſs againſt him,

13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her huſband, and be kept cloſe, and ſhe be defiled, and *there be* no witneſs againſt her, neither ſhe be taken *with the manner*;

14 And the ſpirit of jealouſie come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be defiled: or if the ſpirit of jealouſie come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and ſhe be not defiled:

15 Then ſhall the man bring his wife unto the prieſt, and he ſhall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley-meal; he ſhall pour no oyl

[a] Levit. 13. 3. 46.
[b] Levit. 15. 2.
[c] Numb. 9. 6. 10. & 19. 11. & 31. 19.
[d] Levit. 6. 2, 3.
[e] Levit. 6. 5.
[f] Lev. 6. 6. & 7. 8.
‖ Or, *heave-offering.*
[g] Exod. 29. 28. Lev. 6. 18, 26. & 7. 6, 32. & 10. 12. Numb. 18. 8. Deut. 18. 3.
[h] Levit. 10. 13.

oyl upon it, nor put frankincenſe thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealouſie, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the prieſt ſhall bring her near, and ſet her before the LORD.

17 And the prieſt ſhall take holy water in an earthen veſſel, and of the duſt that is in the floor of the tabernacle the prieſt ſhall take, and put *it* into the water.

18 And the prieſt ſhall ſet the woman before the LORD, and uncover the womans head, and put the offering of memorial in her hands, which *is* the jealouſie offering: and the prieſt ſhall have in his hand the bitter water that cauſeth the curſe.

19 And the prieſt ſhall charge her by an oath, and ſay unto the woman, If no man have lien with thee, and if thou haſt not gone aſide to uncleanneſs || † *with another* in ſtead of thy husband, be thou free from this bitter water that cauſeth the curſe.

|| Or, being in the power of thy husband. † Heb. under thy husband.

20 But if thou haſt gone aſide *to another* in ſtead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and ſome man hath lien with thee beſide thine husband:

21 Then the prieſt ſhall charge the woman with an oath of curſing, and the prieſt ſhall ſay unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curſe and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to † rot, and thy belly to ſwell;

† Heb. fall.

22 And this water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to ſwell, and *thy* thigh to rot. And the woman ſhall ſay, Amen, amen.

23 And the prieſt ſhall write theſe curſes in a book, and he ſhall blot *them* out with the bitter water:

24 And he ſhall cauſe the woman to drink the bitter water that cauſeth the curſe: and the water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall enter into her, *and become* bitter.

25 Then the prieſt ſhall take the jealouſie-offering out of the womans hand, and ſhall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar.

26 And the prieſt ſhall take an handfull of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward ſhall cauſe the woman to drink the water.

27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it ſhall come to paſs, if ſhe be defiled, and have done treſpaſs againſt her husband, that the water that cauſeth the curſe ſhall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly ſhall ſwell, and her thigh ſhall rot: and the woman ſhall be a curſe among her people.

28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then ſhe ſhall be free, and ſhall conceive ſeed.

29 This *is* the law of jealouſies, when a wife goeth aſide *to another* in ſtead of her husband, and is defiled;

30 Or when the ſpirit of jealouſie cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and ſhall ſet the woman before the LORD, and the prieſt ſhall execute upon her all this law.

31 Then ſhall ẏ man be guiltleſs from iniquity, & this woman ſhall bear her iniquity.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Law of the Nazarites. 22 The form of bleſſing the people.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When either man or woman ſhall || ſeparate *themſelves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to ſeparate *themſelves* unto the LORD;

|| Or, make themſelves to vow a vow.

3 He ſhall ſeparate *himſelf* from wine, and ſtrong drink, and ſhall drink no vineger of wine, or vineger of ſtrong drink, neither ſhall he drink any liquour of grapes, nor eat moiſt grapes or dried.

4 All the days of his || ſeparation ſhall he eat nothing that is made of the † vine-tree, from the kernels even to the husk.

|| Or, Nazaritiſhip. † Heb. wine.

5 All the days of the vow of his ſeparation there ſhall no † raſour come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled in the which he ſeparateth *himſelf* unto the LORD, he ſhall be holy, *and* ſhall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

† Heb. razor.

6 All the days that he ſeparateth *himſelf* unto the LORD he ſhall come at no dead body.

7 [b] He

7 [b] He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the † consecration of his God *is* upon his head.

8 All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the LORD.

9 And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head [c] in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it.

10 And [d] on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

11 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day.

12 And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year [e] for a trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall † be lost, because his separation was defiled.

13 ¶ And this *is* the law of the Nazarite; When the days of his separation are fulfilled, he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ew-lamb of the first year without blemish [f] for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish [g] for peace offerings,

15 And a basket of unleavened bread, [h] cakes of fine flour mingled with oyl, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oyl, and their meat offering, and their drink-offerings.

16 And the priest shall bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin-offering and his burnt-offering.

17 And he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat-offering and his drink-offering.

18 [i] And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which *is* under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings.

19 And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after *the hair of* his separation is shaven.

20 And the priest shall wave them [k] *for* a wave offering before the LORD: this *is* holy for the priest, with the wave breast, and heave-shoulder. And after that, the Nazarite may drink wine.

21 This *is* the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

22 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:

25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel, and I will bless them.

CHAP. VII.

1 The offering of the princes at the dedication of the tabernacle. 10 Their several offerings at the dedication of the altar. 89 God speaketh to Moses from the mercy-seat.

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully [a] set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them;

2 That [b] the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, † and were over them that were numbred, offered:

3 And

[b] Lev. 21. 1.
† Heb. consecration.
[c] Chap. 19. 14.
[d] Lev. 5. 7. & 12. 8. & 15. 14, 29.
[e] Lev. 5. 6.
† Heb. be.
[f] Lev. 4. 23. Heb. 32 Lev. 5. 6.
[g] Lev. 3. 6.
[h] Lev. 2. 4.
[i] Acts 21. 24.
[k] Exod. 29. 27, 28.
[a] Exod. 40. 18. Lev. 8. 10.
[b] Chap. 1. 4.
† Heb. who stood.

3 And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.

4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5 Take *it* of them, that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service.

6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.

7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon; according to their service.

8 And four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, [c] under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because [d] the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them, *was that* they should bear upon their shoulders.

10 ¶ And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar, in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering each prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

12 ¶ And he that offered his offering the first day, was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah.

13 And his offering *was* one silver charger, ŷ weight thereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after [e] the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a [f] meat offering:

14 One spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense:

15 [g] One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering:

16 One kid of the goats for a [h] sin-offering:

17 And for [i] a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 ¶ On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer.

19 He offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

20 One spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

21 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

22 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

23 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

24 ¶ On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulun, *did offer*.

25 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

26 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

27 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

28 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 ¶ On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben, *did offer*.

31 His offering *was* one silver charger, of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

32 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

33 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb

[c] Chap. 4. 28, 33.
[d] Chap. 4. 15.
[e] Exod. 30. 13.
[f] Levit. 2. 1.
[g] Levit. 1. 2.
[h] Levit. 4. 23.
[i] Lev. 3. 1.

lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
34 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.
36 ¶ On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon, *did offer.*
37 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:
38 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
39 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
40 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
41 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
42 ¶ On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered.*
43 His offering *was* one silver charger, of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl for a meat-offering:
44 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
45 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
46 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
48 ¶ On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered.*
49 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:
50 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
51 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
52 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
53 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.
54 ¶ On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh.
55 His offering *was* one silver charger of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering.
56 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
57 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
58 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
60 ¶ On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered.*
61 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:
62 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:
63 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:
64 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:
65 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs

lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 ¶ On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered.*

67 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

68 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

69 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

70 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

71 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 ¶ On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered.*

73 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

74 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

75 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first-year, for a burnt-offering:

76 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

78 ¶ On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered.*

79 His offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oyl, for a meat-offering:

80 One golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense:

81 One young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering:

82 One kid of the goats for a sin-offering:

83 And for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year. This *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This *was* the dedication of the altar (in the day when it was anointed) by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold:

85 Each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels* after the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* a piece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels.*

87 All the oxen for the burnt-offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the kids of the goats for sin-offering, twelve.

88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings, *were* twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation, to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that *was* upon the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

CHAP. VIII.

1 How the lamps are to be lighted. 5 The consecration of the Levites. 23 The age and time of their service.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven lamps

lamps shall give light over against the candlestick.

3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof, over against the candlestick; as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 [l] And this work of the candlestick *was of* beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, *was* [m] beaten work: [n] according unto the pattern which the LORD had shewed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

5 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle [o] water of purifying upon them, and † let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and *so* make themselves clean.

8 Then let them take a young bullock with [p] his meat-offering, *even* fine flour mingled with oyl, and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering.

9 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together:

10 And thou shalt bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites:

11 And Aaron shall † offer the Levites before the LORD, *for* an † offering of the children of Israel; that † they may execute the service of the LORD.

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt offer the one *for* a sin offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites.

13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them *for* an offering unto the LORD.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel: and the Levites shall be [q] mine.

15 And after that, shall the Levites go in, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for* an offering.

16 For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; [r] in stead of such as open every womb, *even in stead of* the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me.

17 [s] For all the first-born of the children of Israel *are* mine, *both* man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for my self.

18 And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel.

19 And [t] I have given the Levites *as* † a gift to Aaron, and to his sons, from among the children of Israel; to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary.

20 And Moses and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel did to the Levites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the LORD; and Aaron made an atonement for them to cleanse them.

22 And after that went the Levites in, to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron and before his sons. [u] As the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 This *is it* that *belongeth* unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old, and upward, they shall go in † to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation:

25 And from the age of fifty years they shall † cease waiting upon the service *thereof*, and shall serve no more:

26 But shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep

[l] Exod. 25. 31.
[m] Exod. 25. 18. chap. 10. 10.
[n] Exod. 25. 40.
[o] Chap. 19. 9. † Heb. a razor of sharpness upon all their flesh, &c.
[p] Lev. 2. 1.
† Heb. stand.
† Heb. a wave-offering.
† Heb. that they may be to execute, &c.
[q] Chap. 3. 45.
[r] Chap. 3. 12.
[s] Exod. 13. 2, 12, 15. chap. 3. 13. Luke 2. 23.
[t] Chap. 3. 9. † Heb. given.
[u] Chap. 4. 4.
† Heb. to wait upon the warfare of, &c.
† Heb. return from the warfare of the service.

keep the charge, and ſhall do no ſervice. Thus ſhalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

CHAP. IX.

1 The paſs-over is commanded again. 6 A ſecond paſs-over allowed for them that were unclean or abſent. 15 The cloud guideth the removings and encampings of the Iſraelites.

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the wilderneſs of Sinai, in the firſt moneth of the ſecond year, after they were come out of the land of Egypt, ſaying,

2 Let the children of Iſrael alſo keep [a] the paſs-over at his appointed ſeaſon.

3 In the fourteenth day of this moneth † at even, ye ſhall keep it in his appointed ſeaſon: according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies thereof ſhall ye keep it.

4 And Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, that they ſhould keep the paſs-over.

5 And they kept the paſs-over on the fourteenth day of the firſt moneth at even, in the wilderneſs of Sinai: according to all that the LORD commanded Moſes, ſo did the children of Iſrael.

6 ¶ And there were certain men who were [b] defiled by the dead body of a man, that they could not keep the paſs-over on that day: and they came before Moſes, and before Aaron on that day.

7 And thoſe men ſaid unto him, We *are* defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in his appointed ſeaſon among the children of Iſrael?

8 And Moſes ſaid unto them, Stand ſtill, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

9 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, If any man of you or of your poſterity ſhall be unclean by reaſon of a dead body, or *be* in a journey afar off, yet he ſhall keep the paſs over unto the LORD.

11 [c] The fourteenth day of the ſecond moneth at even they ſhall keep it, *and* eat it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*.

12 [d] They ſhall leave none of it unto the morning, [e] nor break any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the paſs-over, they ſhall keep it.

13 But the man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the paſs-over; even the ſame ſoul ſhall be cut off from his people, becauſe he brought not the offering of the LORD in his appointed ſeaſon: that man ſhall bear his ſin.

14 And if a ſtranger ſhall ſojourn among you, and will keep the paſs-over unto the LORD, according to the ordinance of the paſs-over, and according to the manner thereof, ſo ſhall he do: [f] ye ſhall have one ordinance, both for the ſtranger, and for him that was born in the land.

15 ¶ And [g] on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the teſtimony: and [h] at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

16 So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night.

17 And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle; then after that, the children of Iſrael journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Iſrael pitched their tents.

18 At the commandment of the LORD the children of Iſrael journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: [i] as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle, they reſted in the tents.

19 And when the cloud † tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Iſrael kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not.

20 And *ſo* it was when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, & according to ỹ commandment of the LORD they journeyed.

21 And *ſo* it was when the cloud † abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Or

[a] Exod. 12. 3, &c. Levit. 23. 5. Chap. 28. 16. Deut. 16. 2.
4 Heb. *between the two evenings.*
[b] Chap. 5. 2. & 19. 11.
[c] 2 Chr. 30. 2, 15.
[d] Exod. 12. 10. & 23. 18. & 34. 25.
[e] Exod. 12. 46. Joh. 19. 36.
[f] Exod. 12. 49.
[g] Exod. 40. 36, 37.
[h] Deut. 1. 33. Neh. 9. 12, 19.
[i] Exod. 40. 36, 37.
† Heb. *was.*
† Heb. *was.*
† Heb. *was.*

22 Or *whether it were* two days, or a moneth, or a year that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel [k] abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

23 At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. X.

1 The use of the silver trumpets. 11 The Israelites remove from Sinai to Paran. 14 The order of their march. 29 Hobab is entreated by Moses not to leave them. 33 The blessing of Moses at the removing and resting of the ark.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of an whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when [a] they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4 And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet*, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

5 When ye blow an alarm, then ỹ camps that lie on the east-parts shall go forward.

6 When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south-side, shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron the priests shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

9 And [b] if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembred before ỹ LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also [c] in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your moneths, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

11 ¶ And it came to pass on the twentieth *day* of the second moneth, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.

12 And the children of Israel took [d] their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

14 ¶ [e] In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* [f] Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar, *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

16 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, *was* Eliab the son of Helon.

17 And [g] the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward [h] bearing ỹ tabernacle.

18 ¶ And [i] the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the son of Shedeur.

19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon, *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad, *was* Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the [k] sanctuary; and ‖ *the other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.

22 ¶ And [l] the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elishama the son of Ammihud.

23 And

[a] Exod. 40. 36, 37.

[b] Chap. 31. 6. 2 Chron. 13. 14.

[c] Chap. 29. 1. 1 Chron. 15. 24. 2 Chron. 5. 12. & 7. 6. & 29. 26. Ezra 3. 10. Neh. 12. 35. Psa. 81. 3

[d] Chap. 2. 9. 16, 24, 31.

[e] Chap. 2. 3.

[f] Chap. 1. 4.

[g] Chap. 4. 31.

[h] Chap. 4. 24, 31.

[i] Chap. 2. 10.

[k] Chap. 4. 4.

‖ That is, the Gershonites and the Merarites ver. 17.

[l] Chap. 2. 18.

23 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Manaſſeh, *was* Gamaliel the ſon of Pedahzur.

24 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, *was* Abidan the ſon of Gideoni.

25 ¶ And [m] the ſtandard of the camp of the children of Dan ſet forward, *which was* the rereward of all the camps throughout their hoſts: and over his hoſt *was* Ahiezer the ſon of Ammiſhaddai.

26 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Aſher, *was* Pagiel the ſon of Ocran.

27 And over the hoſt of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, *was* Ahira the ſon of Enan.

28 † Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Iſrael, according to their armies, when they ſet forward.

29 ¶ And Moſes ſaid unto Hobab, the ſon of Raguel the Midianite, Moſes father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD ſaid, I will give it you: come thou with us, and [n] we will do thee good: for the LORD hath ſpoken good concerning Iſrael.

30 And he ſaid unto him, I will not go, but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he ſaid, Leave us not, I pray thee; foraſmuch as thou knoweſt how we are to encamp in the wilderneſs, and thou mayeſt be to us inſtead of eyes.

32 And it ſhall be, if thou go with us, yea it ſhall be, that what goodneſs the LORD ſhall do unto us, the ſame will we do unto thee.

33 ¶ And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days journey, [o] to ſearch out a reſting-place for them.

34 And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when they went out of the camp.

35 And it came to paſs when the ark ſet forward, that Moſes ſaid, [p] Riſe up, LORD, and let thine enemies be ſcattered; and let them that hate thee, flee before thee.

36 And when it reſted, he ſaid, Return, O LORD, unto the † many thouſands of Iſrael.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The burning at Taberah quenched by Moſes prayer.* 4 *The people luſt for fleſh, and lothe manna.* 10 *Moſes complaineth of his charge.* 16 *God divideth his burden unto ſeventy elders.* 31 *Quails are given in wrath at Kibroth-hattaavah.*

AND *when* the people ‖ complained, † it diſpleaſed the LORD: and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt [a] among them, and conſumed *them that were* in the uttermoſt parts of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moſes; and when Moſes prayed unto the LORD, the fire † was quenched.

3 And he called the name of the place ‖ Taberah: becauſe the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 ¶ And the [b] mixt multitude that *was* among them † fell a luſting: and the children of Iſrael alſo † wept again, and ſaid, [c] Who ſhall give us fleſh to eat?

5 [d] We remember the fiſh which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our ſoul *is* dried away; *there is* nothing at all, beſides this manna, before our eyes.

7 And [e] the manna *was* as coriander-ſeed, and the † colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.

8 *And* the people went about, and gathered *it*, and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taſte of it was as the taſte of freſh oyl.

9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

10 ¶ Then Moſes heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and [f] the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moſes alſo was diſpleaſed.

11 And Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, Wherefore haſt thou afflicted thy ſervant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy ſight, that thou layeſt the burden of all this people upon me?

12 Have

[m] Chap. 2. 25.
† Heb. *Theſe.*
[n] Judg. 1. 16.
[o] Deut. 1. 33. Jer. 31. 2. Ezek. 20. 6.
[p] Pſal. 68. 1, 2
‖ Or, were as one that complained.
† Heb. *was evil in the ears of the LORD.*
[a] Exod. 18. 18.
[b] See 1 Kings 10. 4. Jon. 4. 3.
† See Exod. 4. 9.
‖ That is, burning.
[c] Exod. 12. 38. † Heb. *returned and wept.*
[d] Neh. 9. 20.
† Heb. *mouth of eye.*
[e] Exod. 16. 31.
[f] Pſal. 78. 21.
[g] Exod. 33. 11. & 38. 26. Chap. 1. 46.

12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou ſhouldeſt ſay unto me, Carry them in thy boſom (as a nurſing father beareth the ſucking child) unto the land which thou ſwareſt unto their fathers?

13 Whence ſhould I have fleſh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, ſaying, Give us fleſh, that we may eat.

14 [g] I am not able to bear all this people alone, becauſe *it is* too heavy for me.

15 And if thou deal thus with me, [h] kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy ſight; and let me not ſee my wretchedneſs.

16 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Gather unto me [i] ſeventy men of ye elders of Iſrael, whom thou knoweſt to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may ſtand there with thee.

17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and [k] I will take of the ſpirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon them; and they ſhall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear *it* not thy ſelf alone.

18 And ſay thou unto the people, Sanctifie your ſelves againſt to morrow, and ye ſhall eat fleſh (for you have wept in the ears of the LORD, ſaying, Who ſhall give us fleſh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt) therefore the LORD will give you fleſh, and ye ſhall eat.

19 Ye ſhall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days;

20 *But* even a † whole moneth, untill it come out at your noſtrils, and it be lothſome unto you: becauſe that ye have deſpiſed the LORD which *is* among you, and have wept before him, ſaying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

21 And Moſes ſaid, [l] The people among whom I *am*, *are* ſix hundred thouſand footmen; and thou haſt ſaid, I will give them fleſh, that they may eat a whole moneth.

22 Shall the flocks and the herds be ſlain for them, to ſuffice them? or ſhall all the fiſh of the ſea be gathered together for them, to ſuffice them?

23 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [m] Is the LORDS hand waxed ſhort? thou ſhalt ſee now whether my word ſhall come to paſs unto thee, or not.

24 ¶ And Moſes went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the ſeventy men of the elders of the people, and ſet them round about the tabernacle.

25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and ſpake unto him, and took of the ſpirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the ſeventy elders: and it came to paſs *that* when the ſpirit reſted upon them, they propheſied, and did not ceaſe.

26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the ſpirit reſted upon them (and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle) and they propheſied in the camp.

27 And there ran a young man, and told Moſes, and ſaid, Eldad and Medad do propheſie in the camp.

28 And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, the ſervant of Moſes, *one* of his young men, anſwered and ſaid, [n] My lord Moſes, forbid them.

29 And Moſes ſaid unto him, Envieſt thou for my ſake? would God that all the LORDS people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his ſpirit upon them.

30 And Moſes gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Iſrael.

31 ¶ And there went forth a [o] wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the ſea, and let *them* fall by the camp, † as it were a days journey on this ſide, and as it were a days journey on the other ſide, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high*, upon the face of the earth.

32 And the people ſtood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, they gathered the quails: he that gathered leaſt, gathered ten homers: and they ſpread *them* all abroad for themſelves round about the camp.

33 And

[g] Exod. 18. 18.
[h] See 1 Kings 19. 4. Jon. 4. 3.
[i] See Exod. 4. 29.
[k] Neh. 9. 20.
[l] Exod. 12. 37. & 38. 26. Chap. 1. 46.
[m] Iſa. 50. 2. & 59. 1.
[n] See Luk. 9. 49. Joh. 3. 26.
[o] Exod. 16. 13. Pſal. 78. 26. & 105. 40.
† Heb. as it were the way of a day.

33 And while the [p] fleſh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed; the wrath of the LORD was kindled againſt the people, and the LORD ſmote the people with a very great plague.

34 And he called the name of that place ‖ That is, *The graves of luſt.* ‖ Kibroth-hattaavah: becauſe there they buried the people that luſted.

35 [q] *And* the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, unto Hazeroth: and † abode at Hazeroth.

[p] Pſal. 78. 30, 31.

[q] Chap. 33. 17. † Heb. they were, &c.

CHAP. XII.

1 *God rebuketh the ſedition of Miriam and Aaron.* 10 *Miriams leproſie is healed at the prayer of Moſes.* 14 *God commandeth her to be ſhut out of the hoſt.*

AND Miriam and Aaron ſpake againſt Moſes, becauſe of the ‖ Ethiopian woman, whom he had married: for [a] he had † married an Ethiopian woman.

‖ Or, *Cuſhite.* [a] Exod. 2. 21. † Heb. *taken.*

2 And they ſaid, Hath the LORD indeed ſpoken onely by Moſes? [b] hath he not ſpoken alſo by us? And the LORD heard *it.*

[b] Mic. 6. 4.

3 (Now the man Moſes *was* [c] very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth)

[c] Eccluſ 45. 4.

4 And the LORD ſpake ſuddenly unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of ỹ congregation. And they three came out.

5 And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud, and ſtood *in* the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

6 And he ſaid, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the LORD will make my ſelf known unto him in a viſion, *and* will ſpeak unto him in a dream.

7 My ſervant Moſes *is* not ſo, [d] who *is* faithfull in all mine houſe.

[d] Hebr. 3. 2.

8 With him will I ſpeak [e] mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark ſpeeches; and the ſimilitude of the LORD ſhall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to ſpeak againſt my ſervant Moſes?

[e] Exod. 33. 11.

9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt them, and he departed.

10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and [f] behold, Miriam *became* leprous, *white* as ſnow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, *ſhe was* leprous.

[f] Deut. 24. 9.

11 And Aaron ſaid unto Moſes, Alas my lord, I beſeech thee, lay not the ſin upon us, wherein we have done fooliſhly, and wherein we have ſinned.

12 Let her not be as one dead; of whom the fleſh is half conſumed, when he cometh out of his mothers womb.

13 And Moſes cried unto ỹ LORD, ſaying, Heal her now, O God, I beſeech thee.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [g] If her father had but ſpit in her face, ſhould ſhe not be aſhamed ſeven days? let her be [h] ſhut out from the camp ſeven days, and after that let her be received in *again.*

[g] Deut. 25. 9. Heb. 12. 9. [h] Lev. 13. 4.

15 And Miriam was ſhut out from the camp ſeven days: and the people journeyed not, till Miriam was brought in *again.*

16 And afterward the people removed from [i] Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderneſs of Paran.

[i] Chap. 11. 35. 33. 17.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The names of the men who were ſent to ſearch the land.* 17 *Their inſtructions.* 21 *Their acts.* 26 *Their relation.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

2 [a] Send thou men, that they may ſearch the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Iſrael: of every tribe of their fathers ſhall ye ſend a man, every one a ruler among them.

[a] Or, Deut. 1. 22.

3 And Moſes by the commandment of the LORD, ſent them from the wilderneſs of Paran: all thoſe men *were* heads of the children of Iſrael.

4 And theſe *were* their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the ſon of Zaccur.

5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the ſon of Hori.

6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

7 Of the tribe of Iſſachar, Igal the ſon of Joſeph.

8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oſhea the ſon of Nun.

9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the ſon of Raphu.

10 Of

10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the ſon of Sodi.

11 Of the tribe of Joſeph, *namely*, of the tribe of Manaſſeh, Gaddi the ſon of Suſi.

12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the ſon of Gemalli.

13 Of the tribe of Aſher, Sethur the ſon of Michael.

14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the ſon of Vophſi.

15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the ſon of Machi.

16 Theſe *are* the names of the men which Moſes ſent to ſpy out the land. And Moſes called Oſhea the ſon of Nun, Joſhua.

17 ¶ And Moſes ſent them to ſpy out the land of Canaan, and ſaid unto them, Get you up this *way* ſouth-ward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And ſee the land what it *is*, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* ſtrong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in ſtrong holds;

20 And what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land (now the time *was* the time of the firſt ripe grapes.)

21 ¶ So they went up and ſearched the land, from the wilderneſs of Zin, unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they aſcended by the ſouth, and came unto Hebron; where [b] Ahiman, Sheſhai, and Talmai, the children of Anak *were* (now Hebron was built ſeven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 [c] And they came unto the ‖ brook of Eſhcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluſter of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a ſtaff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the ‖ brook ‖ Eſhcol, becauſe of the cluſter of grapes which the children of Iſrael cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from ſearching of the land after fourty days.

26 ¶ And they went and came to Moſes and to Aaron, & to all the congregation of the children of Iſrael unto the wilderneſs of Paran, to [d] Kadeſh; & brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and ſhewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and ſaid, We came unto the land whither thou ſenteſt us, and ſurely it floweth with [e] milk and hony; and this *is* the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheleſs, [f] the people *be* ſtrong that dwell in the land, and [g] the cities *are* walled, *and* very great: and moreover, we ſaw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the ſouth: and the Hittites, and the Jebuſites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the ſea, and by the coaſt of Jordan.

30 And Caleb ſtilled the people before Moſes, and ſaid, Let us go up at once, and poſſeſs it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him, ſaid, We be not able to go up againſt the people, for they *are* ſtronger then we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had ſearched, unto the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land through which we have gone to ſearch it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and [h] all the people that we ſaw in it, *are* † men of a great ſtature.

33 And there we ſaw the giants, the ſons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own ſight as graſhoppers, and ſo we were in their ſight.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The people murmure at the news. 6 Joſhua and Caleb labour to ſtill them. 11 God threatneth them. 13 Moſes perſwadeth God, and obtaineth pardon. 16 The murmurers are deprived of entring into the land. 36 The men who raiſed the evil report, die by a plague. 40 The people that would invade the land againſt the will of God, are ſmitten.

AND all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.

2 And all the children of Iſrael mur-

[b] Chap. 13. 1, 16. & 33. 36.

[c] Exod. 33. 3.

[d] Deut. 1. 19, 21.

[e] Deut. 1. 28.

[f] Amos 2. 9.

† Heb. men of ſtature.

mured againſt Moſes, and againſt Aaron: and the whole congregation ſaid unto them, Would God that we had died in the
[i] See v. 28, 29. land of Egypt, or [i] would God we had died in this wilderneſs.

3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the ſword, that our wives and our children ſhould be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they ſaid one to another, Let us make a captain, & let us return into Egypt.

5 Then Moſes and Aaron fell on their faces before all the aſſembly of the congregation of the children of Iſrael.

6 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun, & Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that ſearched the land, rent their clothes.

7 And they ſpake unto all the company of the children of Iſrael, ſaying, The land which we paſſed through to ſearch it, *is* an exceeding good land.

8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk & honey.

9 Onely rebel not ye againſt the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for
† Heb. *ſhadow.* they *are* bread for us: their † defence is departed from them, and the LORD *is* with us: fear them not.

10 But all the congregation bade ſtone them with ſtones: & the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation, before all the children of Iſrael.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they beleeve me, for all the ſigns which I have ſhewed among them?

12 I will ſmite them with the peſtilence,
[k] Exod. 32. 10. and diſinherit them, and [k] will make of thee a greater nation, and mightier then they.

13 ¶ And [l] Moſes ſaid unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians ſhall hear *it* (for thou
[l] Exod. 32. 12. Deut. 32. 27. broughteſt up this people in thy might from among them)

14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: [m] *for* they have heard
[m] Exod. 15. 14. Joſh. 2. 9. & 5. 1. that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art ſeen face to face, and *that* [n] thy cloud ſtandeth over them, and
[n] Exod. 13. 21. *that* thou goeſt before them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now *if* thou ſhalt kill *all* this people, as one man; then the nations which have heard the fame of thee, will ſpeak, ſaying,

16 Becauſe the LORD was not [o] able to
[o] Deut. 9. 28. bring this people into the land which he ſware unto them, therefore he hath ſlain them in the wilderneſs.

17 And now, I beſeech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou haſt ſpoken, ſaying,

18 The Lord *is* [p] long-ſuffering, and
[p] Exod. 34. 6. Pſal. 103. 8. Nah. 1. 3. of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and tranſgreſſion, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, [q] viſiting the iniquity of the fa-
[q] Exod. 20. 5. thers upon the children, unto the third and fourth *generation*.

19 Pardon, I beſeech thee, the iniquity of this people, according unto the greatneſs of thy mercy, & as thou haſt forgiven this people, from Egypt, even † until now.
† Or, *hitherto.*

20 And the LORD ſaid, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But *as* truly *as* I live, all the earth ſhall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 [r] Becauſe all thoſe men which have
[r] Deut. 6. 16. Pſal. 78. 18. 41. 56. Heb. 3. 17. ſeen my glory, and my miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderneſs, and have tempted me now theſe ten times, and have not hearkned to my voice;

23 † Surely they ſhall not ſee the land
† Or, *if any* which I ſware unto their fathers, neither ſhall any of them that provoked me, ſee it:

24 But my ſervant [s] Caleb, becauſe he
[s] Joſh. 14. 24. had another ſpirit with him, and hath followed me fully; him will I bring into the land, whereinto he went; and his ſeed ſhall poſſeſs it.

25 (Now the Amalekites, and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderneſs, by the way of the Red ſea.

26 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

27 How long *ſhall I bear with* this evil congregation which murmure againſt me? I have heard the murmurings of ỹ children

of

of Israel, which they murmure against me.

28 Say unto them, [c] *As truly as* I live, saith the LORD, [d] as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you:

29 Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbred of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

30 Doubtless ye shall not come into the land *concerning* which I † sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

31 But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

32 But *as for* you, your carcases they shall fall in this wilderness.

33 And your children shall ‖ wander in the wilderness fourty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcases be wasted in the wilderness.

34 [x] After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, *even* [y] fourty days (each day for a year) shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* fourty years, and ye shall know | my breach of promise.

35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmure against him, by bringing up a slander upon ŷ land;

37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, [z] died by the plague before the LORD.

38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still*.

39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

40 ¶ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we [a] *be here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.

41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do you transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.

42 Go not up, for the LORD *is* not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites, and the Canaanites *are* there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD; therefore the LORD will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill-top: nevertheless, the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses departed not out of the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and [b] discomfited them, *even* unto [c] Hormah.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The law of the meat-offering, and the drink-offering.* 13, 29 *The stranger is under the same law.* 17 *The law of the first of the dough for an heave-offering.* 22 *The sacrifice for sins of ignorance.* 30 *The punishment of presumption.* 32 *He that violated the sabbath is stoned.* 37 *The law of fringes.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering or a sacrifice, [b] in † performing a vow, or in a free-will offering, or [c] in your solemn feasts, to make a [d] sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd or of the flock:

4 Then [e] shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD, bring [f] a meat offering of a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of oyl.

5 And the fourth *part* of an hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare, with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare *for* a meat-offering, two tenth-deals of flour mingled with ŷ third *part* of an hin of oyl.

7 And for a drink-offering, thou ſhalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD.

8 And when thou prepareſt a bullock *for* a burnt-offering, or *for* a ſacrifice in performing a vow, or [e] peace-offerings unto the LORD:

[e] Levit. 7. 11.

9 Then ſhall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oyl.

10 And thou ſhalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD.

11 Thus ſhall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that ye ſhall prepare, ſo ſhall ye do to every one, according to their number.

13 All that are born of the countrey, ſhall do theſe things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD.

14 And if a ſtranger ſojourn with you, or whoſoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD: as ye do, ſo he ſhall do.

[h] Exod. 12. 49. Chap. 9. 14.

15 [h] One ordinance *ſhall be both* for you of the congregation, and alſo for the ſtranger that ſojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, ſo ſhall the ſtranger be before the LORD.

16 One law, and one manner ſhall be for you, and for the ſtranger that ſojourneth with you.

17 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

18 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 Then it ſhall be, that when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye ſhall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD.

20 Ye ſhall offer up a cake of the firſt of your dough, *for* an heave-offering: as *ye do* [i] the heave-offering of the threſhing-floor, ſo ſhall ye heave it.

[i] Levit. 2. 14. & 23. 10, 16

21 Of the firſt of your dough ye ſhall give unto the LORD, an heave-offering in your generations.

22 ¶ And [k] if ye have erred, and not obſerved all theſe commandments which the LORD hath ſpoken unto Moſes,

[k] Levit. 4. 2.

23 *Even* all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moſes, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moſes*, and henceforward among your generations:

24 Then it ſhall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance † without the knowledge of the congregation; that all the congregation ſhall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD, with his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the || manner, and one kid of the goats for a ſin-offering.

† Heb. from the eyes.

|| Or, ordinance.

25 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, and it ſhall be forgiven them, for it *is* ignorance: and they ſhall bring their offering, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their ſin-offering before the LORD, for their ignorance.

[l] Deut. 33. 18. Mat. 23. 5.

26 And it ſhall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Iſrael, and the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them; ſeeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

27 ¶ And [l] if any ſoul ſin through ignorance, then he ſhall bring a ſhe-goat of the firſt year for a ſin-offering.

[l] Levit. 4. 27.

28 And the prieſt ſhall make an atonement for the ſoul that ſinneth ignorantly, when he ſinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it ſhall be forgiven him.

29 You ſhall have one law for him that † ſinneth through ignorance, *both for* him that is born amongſt the children of Iſrael, and for the ſtranger that ſojourneth among them.

† Heb. doeth.

30 ¶ But the ſoul that doeth *ought* † preſumptuouſly (*whether he be* born in the land, or a ſtranger) the ſame reproacheth the LORD; and that ſoul ſhall be cut off from among his people.

† Heb. with an high hand.

[a] Chap. 20. 3. Eccluſ 45. 18. Jude 11.

31 Becauſe he hath deſpiſed the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment; that ſoul ſhall utterly be cut off: his iniquity *ſhall be* upon him.

[b] Chap. 16. 9.

32 ¶ And while the children of Iſrael were

were in the wilderneſs, they found a man that gathered ſticks upon the ſabbath-day.

33 And they that found him gathering ſticks, brought him unto Moſes and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him [m] in ward, becauſe it was not declared what ſhould be done to him.

35 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, [n] The man ſhall be ſurely put to death: all the congregation ſhall ſtone him with ſtones without the camp.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and ſtoned him with ſtones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moſes.

37 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

38 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and bid [o] them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments, throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue.

39 And it ſhall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them: and that ye ſeek not after your own heart, and your own eyes, after which ye uſe to go a whoring:

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. 23 Moſes ſeparateth the people from the rebels tents. 31 The earth ſwalloweth up ſome of them, and a fire conſumeth others. 36 The cenſers are reſerved to holy uſe. 41 Fourteen thouſand and ſeven hundred are ſlain by a plague for murmuring againſt Moſes and Aaron. 46 Aaron by incenſe ſtayeth the plague.

NOw [a] Korah the ſon of Izhar, the ſon of Kohath, the ſon of Levi, and Dathan & Abiram the ſons of Eliab, & On the ſon of Peleth, ſons of Reuben, took *men*.

2 And they roſe up before Moſes, with certain of the children of Iſrael, two hundred and fifty princes of the aſſembly, [b] famous in the congregation, men of renown.

3 And [c] they gathered themſelves together againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron, and ſaid unto them, † *Ye take* too much upon you, ſeeing all the congregation *are* holy every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them: wherefore then lift you up your ſelves above the congregation of the LORD?

4 And when Moſes heard *it*, he fell upon his face:

5 And he ſpake unto Korah, and unto all his company, ſaying, Even to morrow the LORD will ſhew who *are* his, and *who is* holy; and will cauſe *him* to come near unto him: even *him* whom he hath choſen, will he cauſe to come near unto him.

6 This do; Take you cenſers, Korah, and all his company;

7 And put fire therein, and put incenſe in them before the LORD to morrow: and it ſhall be *that* the man whom the LORD doth chooſe, he *ſhall be* holy: *ye take* too much upon you, ye ſons of Levi.

8 And Moſes ſaid unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye ſons of Levi:

9 *Seemeth it but* a ſmall thing unto you, that the God of Iſrael hath ſeparated you from the congregation of Iſrael, to bring you near to himſelf, to do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to ſtand before the congregation, to miniſter unto them?

10 And he hath brought thee near *to him*, and all thy brethren the ſons of Levi with thee: and ſeek ye the prieſthood alſo?

11 For which cauſe *both* thou, and all thy company *are* gathered together againſt the LORD: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmure againſt him?

12 ¶ And Moſes ſent to call Dathan and Abiram the ſons of Eliab: which ſaid, We will not come up.

13 *Is it* a ſmall thing that thou haſt brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderneſs, except thou make thy ſelf altogether a prince over us?

14 Moreover, thou haſt not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey,

[m] Levit. 24. 12.
[n] Exod. 31. 14.
[o] Deut. 22. 12. Mat. 23. 5.
[a] Chap. 26. 3. Eccluſ. 45. 18. Jude 11.
[b] Chap. 26. 9.
[c] Pſal. 106. 16.
† Heb. It is much for you.

ny, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou † put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

† Heb. bore out

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, [d] Respect not thou their offering: [e] I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

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1 *The charge of the priests and Levites.* 9 *The priests portion.* 21 *The Levites portion.* 25 *The heave-offering to the priests out of the Levites portion.*

AND the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

2 And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be [a] joyned unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee, *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness.

3 And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: onely they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, that neither they, nor you also die.

4 And they shall be joyned unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you.

5 And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar; that there be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel.

6 And I, behold, I have [b] taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: [c] to you *they are* given *as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee, shall keep your priests office for every thing of the altar, and within the veil, and ye shall serve: I have given your priests office *unto you*, *as* a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh, shall be put to death.

8 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave-offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them, by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons by an ordinance for ever.

9 This shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every [d] meat-offering of theirs, and every [e] sin-offering of theirs, and every [f] trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee and for thy sons.

10 In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; [g] every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.

11 And this *is* thine; the heave-offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto [h] thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: [i] every one that is clean in thy house, shall eat of it.

12 [k] All the † best of the oyl, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee.

13 *And* whatsoever is first ripe in the land, [l] which they shall bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house, shall eat *of* it.

14 [m] Every thing devoted in Israel, shall be thine.

15 Every thing that openeth [n] the matrice in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless, [o] the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem.

16 And those that are to be redeemed, from a moneth old shalt thou redeem according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, [p] which *is* twenty gerahs.

17 But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat thou shalt not redeem, they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat *for* an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

18 And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the [q] wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine.

19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto

[a] See Gen. 29. 34.
[b] Chap. 3. 12, 45.
[c] Chap. 3. 9.

unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy ſons, and thy daughters with thee, by a ſtatute for ever: it *is* a covenant of ſalt for ever, before the LORD, unto thee and to thy ſeed with thee.

20 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Aaron, Thou ſhalt have no inheritance in their land, neither ſhalt thou have any part among them: [r] I *am* thy part, and thine inheritance among the children of Iſrael.

21 And behold, [s] I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Iſrael, for an inheritance, for their ſervice which they ſerve, *even* the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Neither muſt the children of Iſrael henceforth come nigh ỹ tabernacle of the congregation, leſt they bear ſin, † and die.

23 But the Levites ſhall do the ſervice of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they ſhall bear their iniquity: *It ſhall be* a ſtatute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Iſrael they have no inheritance.

24 But the tithes of the children of Iſrael, which they offer *as* an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have ſaid unto them, Among the children of Iſrael they ſhall have no inheritance.

25 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

26 Thus ſpeak unto the Levites, and ſay unto them, When ye take of the children of Iſrael the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye ſhall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe.

27 And *this* your heave offering ſhall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the threſhing floor, and as the fulneſs of the wine-preſs.

28 Thus you alſo ſhall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD, of all your tithes which ye receive of the children of Iſrael: and ye ſhall give thereof the LORDS heave-offering to Aaron the prieſt.

29 Out of all your gifts ye ſhall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of all the † beſt thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof, out of it.

30 Therefore thou ſhalt ſay unto them, When ye have heaved the beſt thereof from it, then it ſhall be counted unto the Levites, as the increaſe of the threſhing-floor, and as the increaſe of the wine-preſs.

31 And ye ſhall eat it in every place, ye and your houſholds: for it *is* [t] your reward for your ſervice, in the tabernacle of the congregation.

32 And ye ſhall bear no ſin, by reaſon of it, when ye have heaved from it the beſt of it: neither ſhall ye pollute the holy things of the children of Iſrael, leſt ye die.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The water of ſeparation made of the aſhes of a red heifer.* 11 *The law for the uſe of it in purification of the unclean.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, and unto Aaron, ſaying,

2 This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, ſaying, Speak unto the children of Iſrael, that they bring thee a red heifer without ſpot, wherein *is* no blemiſh, *and* upon which never came yoke.

3 And ye ſhall give her unto Eleazar the prieſt, that he may bring her [a] forth without the camp, and *one* ſhall ſlay her before his face.

4 And Eleazar the prieſt ſhall take of her bloud with his finger, and [b] ſprinkle of her bloud directly before the tabernacle of the congregation ſeven times.

5 And *one* ſhall burn the heifer in his ſight; [c] her skin, and her fleſh, and her bloud, with her dung, ſhall he burn.

6 And the prieſt ſhall take cedar-wood, and hyſſop, and ſcarlet, and caſt *it* into the midſt of the burning of the heifer.

7 Then the prieſt ſhall waſh his clothes, and he ſhall bathe his fleſh in water, and afterward he ſhall come into the camp, and the prieſt ſhall be unclean untill the even.

8 And he that burneth her, ſhall waſh his clothes in water, and bathe his fleſh in water, and ſhall be unclean untill the even.

9 And a man *that is* clean ſhall gather up [d] the aſhes of the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place, and it ſhall

† Heb. *fat.*

[r] Deut. 10. 9. & 12. 12. & 14. 27. Ezek. 44. 28. [s] Levit. 27. 30.

† Heb. *die.*

[t] 1 Cor. 9. 13.

[a] Heb. 13. 11. [b] Heb. 9. 13. [c] Exod. 29. 14. Levit. 4. 11, 12. [d] Heb. 9. 13.

shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel, for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer, shall wash his clothes, and be unclean untill the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 ¶ [c] He that toucheth the dead body of any † man, shall be unclean seven days.

12 [f] He shall purifie himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purifie not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, [g] defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness *is* yet upon him.

14 This *is* the law, when a man dieth in a tent; all that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

15 And every [h] open vessel which hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the † ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and † running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip *it* in the water, and sprinkle *it* upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

19 And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purifie himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purifie himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation: because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD, the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him, he *is* unclean.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation, shall wash his clothes, and he that toucheth the water of separation, shall be unclean untill even.

22 And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth, shall be unclean: and the soul that toucheth *it*, shall be unclean until even.

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1 The children of Israel come to Zin, where Miriam dieth. 2 They murmure for want of water. 7 Moses smiting the rock, bringeth forth water at Meribah. 14 Moses at Kadesh desireth passage through Edom, which is denied him. 22 At mount Hor Aaron resigneth his place to Eleazar, and dieth.

THen came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin, in the first moneth: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses, & against Aaron.

3 And the people [i] chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died [b] when our brethren died before the LORD.

4 And [c] why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattel should die there?

5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it *is* no place of seed, or of figs, or vines, or of pomegranates, neither *is* there any water to drink.

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and [d] they fell upon their faces: and [e] the glory of the LORD appeared unto them.

7 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

8 [f] Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their

* Levit. 21. 1. Chap. 5. 2. Lam. 4. 14. Hag. 2. 13.
† Heb. *soul of man.*
f Chap. 31. 19.
g Levit. 15. 31.
h Chap. 31. 20.
† Heb. *dust.*
† Heb. *living waters shall be given.*
i Exod. 17. 6.
k Chap. 27. 14. Deut. 4. 37. & 32. 51. & 33. 8.
l Deut. 32. 8. Psal. 95. 8. & 106. 32, &c.
† That is, *Strife.* See Exod. 17. 7.
† Heb. *smote upon.*
m Exod. 3. 7.
n Exod. 16. 7. & 16. 10. & 24. 16. & 40. 34.
o Exod. 17. 6.
p Exod. 17. 5.
q Deut. 32. 51.
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their eyes, and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation, and their beasts drink.

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, & he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?

11 And Moses lift up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and [g] the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

12 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because [h] ye beleeved me not, to sanctifie me in the eyes of the children of Israel; therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 [i] This *is* the water of || Meribah, because the children of Israel strove with the LORD: and he was sanctified in them.

14 ¶ And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh, unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travel that hath † befallen us:

15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time: and the Egyptians vexed us, and our fathers.

16 And [k] when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an Angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border.

17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy countrey: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vineyards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells: we will go by the kings *high*-way, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy borders.

18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with the sword.

19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the high-way: and if I and my cattel drink of thy water, then I will pay for it: I will onely (without *doing* any thing *else*) go through on my feet.

20 And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand.

21 Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel [l] returned away from him.

22 ¶ And the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, journeyed from [m] Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying,

24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my † word at the water of Meribah.

25 [n] Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor:

26 And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there.

27 And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor, in the sight of all the congregation.

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and [o] Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron [p] thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Israel with some loss destroy the Canaanites at Hormah. 4 The people murmuring are plagued with fiery serpents. 7 They repenting are healed by a brasen serpent. 10 Sundry journeys of the Israelites. 21 Sihon is overcome, 33 and Og.

AND *when* [a] king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners.

2 And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

3 And

[g] Exod. 17. 6.
[h] Chap. 27. 14. Deut. 1. 37. & 3. 26. & 32. 51.
[i] Deut. 33. 8. Psal. 95. 8. & 106. 32. &c. ‖ That is, Strife. See Exod. 17. 7.
† Heb. found us.
[k] Exod. 3. 7.
[l] Deut. 2. 4, 5.
[m] Chap. 33. 37.
† Heb. mouth.
[n] Chap. 33. 38. Deut. 32. 50.
[o] Deut. 10. 6. & 32. 50.
[p] So Deut. 34. 8.
[a] Chap. 33. 40. See Judg. 1. 16.

3 And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Iſrael, and delivered up the Canaanites: and they utterly deſtroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place ‖ Hormah.

4 ¶ And [b] they journeyed from mount Hor, by the way of the Red ſea, to compaſs the land of Edom: and the ſoul of the people was much ‖ † diſcouraged becauſe of the way.

5 And the people ſpake againſt God, and againſt Moſes, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt, to die in the wilderneſs? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water, and [c] our ſoul lotheth this light bread.

6 And [d] the LORD ſent fiery ſerpents among the people, and they bit the people, and much people of Iſrael died.

7 ¶ Therefore the people came to Moſes, and ſaid, We have ſinned, for we have ſpoken againſt the LORD, and againſt thee; pray unto the LORD that he take away the ſerpents from us: and Moſes prayed for the people.

8 And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Make thee a fiery ſerpent, and ſet it upon a pole: and it ſhall come to paſs, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, ſhall live.

9 And [e] Moſes made a ſerpent of braſs, and put it upon a pole, and it came to paſs, that if a ſerpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the ſerpent of braſs, he lived.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael ſet forward, and [f] pitched in Oboth.

11 And they journeyed from Oboth, & [g] pitched at ‖ Ije-abarim, in the wilderneſs w^ch *is* before Moab, toward the ſun-riſing.

12 ¶ [h] From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

13 From thence they removed, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderneſs that cometh out of the coaſts of the Amorites: for [i] Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 Wherefore it is ſaid in the book of the wars of the LORD, ‖ What he did in the Red ſea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

15 And at the ſtream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and † lieth upon the border of Moab.

16 And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 ¶ Then Iſrael ſang this ſong, † Spring up, O well, ‖ ſing ye unto it:

18 The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by *the direction of* the law-giver, with their ſtaves. And from the wilderneſs *they went* to Mattanah:

19 And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

20 And from Bamoth *in* the valley that *is* in the † countrey of Moab, to the top of ‖ Piſgah, which looketh toward ‖ Jeſhimon.

21 ¶ And Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, ſaying,

22 [k] Let me paſs through thy land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards, we will not drink *of* the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the kings *high*-way, untill we be paſt thy borders.

23 [l] And Sihon would not ſuffer Iſrael to paſs through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out againſt Iſrael into the wilderneſs: and he came to Jahaz, & fought againſt Iſrael.

24 And [m] Iſrael ſmote him with the edge of the ſword, and poſſeſſed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* ſtrong.

25 And Iſrael took all theſe cities: and Iſrael dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heſhbon, and in all the † villages thereof.

26 For Heſhbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought againſt the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

27 Wherefore they that ſpeak in proverbs, ſay, Come into Heſhbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared.

28 For there is [n] a fire gone out of Heſhbon,

‖ That is, utter deſtruction.
[b] Chap. 33. 41.
‖ Or, grieved. † Heb. ſhortned.
[c] Chap. 11. 6.
[d] Wiſd. 16. 1, 5. 1 Cor. 10. 9.
[e] 2 Kin. 18. 4. Joh. 3. 14.
[f] Chap. 33. 43.
[g] Chap. 33. 44.
‖ Or, heaps of Abarim.
[h] Deut. 2. 13.
[i] Judg. 11. 18.
‖ Or, rehearſing in Suphah.
† Heb. bamoth.
† Heb. graves.
‖ Or, the top of the hill.
‖ Or, the deſert.
[k] Deut. 2. 27.
[l] Pſal. 135. 10, 11. & 136. 20.
† Heb. daughters.
[m] Chap. 33. 48.
† Heb. ſettlements.
[n] Jer. 48. 45.

bon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, *and* the lords of the high places of Arnon.

29 Wo to thee, Moab; thou art undone, O people of [o] Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

31 ¶ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

32 And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that *were* there.

33 ¶ [p] And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battel at Edrei.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and [q] thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Balaks first message for Balaam is refused. 15 His second message obtaineth him. 22 An angel would have slain him, if his ass had not saved him. 36 Balak entertaineth him.

AND [a] the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab, on this side Jordan by Jericho.

2 ¶ And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they *were* many: and Moab was distressed, because of the children of Israel.

4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all *that are* round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor *was* king of the Moabites at that time.

5 [b] He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the † face of the earth, and they abide over against me.

6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people, for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest, *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest, is cursed.

7 And the elders of Moab, and the elders of Midian departed, with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again as the LORD shall speak unto me: And the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men *are* these with thee?

10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*,

11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: Come now, curse me them; peradventure † I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them, thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed.

13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 ¶ And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable then they.

16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, † Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:

17 For I will promote thee unto very great

o 1 Kin. 11. 7, 33.

p Deut. 3. 1. & 29. 7.

q Psal. 135. 10, 11. & 136. 20.

a Chap. 33. 48.

b Deut. 23. 4. Jos. 13. 22. & 24. 9. Neh. 13. 2. Mic. 6. 5. 2 Pet. 2. 15. Jude 11. Rev. 2. 14.

† Heb. eye.

† Heb. I shall prevail in fighting against him.

† Heb. Be not thou restrained from, &c.

great honour, and I will do whatſoever thou ſayeſt unto me: Come therefore, I pray thee, curſe me this people.

18 And Balaam anſwered and ſaid unto the ſervants of Balak, [c] If Balak would give me his houſe-full of ſilver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do leſs or more.

19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye alſo here this night, that I may know what the LORD will ſay unto me more.

20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and ſaid unto him, If the men come to call thee, riſe up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I ſhall ſay unto thee, that ſhalt thou do.

21 And Balaam roſe up in the morning, and ſaddled his aſs, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 ¶ And Gods anger was kindled, becauſe he went: and the angel of the LORD ſtood in the way for an adverſary againſt him: Now he was riding upon his aſs, and his two ſervants *were* with him.

23 And [d] the aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD ſtanding in the way, and his ſword drawn in his hand: and the aſs turned aſide out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam ſmote the aſs to turn her into the way.

24 But the angel of the LORD ſtood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this ſide, and a wall on that ſide.

25 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD, ſhe thruſt her ſelf unto the wall, and cruſht Balaams foot againſt the wall: and he ſmote her again.

26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and ſtood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.

27 And when the aſs ſaw the angel of the LORD, ſhe fell down under Balaam: and Balaams anger was kindled, and he ſmote the aſs with a ſtaff.

28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the aſs, and ſhe ſaid unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou haſt ſmitten me theſe three times?

29 And Balaam ſaid unto the aſs, Becauſe thou haſt mocked me: I would there were a ſword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

30 And the aſs ſaid unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine aſs, †upon which thou haſt ridden ‖ ever ſince *I was* thine, unto this day? was I ever wont to do ſo unto thee? And he ſaid, Nay.

31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he ſaw the angel of the LORD ſtanding in the way, and his ſword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and ‖ fell flat on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto him, Wherefore haſt thou ſmitten thine aſs theſe three times? behold, I went out † to withſtand thee, becauſe *thy* way is perverſe before me.

33 And the aſs ſaw me, and turned from me theſe three times: unleſs ſhe had turned from me, ſurely now alſo I had ſlain thee, and ſaved her alive.

34 And Balaam ſaid unto the angel of the LORD, I have ſinned; for I knew not that thou ſtoodeſt in the way againſt me: now therefore if it † diſpleaſe thee, I will get me back again.

35 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto Balaam, Go with the men: but onely the word that I ſhall ſpeak unto thee, that thou ſhalt ſpeak: So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 ¶ And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him, unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is* in the utmoſt coaſt.

37 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Did I not earneſtly ſend unto thee to call thee? Wherefore cameſt thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor?

38 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to ſay any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that ſhall I ſpeak.

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto ‖ Kirjath-huzoth.

40 And Balak offered oxen and ſheep, and ſent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him.

41 And it came to paſs on the morrow,

[c] Chap. 24.13.

[d] 2 Pet. 2.16. Jude 11.

row, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might ſee the utmoſt *part* of the people.

CHAP. XXIII.

1, 13, 28 *Balaks ſacrifice.* 7, 18 *Balaams parable.*

AND Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Build me here ſeven altars, and prepare me here ſeven oxen, and ſeven rams.

2 And Balak did as Balaam had ſpoken, and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

3 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatſoever he ſheweth me, I will tell thee. And ‖ he went to an high place.

4 And God met Balaam; and he ſaid unto him, I have prepared ſeven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaams mouth, and ſaid, Return unto Balak, and thus thou ſhalt ſpeak.

6 And he returned unto him, and lo, he ſtood by his burnt-ſacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

7 And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the eaſt, *ſaying*, Come, curſe me Jacob, and come, defie Iſrael.

8 How ſhall I curſe, whom God hath not curſed? or how ſhall I defie, *whom* the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I ſee him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, [a] the people ſhall dwell alone, and ſhall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 [b] Who can count the duſt of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Iſrael? Let † me die [c] the death of the righteous, and let my laſt end be like his.

11 And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, What haſt thou done unto me? I took thee to curſe mine enemies, and behold, thou haſt bleſſed *them* altogether.

12 And he anſwered and ſaid, Muſt I not take heed to ſpeak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

13 And Balak ſaid unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayeſt ſee them: thou ſhalt ſee but the utmoſt part of them, and ſhalt not ſee them all: and curſe me them from thence.

14 ¶ And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of ‖ Piſgah, and built ſeven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

15 And he ſaid unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet *the* LORD yonder.

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and [d] put a word in his mouth, and ſaid, Go again unto Balak, and ſay thus.

17 And when he came to him, behold, he ſtood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak ſaid unto him, What hath the LORD ſpoken?

18 And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Riſe up Balak, and hear; hearken unto me thou ſon of Zippor:

19 [e] God *is* not a man, that he ſhould lie, neither the ſon of man, that he ſhould repent: hath he ſaid, and ſhall he not do *it*? or hath he ſpoken, and ſhall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bleſs; and he hath bleſſed, and I cannot reverſe it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he ſeen perverſneſs in Iſrael: the LORD his God *is* with him, and the ſhout of a king *is* among them.

22 [f] God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the ſtrength of an unicorn.

23 Surely *there is* no enchantment ‖ againſt Jacob, neither *is there* any divination againſt Iſrael: according to this time it ſhall be ſaid of Jacob, and of Iſrael, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people ſhall riſe up [g] as a great lion, and lift up himſelf as a young lion: he ſhall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the bloud of the ſlain.

25 ¶ And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Neither curſe them at all, nor bleſs them at all.

26 But Balaam anſwered and ſaid unto

[a] Deut. 33. 28.
[b] Gen. 13. 16.
† Heb. my ſoul, or, my life.
[c] Pſal. 116. 15.
[d] Chap. 22. 35.
[e] 1 Sam. 15. 29. Mal. 3. 6. Rom. 11. 29. Jam. 1. 17.
[f] Chap. 24. 8.
[g] Gen. 49. 9.
‖ Or, the hill.
‖ Or, in.

Balak, Told not I thee, ſaying, All that the LORD ſpeaketh, that I muſt do?

27 ¶ And Balak ſaid unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will pleaſe God, that thou mayeſt curſe me them from thence.

28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, ỽ looketh toward Jeſhimon.

29 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Build me here ſeven altars, and prepare me here ſeven bullocks, and ſeven rams.

30 And Balak did as Balaam had ſaid, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Balaam leaving divinations, propheſieth the happineſs of Iſrael. 10 Balak in anger diſmiſſeth him. 15 He propheſieth of the Star of Jacob, and the deſtruction of ſome nations.

AND when Balaam ſaw that it pleaſed the LORD to bleſs Iſrael, he went not as at [a] other times, † to ſeek for enchantments, but he ſet his face toward the wilderneſs.

2 And Balaam lift up his eyes, and he ſaw Iſrael abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes, & the ſpirit of God came upon him.

3 [b] And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Balaam the ſon of Beor hath ſaid, and the man † whoſe eyes are open, hath ſaid:

4 He hath ſaid, which heard the words of God, which ſaw the viſion of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Iſrael!

6 As the valleys are they ſpread forth, as gardens by the rivers ſide, as the trees of lign-aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar-trees beſide the waters.

7 He ſhall pour the water out of his buckets, and his ſeed *ſhall be* in many waters, and his king ſhall be higher then Agag, and his kingdom ſhall be exalted.

8 [c] God brought him forth out of Egypt, he hath as it were the ſtrength of an unicorn: he ſhall eat up the nations his enemies, and ſhall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.

9 [d] He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who ſhall ſtir him up? [e] Bleſſed *is* he that bleſſeth thee, and curſed *is* he that curſeth thee.

10 ¶ And Balaks anger was kindled againſt Balaam, and he ſmote his hands together: and Balak ſaid unto Balaam, I called thee to curſe mine enemies, and behold, thou haſt altogether bleſſed *them* theſe three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour, but lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam ſaid unto Balak, Spake I not alſo to thy meſſengers which thou ſenteſt unto me, ſaying,

13 [f] If Balak would give me his houſe full of ſilver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD ſaith, that will I ſpeak?

14 And now behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore, and* [g] I will advertiſe thee, what this people ſhall do to thy people in the latter days.

15 ¶ And he took up his parable, and ſaid, Balaam the ſon of Beor hath ſaid, and the man whoſe eyes are open, hath ſaid:

16 He hath ſaid, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the moſt High, *which* ſaw the viſion of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

17 I ſhall ſee him, but not now: I ſhall behold him, but not nigh: there ſhall come [h] a Star out of Jacob, and [i] a Sceptre ſhall riſe out of Iſrael, & ſhall || ſmite the corners of Moab, & deſtroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And [k] Edom ſhall be a poſſeſſion, Seir alſo ſhall be a poſſeſſion for his enemies, and Iſrael ſhall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob ſhall come he that ſhall have dominion, and ſhall deſtroy him that remaineth of the city.

20 And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and ſaid, Amalek *was* || the firſt of the nations, but his latter end || *ſhall be* that he periſh for ever.

21 And

[a] Chap. 23. 3, 15. † Heb. to the meeting of inchantments.

[b] Chap. 23. 7, 18. † Heb. who had his eyes ſhut, but now open.

[c] Chap. 23. 22.

[d] Gen. 49. 9. [e] Gen. 12. 3. & 27. 29.

[f] Chap. 22. 18.

[g] Deut. 4. 30. Joſh. 23. 1.

[h] Pſal. 110. 1. Or, ſhall be ſeen. Mat. 2. 2. [i] Gen. 49. 10. Deut. 33. 29. [k] Exod. 15. 15.

21 And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

22 Nevertheless, † the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

24 And ships *shall come* from the coast of [i]Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, & shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Israel at Shittim commit whoredome and idolatry.* 6 *Phinehas killeth Zimri and Cozbi.* 10 *God therefore giveth him an everlasting priesthood.* 16 *The Midianites are to be vexed.*

AND Israel abode in [a] Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And [b] they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joyned himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, [c] Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, [d] Slay ye every one his men that were joyned unto Baal-peor.

6 ¶ And behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman, in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

7 And [e] when Phinehas [f] the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from amongst the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly: So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

9 And [g] those that died in the plague, were twenty and four thousand.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

11 [h] Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel (while he was zealous for my sake among them) that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousie.

12 Wherefore say, [i] Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace.

13 And he shall have it, and [k] his seed after him, *even* the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.

14 Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri the son of Salu, a prince of a † chief house among the Simeonites.

15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain, *was* Cozbi the daughter of [l] Zur; he *was* head over a people, *and* of a chief house in Midian.

16 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

17 [m] Vex the Midianites, & smite them:

18 For they vex you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you, in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague, for Peors sake.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *The sum of all Israel is taken in the plains of Moab.* 52 *The Law of dividing among them the inheritance of the land.* 57 *The families and number of the Levites.* 63 *None were left of them which were numbred at Sinai, but Caleb and Joshua.*

AND it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, [a] from twenty

years old and upward, throughout their fathers houſe, all that are able to go to war in Iſrael.

3 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt ſpake with them in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, ſaying,

4 *Take the ſum of the people*, from twenty years old and upwards; as the LORD [b] commanded Moſes and the children of Iſrael, which went forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 ¶ [c] Reuben the eldeſt ſon of Iſrael: the children of Reuben; Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu, the family of the Palluites:

6 Of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 Theſe *are* the families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbred of them, were fourty and three thouſand and ſeven hundred and thirty.

8 And the ſons of Pallu; Eliab.

9 And the ſons of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. This *is that* Dathan and Abiram *which were* [d] famous in the congregation, who ſtrove againſt Moſes and againſt Aaron in the company of Korah, when they ſtrove againſt the LORD:

10 And the earth opened her mouth, and ſwallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a ſign.

11 Notwithſtanding the children of Korah died not.

12 ¶ The ſons of Simeon after their families: of [e] Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites:

13 Of [f] Zerah, the family of the Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 Theſe *are* the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thouſand and two hundred.

15 ¶ The children of Gad after their families: of [g] Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites:

16 Of ‖ Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites:

17 Of [h] Arod, the family of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 Theſe *are* the families of the children of Gad according to thoſe that were numbred of them, fourty thouſand and five hundred.

19 ¶ [i] The ſons of Judah *were* Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 And [k] the ſons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Pharez, the family of the Pharzites: of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites:

21 And the ſons of Pharez were; of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 Theſe *are* the families of Judah according to thoſe that were numbred of them, threeſcore and ſixteen thouſand and five hundred.

23 ¶ [l] Of the ſons of Iſſachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of ‖ Pua, the family of the Punites:

24 Of ‖ Jaſhub, the family of the Jaſhubites: of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 Theſe *are* the families of Iſſachar according to thoſe that were numbred of them, threeſcore and four thouſand and three hundred.

26 ¶ [m] Of the ſons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 Theſe *are* the families of the Zebulunites according to thoſe that were numbred of them, threeſcore thouſand and five hundred.

28 ¶ [n] The ſons of Joſeph after their families, *were* Manaſſeh and Ephraim.

29 Of the ſons of Manaſſeh: of [o] Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites.

30 Theſe *are* the ſons of Gilead: of Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites: of Helek, the family of the Helekites:

31 And of Aſriel, the family of the Aſrielites:

[b] Chap. 3. 1.

[c] Gen. 46. 8. Exod. 6. 14. 1 Chr. 5. 1.

[d] Chap. 16. 2.

[e] Gen. 46. 10. *Jemuel.*

[f] Gen. 46. 10. *Zohar.*

[g] Gen. 46. 16. *Ziphion.* ‖ Or, *Eſhon*, Gen. 46. 16.

[h] Gen. 46. 16. *Arodi.*

[i] Gen. 38. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10. & 46. 12.

[k] 1 Chr. 2. 3.

[l] Gen. 46. 13. 1 Chr. 7. 1. *Jaſub.*

[m] Gen. 46. 14.

[n] Gen. 46. 20.

[o] Judg. 5. 14.

rielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechemites:

32 And of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.

33 ¶ And [p] Zelophehad the son of Hepher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad, *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbred of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

35 ¶ These *are* the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthalhites; of [q] Becher, the family of the Bachrites: of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 And these *are* the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbred of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

38 ¶ [r] The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of [s] Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites:

39 Of Shupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 And the sons of Bela were [t] Ard and Naaman: *of* Ard, the family of the Ardites: *and* of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbred of them, *were* fourty and five thousand and six hundred.

42 ¶ [u] These *are* the sons of Dan after their families: of ‖ Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites according to those that were numbred of them, *were* three score and four thousand and four hundred.

44 ¶ [x] Of the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* Sarah.

47 These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbred of them; *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

48 [y] Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, ỹ family of the Jahzelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites:

49 Of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of [z] Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These *are* the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbred of them, *were* fourty and five thousand and four hundred.

51 [a] These *were* the numbred of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

52 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

53 Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance, according to the number of names.

54 [b] To many thou shalt † give the more inheritance, and to few thou shalt † give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given, according to those that were numbred of him.

55 Notwithstanding, the land shall be [c] divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit it.

56 According to the lot shall the possession thereof be divided, between many and few.

57 ¶ [d] And these *are* they that were numbred of ỹ Levites, after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, ỹ family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites: and Kohath begat Amram.

59 And the name of Amrams wife *was* [e] Jochebed,

p Chap. 27. 1. & 36. 11.

q 1 Chron. 7. 20. Jer. 49.

r 1 Chron. 7. 6.

s Gen. 46. 21. Num. 26. 38. 1 Chron. 8. 1. Ahiram.

t 1 Chron. 8. 3. Addar.

u Gen. 46. 23. 1 Chr. 7. 12. Hushim.

x Gen. 46. 17. 1 Chr. 7. 30.

y Gen. 46. 24. 1 Chron. 7. 13.

z 1 Chr. 7. 13. Shallum.

a See Chap. 1. 46.

b Chap. 33. 54. † Heb. *multiply his inheritance.* † Heb. *diminish his inheritance.*

c Chap. 33. 54. Josh. 11. 23. & 14. 2.

d Gen. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16, 17, 18, 19. 1 Chron. 6. 1, 16.

[d] Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram, Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

60 And unto Aaron was born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 And [e] Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

62 [f] And those that were numbred of them, were twenty and three thousand, all males from a moneth old and upward: for they were not numbred among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 ¶ These *are* they that were numbred by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbred the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

64 But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbred, when they numbred the children of Israel in ŷ wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, [g] They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The daughters of Zelophehad sue for an inheritance, 6 The law of inheritances, 12 Moses being told of his death, sueth for a successour. 18 Joshua is appointed to succeed him.

THen came the daughters of [a] Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, & before ŷ princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

3 Our father [b] died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD [c] in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons.

4 Why should the name of our father be † done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father.

5 And Moses brought their cause before the LORD.

6 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their fathers brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.

8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter.

9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shal give his inheritance unto his brethren.

10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his fathers brethren.

11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgement, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, [d] Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.

13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as [e] Aaron thy brother was gathered.

14 For ye [f] rebelled against my commandment (in the desert of Zin, in the strife of ŷ congregation) to sanctifie me at the water, before their eyes: that *is* ŷ water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

15 ¶ And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying,

16 Let the LORD, [h] ŷ God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over ŷ congregation,

17 Which may go out before them, and wch may go in before them, & which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not [i] as sheep which have no shepherd.

18 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Take

[a] Exod. 2.1 2. & 6.20.
[b] Levit. 10.2. Chap. 3 4. 1 Chr. 24.2.
[c] See Chap. 16.
[d] Chap. 14.28, 29. 1 Cor. 10.5,6.
[e] Chap. 26.33. & 36.11. Josh. 17.3.
[f] Chap. 14.35 & 26.64, 65.
[g] Chap. 26.1.
† Heb. diminished.
[h] Heb. the God of the spirits of.
[i] Chap. 31.2. & Levit. 24.12. Exod. 18.20. Matth. 9.36.

Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man inwhom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.

19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: and give him a charge in their sight.

20 And thou shalt put *some* of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask *counsel* for him, [h] after the judgement of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, *both* he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.

22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Offerings are to be observed. 3 The continual burnt-offering. 9 The offering on the sabbath, 11 on the new-moons, 16 at the pass-over, 26 in the day of first-fruits.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My offering, *and* [i] my bread for my sacrifices made by fire, *for* [k] a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season.

3 And thou shalt say unto them, [l] This *is* the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; two lambs of the first year without spot † day by day, *for* a continual burnt-offering.

4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer † at even;

5 And [c] a tenth *part* of an Ephah of flour for a [d] meat offering, mingled with the fourth *part* of an [e] hin of beaten oyl.

6 *It is* a continual burnt-offering which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

7 And the drink-offering thereof *shall be* the fourth *part* of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy *place* shalt thou cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD *for* a drink-offering.

8 And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meat-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof thou shalt offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

9 ¶ And on [y] sabbath-day, two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, and the drink-offering thereof.

10 *This is* the burnt-offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

11 ¶ And [f] in the beginnings of your moneths ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot,

12 And three tenth-deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, for one bullock, & two tenth deals of flour *for* a meat-offering mingled with oyl, for one ram,

13 And a several tenth deal of flour mingled with oyl *for* a meat-offering, unto one lamb, *for* a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

14 And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine unto a bullock, and the third *part* of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth *part* of an hin unto a lamb: this *is* the burnt-offering of every moneth throughout the moneths of the year.

15 And one kid of the goats for a sin-offering unto the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

16 [g] And in the fourteenth day of the first moneth *is* the pass-over of the LORD.

17 And in the fifteenth day of this moneth *is* the feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

18 In the [h] first day *shall be* an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work *therein*.

19 But ye shall offer [a] sacrifice made by fire *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD; two

[y] 1 Sam. 20.5.

[g] Exod. 12.18. Levit. 23.5. [c] chap. 9.3. Deut. 16. 1.

[h] Exod. 12.16. Levit. 23.7.

two young bullocks, and one ram, and ſeven lambs of the firſt year: they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh.

20 And their meat-offering *ſhall be of* flour mingled with oyl: three tenth-deals ſhall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth-deals for a ram.

21 A ſeveral tenth-deal ſhalt thou offer for every lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

22 And one goat *for* a ſin-offering, to make an atonement for you.

23 Ye ſhall offer theſe beſide the burnt-offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt-offering.

24 After this manner ye ſhall offer daily throughout the ſeven days, the meat of the ſacrifice made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD: it ſhall be offered beſide the continual burnt-offering, and his drink-offering.

25 And on the ſeventh day ye ſhall have an holy convocation: ye ſhall do no ſervile work.

[a] Exod. 23. 16 & 34. 22. Levit. 23. 10. Deut. 16. 10

26 ¶ Alſo [a] in the day of the firſt fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work.

27 But ye ſhall offer the burnt-offering for a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, ſeven lambs of the firſt year:

28 And their meat-offering of flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals unto one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram.

29 A ſeveral tenth-deal unto one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

30 *And* one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you.

31 Ye ſhall offer *them* beſides the continuall burnt-offering, and his meat offering (they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh) and their drink-offerings.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 The offering at the feaſt of trumpets, 7 at the day of afflicting their ſouls, 13 and on the eight days of the feaſt of tabernacles.

AND in the ſeventh moneth, on the firſt *day* of the moneth, ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work: [a] it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

[a] Levit. 23. 24.

2 And ye ſhall offer a burnt-offering for a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD, one young bullock, one ram, *and* ſeven lambs of the firſt year without blemiſh:

3 And their meat-offering *ſhall be of* flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth deals for a ram,

4 And one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

5 And one kid of the goats *for* a ſin-offering, to make an atonement for you:

6 Beſide [b] the burnt-offering of the moneth, and his meat offering, and [c] the daily burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a ſweet ſavour, a ſacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

[b] Num. 28. 11. [c] Num. 28. 3.

7 ¶ And [d] ye ſhall have on the tenth *day* of this ſeventh moneth an holy convocation: and ye ſhall afflict your ſouls: ye ſhall not do any work *therein*.

[d] Levit. 16. 29. & 23. 27.

8 But ye ſhall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD *for* a ſweet ſavour, one young bullock, one ram, *and* ſeven lambs of the firſt year, they ſhall be unto you without blemiſh:

9 And their meat offering *ſhall be of* flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals to one ram,

10 A ſeveral tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the ſeven lambs:

11 One kid of the goats *for* a ſin-offering, beſide [e] the ſin-offering of atonement, & the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering of it, and their drink offerings.

[e] Levit. 16. 5.

12 ¶ And [f] on the fifteenth day of the ſeventh moneth, ye ſhall have an holy convocation; ye ſhall do no ſervile work, and ye ſhall keep a feaſt unto the LORD ſeven days.

[f] Levit. 23. 34.

13 And [g] ye ſhall offer a burnt offering, a ſacrifice made by fire, of a ſweet ſavour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the firſt year, they ſhall be without blemiſh:

[g] Num. 28. 11.

14 And their meat-offering *ſhall be of* flour

flour mingled with oyl, three tenth-deals unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams,

15 And a several tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs:

16 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, & his drink-offering.

17 ¶ And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

18 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

19 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 ¶ And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

21 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

22 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

23 ¶ And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

24 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

25 And one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

26 ¶ And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without spot:

27 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

28 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

29 ¶ And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

30 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

31 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

32 ¶ And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish:

33 And their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

34 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

35 ¶ On the eighth day ye shall have a [h] solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work *therein.* [h] Levit. 23. 36.

36 But ye shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish:

37 Their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the manner:

38 And one goat *for* a sin-offering, beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering.

39 These *things* ye shall ‖ do unto the LORD in your set feasts, besides your [i] vows, and your free-will-offerings, for your burnt-offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offerings, and for your peace-offerings. ‖ Or, offer. [i] Lev. 7. 11, 16.

40 And Moses told the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *Vows are not to be broken.* 3 *The exception of a maids vow,* 6 *of a wives,* 9 *of a widows, or her that is divorced.*

AND Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes, concerning the children of Israel,

Israel, saying, This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded.

2 If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not † break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

† Heb. *profane.*

3 If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind *her self* by a bond, *being* in her fathers house in her youth;

4 And her father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand.

5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

† Heb. *Her vows were upon her.*

6 And if she had at all an husband when † she vowed, or uttered ought out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul;

7 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that he heard *it*: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she bound her soul, shall stand.

8 But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard *it*; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

9 But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, wherewith they have bound their souls, shall stand against her.

10 And if she vowed in her husbands house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath;

11 And her husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul, shall stand.

12 But if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard *them*; *then* whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand; her husband hath made them void, and the LORD shall forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her, from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds which *are* upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her, in the day that he heard *them*.

15 But if he shall any ways make them void after that he hath heard *them*; then he shall bear her iniquity.

16 These *are* the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter *being yet* in her youth in her fathers house.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The Midianites are spoiled, and Balaam slain. 13 Moses is wroth with the officers, for saving the women alive. 19 How the soldiers with their captives and spoil, are to be purified. 25 The proportion whereby the prey is to be divided. 28 The voluntary oblation unto the treasury of the Lord.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 [a] Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou [b] be gathered unto thy people.

[a] Chap. 25. 17. Deut. 20. 13. [b] Gen. 25. 8. 2 Sam. 5. 3. 1 Chron. 23. 1. 2 Chron. 24. 15. 34. 28.

3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of your selves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.

4 † Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.

† Heb. *A thousand of a tribe, a thousand of a tribe.*

5 So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and [c] the trumpets to blow, in his hand.

[c] Chap. 10. 9.

7 And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew [d] all the males.

[d] See Judg. 6. 16.

8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside

beſide the reſt of them that were ſlain; *namely*, [e] Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam alſo the ſon of Beor they ſlew with the ſword.

9 And the children of Iſrael took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the ſpoil of all their cattel, and all their flocks, and all their goods.

10 And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly caſtles with fire.

11 And they took all the ſpoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beaſts.

12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the ſpoil unto Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt, and unto the congregation of the children of Iſrael, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.

13 ¶ And Moſes, and Eleazar the prieſt, & all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.

14 And Moſes was wroth with the officers of the hoſt, *with* the captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the † battel.

15 And Moſes ſaid unto them, Have ye ſaved [f] all the women alive?

16 Behold, [g] theſe cauſed the children of Iſrael, through the [h] counſel of Balaam, to commit treſpaſs againſt the LORD in the matter of Peor, and [i] there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore [k] kill every male among the little ones, & kill every woman that hath known man by lying with † him.

18 But all the women-children that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for your ſelves.

19 And [l] do ye abide without the camp ſeven days: whoſoever hath killed any perſon, and [m] whoſoever hath touched any ſlain, purifie *both* your ſelves and your captives, on the third day, and on the ſeventh day.

20 And purifie all *your* raiment, and all † that is made of skins, and all work of goats *hair*, and all things made of wood.

21 ¶ And Eleazar the prieſt ſaid unto the men of war which went to the battel, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moſes;

22 Onely the gold, and the ſilver, the braſs, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23 Every thing that may abide the fire, ye ſhall make *it* go through the fire, and it ſhall be clean: nevertheleſs it ſhall be purified [n] with the water of ſeparation: and all that abideth not the fire, ye ſhall make go through the water. [n] Chap. 19.9.17.

24 And ye ſhall waſh your clothes on the ſeventh day, and ye ſhall be clean, and afterward ye ſhall come into the camp.

25 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

26 Take the ſumme of the prey † that was taken, *both* of man and of beaſt, thou, and Eleazar the prieſt, & the chief fathers of the congregation: † Heb. *of the captivity.*

27 And [o] divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battel, and between all the congregation. [o] Joſh. 22.8. [p] Sam. 30.24.

28 And levie a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war, which went out to battel: one ſoul of five hundred, *both* of the perſons, and of the beeves, and of the aſſes, and of the ſheep.

29 Take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the prieſt, *for* an heave-offering of the LORD.

30 And of the children of Iſraels half, thou ſhalt take one portion of fifty, of the perſons, of the beeves, of the aſſes, and of the || flocks, of all manner of beaſts, and give them unto the Levites, [p] which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD. || Or, goats. [p] Chap. 3.7,8, 25,31, 36.

31 And Moſes and Eleazar the prieſt did as the LORD commanded Moſes.

32 And the booty *being* the reſt of the prey which the men of war had caught, was ſix hundred thouſand and ſeventy thouſand and five thouſand ſheep,

33 And threeſcore and twelve thouſand beeves,

34 And threeſcore & one thouſand aſſes,

35 And thirty and two thouſand perſons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

36 And

36 And the half *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep;

37 And the LORDS tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.

38 And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand, of which the LORDS tribute *was* threescore and twelve.

39 And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred, of which the LORDS tribute *was* threescore and one.

40 And the persons *were* sixteen thousand, of which the LORDS tribute *was* thirty and two persons.

41 And Moses gave the tribute *which was* the LORDS heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israels half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,

43 (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation, was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,

44 And thirty and six thousand beeves,

45 And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,

46 And sixteen thousand persons)

47 Even of the children of Israels half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

48 ¶ And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:

49 And they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our † charge, and there lacketh not one man of us.

† Heb. hand.

50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath † gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, ear-rings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.

† Heb. found.

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.

52 And all the gold of the † offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

† The heave offering.

53 (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself)

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The Reubenites and Gadites sue for their inheritance on that side Jordan. 6 Moses reproveth them. 16 They offer him conditions to his content. 33 Moses assigneth them the land. 39 They conquer it.

NOw the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattel: and when they saw the land of [a] Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattel;

2 The children of Gad, and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying,

3 Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and [b] Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and [c] Shebam, and Nebo, and [d] Beon;

4 *Even* the countrey [e] which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattel, and thy servants have cattel.

5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan.

6 ¶ And Moses said unto the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

† Heb. break.

7 And wherefore † discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?

8 Thus did your fathers, [f] when I sent them

them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

9 For [h] when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

10 And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, [i] from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because [k] they have not † wholly followed me:

12 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the LORD.

13 And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness fourty years, until all the generation that had done evil in the sight of the LORD was consumed.

14 And behold, ye are risen up in your fathers stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel.

15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness, and ye shall destroy all this people.

16 ¶ And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheep-folds here for our cattel, and cities for our little ones.

17 But we our selves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities, because of the inhabitants of the land.

18 [l] We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance:

19 For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan east-ward.

20 ¶ And [m] Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before the LORD to war,

21 And will go all of you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him.

22 And [n] the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and [o] this land shall be your possession before the LORD.

23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

24 Build ye cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

25 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.

26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattel, shall be there in the cities of Gilead.

27 [p] But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battel, as my lord saith.

28 So [q] concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battel before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession:

30 But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 And the children of Gad, and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

32 We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan *may be* ours.

33 And [r] Moses gave unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, [s] the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land with

n Deut. 3.20.

o Deut. 3.12, 15, 16 Josh. 1. 15. & 13. 8.

p Josh. 4.12.

q Josh. 1.13.

r Deut. 3.12. Josh. 13.8. & 22.4.

s Chap. 21.24, 33.

with the cities thereof, in the coasts, *even* the cities of the countrey round about.

34 ¶ And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

35 And Atroth, Shophan, and [t] Jaazer, and Jogbehah,

36 And [u] Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

37 And the children of Reuben [x] built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim,

38 And Nebo, and Baal-meon ([y] their names being changed) and Shibmah: and † gave other names unto the cities which they builded.

39 And the children of [z] Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which *was* in it.

40 And Moses [a] gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein.

41 And [b] Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

42 And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *Two and fourty journeys of the Israelites.* 50 *The Canaanites are to be destroyed.*

THese *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt, with their armies, under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys, by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

3 And they [a] departed from Rameses in the first moneth, on the fifteenth day of the first moneth: on the morrow after the pass over, the children of Israel went out [b] with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 (For the Egyptians buried all *their* first-born, [c] which the LORD had smitten among them: [d] upon their gods also the LORD executed judgements)

5 And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

6 And they departed from [e] Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

7 And [f] they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which *is* before Baal-zephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

8 And they departed from before Pi-hahiroth, and [g] passed through the midst of the sea, into the wilderness, and went three days journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

9 And they removed from Marah, and [h] came unto Elim: and in Elim *were* twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there.

10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.

11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the [i] wilderness of Sin.

12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at [k] Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.

15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the [l] wilderness of Sinai.

16 And they removed from the desert of Sinai, and pitched [m] at ‖ Kibroth-hattaavah,

17 And they departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and [n] encamped at Hazeroth.

18 And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in [o] Rithmah.

19 And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.

20 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.

21 And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah.

22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah.

23 And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher.

24 And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.

25 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.

26 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.

27 And

t vers. 1, 3. Jaazer.
u vers. 3. Nimrah.
x Chap. 21. 25.
y See vers. 7. Heb. 23. 7. † Heb. they called by names the names of the cities.
z Gen. 50. 23.
a Deut. 3. 12, 13, 15.
b Deut. 3. 14. Josh. 13. 30. 1 Chr. 2. 22.
a Exod. 12. 37.
b Exod. 14. 8.
c Exod. 12. 29.
d Exod. 12. 12. & 18. 11. Isa. 19. 1.
e Exod. 13. 20.
f Exod. 14. 2.
g Chap. 21. 4.
h Exod. 15. 27.
i Exod. 16. 1.
k Exod. 17. 1.
l Exod. 19. 1.
m Chap. 11. 34.
n Chap. 11. 35.
o Neh. 7. 59.

27 And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah.

28 And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah.

29 And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah.

30 And they departed from Hashmonah, and [p] encamped at Moseroth.

31 And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.

32 And they removed from [q] Bene-jaakan, and [r] encamped at Hor-hagidgad.

33 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.

34 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.

35 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.

36 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the [s] wilderness of Zin, which *is* Kadesh.

37 And they removed from [t] Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

38 And [u] Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor, at the commandment of the LORD, and died there in the fourtieth year, after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth moneth.

39 And Aaron *was* an hundred and twenty and three years old, when he died in mount Hor.

40 And [x] king Arad the Canaanite (which dwelt in the south, in the land of Canaan) heard of the coming of the children of Israel.

41 And they departed from mount [y] Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah.

42 And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon.

43 And they departed from Punon, and [z] pitched in Oboth.

44 And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in ||[a] Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.

45 And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad.

46 And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-[b] diblathaim.

47 And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.

48 And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and [c] pitched in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

49 And they pitched by Jordan from Beth-jesimoth, *even* unto ||[d] Abel-shittim, in the plains of Moab.

¶ 50 And the LORD spake unto Moses, in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [e] When ye are passed over Jordan, into the land of Canaan;

52 [f] Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places.

53 And ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And [g] ye shall divide the land by lot, for an inheritance among your families, *and* to the mo ye shall † give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall † give the less inheritance: every mans *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers, ye shall inherit.

55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them, *shall be* [h] pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

56 Moreover, it shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *The borders of the land.* 16 *The names of the men which shall divide the land.*

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan (this *is* the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, *even* the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof)

3 Then [a] your ſouth-quarter ſhall be from the wilderneſs of Zin, along by the coaſt of Edom, and your ſouth-border ſhall be the outmoſt coaſt of [b] the ſalt ſea eaſt-ward.

4 And your border ſhall turn from the ſouth to the aſcent of Akrabbim, and paſs on to Zin: and the going forth thereof ſhall be from the ſouth to Kadeſh-barnea, and ſhall go on to [c] Hazar-addar, and paſs on to Azmon.

5 And the border ſhall fetch a compaſs from Azmon unto the river of Egypt, and the goings out of it ſhall be at the ſea.

6 And *as for* the weſtern border, you ſhall even have the great ſea for a border: this ſhall be your weſt-border.

7 And this ſhall be your north-border; from the great ſea, you ſhall point out for you mount Hor.

8 From mount Hor ye ſhall point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath: and the goings forth of the border ſhall be to Zedad.

9 ¶ And the border ſhall go on to Ziphron, & the goings out of it ſhall be at Hazar-enan: this ſhall be your north-border.

10 And ye ſhall point out your eaſt-border from Hazar-enan to Shepham.

11 And the coaſt ſhall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the eaſt ſide of Ain; and the border ſhall deſcend, and ſhall reach unto the † ſide of the ſea of Chinnereth eaſt-ward.

12 And the border ſhall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of it ſhall be at the ſalt-ſea: This ſhall be your land with the coaſts thereof round about.

13 And Moſes commanded the children of Iſrael, ſaying, This *is* the land which ye ſhall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe.

14 [d] For the tribe of the children of Reuben, according to the houſe of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad, according to the houſe of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*, and half the tribe of Manaſſeh have received their inheritance.

15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this ſide Jordan *near* Jericho, eaſt-ward, toward the ſun-riſing.

16 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

17 Theſe *are* the names of the men which ſhall divide the land unto you: [e] Eleazar the prieſt, and Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

18 And ye ſhall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance.

19 And the names of the men *are* theſe: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the ſon of Jephunneh.

20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the ſon of Ammihud.

21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the ſon of Chiſlon.

22 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Bukki the ſon of Jogli.

23 The prince of the children of Joſeph, for the tribe of the children of Manaſſeh, Hanniel the ſon of Ephod.

24 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the ſon of Shiphtan.

25 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the ſon of Parnach.

26 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar, Paltiel the ſon of Azzan.

27 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Aſher, Ahihud the ſon of Shelomi.

28 And the prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the ſon of Ammihud.

29 Theſe *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Iſrael in the land of Canaan.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Eight and fourty cities for the Levites with their ſuburbs, and meaſure thereof.* 6 *Six of them are to be cities of refuge.* 9 *The laws of murder.* 31 *No ſatisfaction for murder.*

AND the LORD ſpake unto Moſes in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho, ſaying,

2 [a] Com-

[a] Joſh. 15. 1.
[b] Gen. 14. 3.
[c] See Joſh. 15. 3.
† Heb. *border.*
[d] Chap. 32. 33. Joſh. 13. 8. 22. 1.
[e] Joſh. 14. 1. 19. 51.
[a] Chap.

2 [a] Command the children of Iſrael, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their poſſeſſion, cities to dwell in: and ye ſhall give *alſo* unto the Levites ſuburbs for the cities round about them.

3 And the cities ſhall they have to dwell in, and the ſuburbs of them ſhall be for their cattel, and for their goods, and for all their beaſts.

4 And the ſuburbs of the cities which ye ſhall give unto the Levites, *ſhall reach* from the wall of the city and outward, a thouſand cubits round about.

5 And ye ſhall meaſure from without the city on the eaſt-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the ſouth-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the weſt-ſide two thouſand cubits, and on the north ſide two thouſand cubits: and the city *ſhall be* in the midſt: this ſhall be to them the ſuburbs of the cities.

6 And among the cities which ye ſhall give unto the Levites, *there ſhall be* [b] ſix cities for refuge, which ye ſhall appoint for the man ſlayer, that he may flee thither: & †to them ye ſhall add fourty & two cities.

7 *So* all the cities which ye ſhall give to the Levites, *ſhall be* fourty and eight cities: them *ſhall ye give* with their ſuburbs.

8 And the cities which ye ſhall give, *ſhall be* of the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſrael: [c] from *them that have* many, ye ſhall give many; but from *them that have* few, ye ſhall give few: every one ſhall give of his cities unto the Levites, according to his inheritance which † he inheriteth.

9 ¶ And the LORD ſpake unto Moſes, ſaying,

10 Speak unto the children of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, [d] When ye be come over Jordan, into the land of Canaan:

11 Then [e] ye ſhall appoint you cities, to be cities of refuge for you, that the ſlayer may flee thither which killeth any perſon † at unawares.

12 And they ſhall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the man-ſlayer die not, untill he ſtand before the congregation in judgement.

13 And of theſe cities which ye ſhall give, ſix cities ſhall ye have for refuge.

14 Ye ſhall give three cities on this ſide Jordan, and three cities ſhall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* ſhall be cities of refuge.

15 Theſe ſix cities ſhall be a refuge, *both* for the children of Iſrael, and for the ſtranger, and for the ſojourner among them: that every one that killeth any perſon unawares, may flee thither.

16 [f] And if he ſmite him with an inſtrument of iron (ſo that he die) he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death. [f] Exod. 21. 12, 14.

17 And if he ſmite him †with throwing a ſtone (wherewith he may die) and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death. † Heb. *with a ſtone of the hand.*

18 Or *if* he ſmite him with an hand-weapon of wood (wherewith he may die) and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer ſhall ſurely be put to death.

19 The revenger of bloud himſelf ſhall ſlay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he ſhall ſlay him.

20 But [g] if he thruſt him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; [g] Deut. 19. 11.

21 Or in enmity ſmite him with his hand, that he die: he that ſmote *him* ſhall ſurely be put to death; *for* he *is* a murderer: the revenger of bloud ſhall ſlay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thruſt him ſuddenly [h] without enmity, or have caſt upon him any thing without laying of wait; [h] Exod. 21. 13.

23 Or with any ſtone wherewith a man may die, ſeeing *him* not, and caſt *it* upon him that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither ſought his harm:

24 Then the congregation ſhall judge between the ſlayer, and the revenger of bloud, according to theſe judgements.

25 And the congregation ſhall deliver the ſlayer out of the hand of the revenger of bloud, and the congregation ſhall reſtore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he ſhall abide in it unto the death of the high prieſt, [i] which was anointed with the holy oyl. [i] Exod. 29. 7. Lev. 4. 3. & 21. 10.

26 But if the ſlayer ſhall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

27 And the revenger of bloud find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of bloud kill the slayer; † he shall not be guilty of bloud:

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge, untill the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest, the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgement unto you, throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the [k] mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testifie against any person, *to cause him* to die.

31 Moreover, ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which *is* † guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.

32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, untill the death of the priest.

33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: for bloud it [l] defileth the land: and †the land cannot be cleansed of the bloud that is shed therein, but by the bloud of him that shed it.

34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The inconvenience of the inheritance of daughters,* 5 *is remedied by marrying in their own tribes,* 7 *lest the inheritance should be removed from the tribe.* 10 *The daughters of Zelophehad marry their fathers brothers sons.*

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes the chief fathers of the children of Israel:

2 And they said, [a] The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and [b] my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother, unto his daughters.

3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe † whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance.

4 And when [c] the jubile of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, according to the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well.

6 This *is* the thing which the LORD doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, let them † marry to whom they think best; [d] only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry:

7 So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall † keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers.

8 And [e] every daughter that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.

9 Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

10 Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.

11 [f] For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their fathers brothers sons.

12 *And* they were married † into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

13 These *are* the commandments and the judgements which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab, by Jordan *near* Jericho.

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a Deut. 17. 6. & 19. 15. Matt. 18. 16. 2 Cor. 13. 1. Heb. 10. 28.
† Heb. *shall be to die.*
b Mic. 4. 11.
† Heb. *there can be no expiation for the Land.*
a Chap. 26. 55.
b Chap. 27. 1. Josh. 17. 3.
c Lev. 25. 10. & 27. 17. 18. 23. 24.
† Heb. *return.*
d Gen. 24. 3. & 28. 1. 8. & 27. 46. & 28. 1. 2. 6. & 29. 19. 28. Exod. 34. 16.
e Num. 27. 4. 8.
† Heb. *cleave.*
f Chap. 27. 1.

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CHAP. I.

¶ *Moſes ſpeech in the end of the fourtieth year, briefly rehearſing the ſtory 6 of Gods promiſe, 9 of giving them officers, 19 of ſending the ſpies to ſearch the land, 24 of Gods anger for their incredulity, 41 and diſobedience.*

THeſe *be* the words which Moſes ſpake unto all Iſrael, on this ſide Jordan in the wilderneſs, in the plain over againſt ‖ the Red *ſea*, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

‖ Or, Zuph.

2 (*There are* eleven days *journey* from Horeb by the way of mount Seir, unto Kadeſh-barnea)

3 And it came to paſs in the fourtieth year, in the eleventh moneth, on the firſt *day* of the moneth, *that* Moſes ſpake unto the children of Iſrael, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

4 [a] After he had ſlain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heſhbon, and Og the king of Baſhan, which dwelt at Aſtaroth in Edrei.

[a] Num. 21. 24, 33.

5 On this ſide Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moſes to declare this law, ſaying,

6 The LORD our God ſpake unto us in Horeb, ſaying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto † all *the places* nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the ſouth, and by the ſea-ſide; to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river the river Euphrates.

† Heb. the mouth of.

8 Behold, I have † ſet the land before you: go in and poſſeſs the land which the LORD ſware unto your fathers, [b] Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, to give unto them, and to their ſeed after them.

† Heb. given. [b] Gen. 12. 7. & 15. 18. & 17. 8. & 26. 3. & 28. 13. Exod. 32. 13.

9 ¶ And [c] I ſpake unto you at that time, ſaying, I am not able to bear you my ſelf alone:

[c] Exod. 18. 18.

10 The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and behold, you *are* this day as the ſtars of heaven for multitude.

11 ([d] The LORD God of your fathers make you a thouſand times ſo many mo as ye *are*, and bleſs you [e] as he hath promiſed you)

[d] 2 Sam. 24. 3. [e] Gen. 15. 5. & 22. 17. & 26. 4. Exod. 32. 13.

12 How can I my ſelf alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your ſtrife?

13 † Take ye wiſe men and underſtanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

† Heb. give.

14 And ye anſwered me, and ſaid, The thing which thou haſt ſpoken, *is* good *for us* to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wiſe men, and known, and † made them heads over you, captains over thouſands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

† Heb. Gave.

16 And I charged your judges at that time, ſaying, Hear *the cauſes* between your brethren, and [f] judge righteouſly between *every* man and his [g] brother, and the ſtranger *that is* with him.

[f] Joh. 7. 24. [g] Levit. 24. 22.

17 [h] Ye ſhall not † reſpect perſons in judgement, *but* you ſhall hear the ſmall as well as the great; you ſhall not be afraid of the face of man, for [i] the judgement *is* Gods: and the cauſe that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it.

[h] Levit. 19. 15. Deut. 16. 19. [i] 2 Chron. 19. 6. Prov. 24. 23. † Heb. acknowledge faces.

18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye ſhould do.

19 ¶ And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderneſs, which you ſaw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and [k] we came to Kadeſh-barnea.

[k] Num. 13. 27.

20 And I ſaid unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath

set the land before thee: go up, *and* possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 ¶ And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.

23 And the saying pleased me well. And I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe.

24 And they turned, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.

26 Notwithstanding, ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God.

27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have †discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we, the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,

33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

34 And the LORD heard *your* voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land which I sware to give unto your fathers;

36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath †wholly followed the LORD.

37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

38 *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither. Encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 Moreover, your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

40 But *as for* you, turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD: we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

42 And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

43 So I spake unto you, and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and †went presumptuously up into the hill.

44 And the Amorites which dwelt in that mountain came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

45 And ye returned, and wept before the LORD: but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you.

46 So

f Num. 13. 3.
m Num. 13. 22.
n Num. 14. 11.
† Heb. melted.
o Num. 13. 29. 33. 34.
p Num. 13. 28.
q Chap. 32. 11, 12. Isa. 46. 3, 4. 63. 9. Hos. 11. 3.
r Exod. 13. 21. s Num. 10. 33. Ezek. 20. 6.
t Num. 14. 30.
u Num. 14. 24.
† Heb. wholly followed after me.
x Num. 32. 12. Josh. 14. 8, 9.
y Num. 20. 12. Deut. 1. 37. Chap. 3. 26. 4. 21.
z Num. 14. 40.
† Heb. was presumptuous and went.

46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

CHAP. II.

1 The story is continued. 2 Israel may not meddle with the Edomites, 9 nor with the Moabites, 17 nor with the Ammonites. 24 But Sihon the Amorite is subdued by them.

THen we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, [a] as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days.

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.

4 And command thou the people, saying, [b] Ye *are* to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto your selves therefore.

5 Meddle not with them: for I will not give you of their land, [†] no not so much as a foot-breadth; [c] because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession.

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these fourty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

8 And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain, from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

9 And the LORD said unto me, [‖] Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battel: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

10 ([d] The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall as [e] the Anakims;

11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims, but the Moabites call them Emims.

12 [f] The Horims also dwelt in Seir before-time, but the children of Esau [†] succeeded them when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their [‖] stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.)

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over [g] the [‖] brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, untill we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years; untill all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, untill they were consumed.

16 ¶ So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

17 That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day.

19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

20 (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time, & the Ammonites call them [h] Zamzummims,

21 A people great, and many, and tall as the Anakims: but the LORD destroyed them before them, and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

22 As he did to the children of Esau [i] which dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them, and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:

23 And [k] the Avims, which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* unto Azzah, [l] the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

24 ¶ Rise ye up, take your journey, and [m] pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given

[a] Num. 14. 25. Deut. 1. 40.
[b] Num. 20. 14.
[†] Heb. even as far as the treading of the sole of a foot.
[c] Gen. 36. 8. Josh. 24. 4.
[‖] Or, Vex not Moab in battel.
[d] Gen. 14. 5.
[e] Num. 13. 33. Deut. 9. 2.
[f] Gen. 14. 6. & 36. 20.
[†] Heb. inherited them.
[‖] Or, valley.
[g] Num. 21. 12. [‖] Or, valley.
[h] Gen. 14. 5. Zazum.
[i] Gen. 32. 3.
[k] Josh. 13. 3. [l] Gen. 10. 14.
[m] Num. 21. 13, 16.

given into thy hand Sihon the Amorite king of Heſhbon, and his land: † begin to poſſeſs *it*, and contend with him in battel.

25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who ſhall hear report of thee, and ſhall tremble, and be in anguiſh becauſe of thee.

26 ¶ And I ſent meſſengers out of the wilderneſs of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heſhbon, [n] with words of peace, ſaying,

27 [o] Let me paſs through thy land: I will go along by the highway, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

28 Thou ſhalt ſell me meat for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: onely I will paſs through on my feet;

29 (As the children of Eſau, which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites, which dwell in Ar, did unto me) untill I ſhall paſs over Jordan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

30 But Sihon king of Heſhbon would not let us paſs by him: for [p] the LORD thy God hardned his ſpirit, and made his heart obſtinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

31 And the LORD ſaid unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to poſſeſs, that thou mayeſt inherit his land.

32 [q] Then Sihon came out againſt us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

33 And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we ſmote him, and his ſons, and all his people.

34 And we took all his cities at that time, and [r] utterly deſtroyed † the men, and the women, and the little ones of every city, we left none to remain.

35 Onely the cattel we took for a prey unto our ſelves, and the ſpoil of the cities which we took.

36 [t] From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that *is* by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too ſtrong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us.

37 Onely unto the land of the children of Ammon thou cameſt not, *nor* unto any place of the river [u] Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatſoever the LORD our God forbad us.

CHAP. III.

1 *The ſtory of the conqueſt of Og king of Baſhan.* 11 *The bigneſs of his bed.* 12 *The diſtribution of thoſe lands to the two tribes and half.* 23 *Moſes prayer to enter into the land.* 26 *He is permitted to ſee it.*

THen we turned, and went up the way to Baſhan: and [a] Og the king of Baſhan came out againſt us, he and all his people, to battel at Edrei.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand; and thou ſhalt do unto him as thou didſt unto [b] Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heſhbon.

3 So the LORD our God delivered into our hands [c] Og alſo the king of Baſhan, and all his people: and we ſmote him untill none was left to him remaining.

4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; threeſcore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Baſhan.

5 All theſe cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates and bars, beſide unwalled towns a great many.

6 And we utterly deſtroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heſhbon, utterly deſtroying the men, women, and children of every city.

7 But all the cattel and the ſpoil of the cities we took for a prey to our ſelves.

8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this ſide Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (*Which* [d] Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir)

10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and [e] all Baſhan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Baſhan.

11 For onely Og king of Baſhan remained of the remnant of giants. Behold, his bedſtead *was* a bedſtead of iron: *is* it not in [f] Rabbath

† Heb. begin to poſſeſs

n Chap. 2. 26.
o Num. 21. 21, 22.

p Joſh. 11. 20.

q Num. 21. 23.

r Lev. 27. 28. † Heb. every city of men, and women, and little ones
s Joſh. 13. 9.

t Num. 32. 34.

u Gen. 32. 22.

a Num. 21. 33.

b Num. 21. 24.

c Num. 21. 35.

d Cant. 4. 8.

e Joſh. 12. 5. & 13. 11.

f Num. 32. 35. Judg. 11. 26. 1 Sam. 11. 11. Jer. 49. 2. Ezek. 21. 20. † Or, ſons of water.

g Num. 32. 33. Judg. 11. 8. & 20. 1. & 21. 8.

h Num. 21. 34.

i Num. 32. 39.

k Num. 21. 24. Judg. 11. 22.

l Num. 32. 1. † Or, enter in

m Num. 32. 20.

n Heb. ſons of power.

o Joſh. 2. 4.

p Num. 27. 18.

[f] Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

12 And this land *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and [g] the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

14 [h] Jair the son of Manasseh took all the countrey of Argob, unto the coasts of Geshuri, and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-[i] havoth-jair, unto this day.

15 [k] And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites, and unto the Gadites, I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border, even unto the river Jabbok, [l] *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast *thereof*, from [m] Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt-sea, || under Ashdoth-pisgah east ward.

18 ¶ And I commanded you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: [n] ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* † meet for the war.

19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattel (*for* I know that ye have much cattel) shall abide in your cities which I have given you;

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye [o] return every man unto his possession which I have given you.

21 ¶ And [p] I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

22 Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD at that time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand: for [q] what God *is there* in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?

25 I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that *is* beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

26 But the LORD [r] was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me. And the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

27 [t] Get thee up into the top of || Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes west ward, and north-ward, and south-ward, and east-ward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

28 But [u] charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in [x] the valley over against Beth peor.

CHAP. IV.

1 An exhortation to obedience. 41 Moses appointeth the three cities of refuge on that side Jordan.

NOw therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgements which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

2 [a] Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of [b] Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive every one of you this day.

5 Behold,

f 1 Sam. 11. 11. Jer. 49. 2. Ezek. 21. 25.
g Num. 32. 33. Josh. 13. 8. 22.
h 1 Chr. 2. 22.
i Num. 32. 41.
k Num. 32. 39.
l Num. 21. 24. Josh. 12. 2.
m Num. 34. 11. || Or, under Ashdoth-pisgah. † Heb. fit sons of power.
n Num. 32. 20.
o Josh. 1. 15.
p Num. 27. 18.
q Ps. 86. 8. & 89. 6.
r Num. 20. 12. & 27. 14. Deut. 1. 37. & 3. 26. & 31. 2. Ps. 106. 32.
t Num. 27. 12. || Or, the hill.
u Num. 27. 18.
x Deut. 3. 29.
a Deut. 12. 32. Josh. 1. 7. Prov. 30. 6. Eccl. 3. 14. Rev. 22. 18, 19.
b Num. 25. 4, 5, &c. Josh. 22. 17.

5 Behold, I have taught you ſtatutes and judgements, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye ſhould do ſo in the land whither ye go to poſſeſs it.

6 Keep therefore and do *them*: for this [c] your wiſdom and your underſtanding in the ſight of the nations, which ſhall hear all theſe ſtatutes, and ſay, Surely this great nation *is* a wiſe and underſtanding people.

7 For [d] what nation *is there ſo* great, who *hath* [e] God ſo nigh unto them as the LORD our God *is* in all *things* that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation *is there ſo* great, that hath ſtatutes and judgements *ſo* righteous as all this law which I ſet before you this day?

9 Onely take heed to thy ſelf, and keep thy ſoul diligently, leſt thou forget the things which thine eyes have ſeen, and leſt they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but [f] teach them thy ſons, and thy ſons ſons;

10 *Specially* [g] the day that thou ſtoodſt before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD ſaid unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they ſhall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.

11 And ye came near, and ſtood under the mountain, and the [h] mountain burnt with fire unto the † midſt of heaven, with darkneſs, clouds, and thick darkneſs.

12 And the LORD ſpake unto you out of the midſt of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but ſaw no ſimilitude, † onely *ye heard* a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* [i] ten commandments; and [k] he wrote them upon two tables of ſtone.

14 ¶ And [l] the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you ſtatutes and judgements, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to poſſeſs it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto your ſelves; for ye ſaw no manner of ſimilitude on the day *that* the LORD ſpake unto you in Horeb out of the midſt of the fire;

16 Leſt ye corrupt *your ſelves*, and [m] make you a graven image, the ſimilitude of any figure, the likeneſs of male or female,

17 The likeneſs of any beaſt that *is* on the earth, the likeneſs of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

18 The likeneſs of [n] any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeneſs of any fiſh that *is* in the waters beneath the earth;

19 And leſt thou [o] lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou ſeeſt the ſun and the moon and the ſtars, *even* [p] all the hoſt of heaven, ſhouldeſt be driven to worſhip them, and ſerve them, which the LORD thy God hath † divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

20 But the LORD hath taken you, and [q] brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day.

21 Furthermore, [r] the LORD was angry with me for your ſakes, and ſware that I ſhould not go over Jordan, and that I ſhould not go in unto that good land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

22 But I muſt die in this land, I muſt not go over Jordan: but ye ſhall go over, and poſſeſs that good land.

23 Take heed unto your ſelves leſt ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeneſs of any *thing* † which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.

24 For [s] the LORD thy God *is* a conſuming fire, *even* [t] a jealous God.

25 ¶ When thou ſhalt beget children, and childrens children, and ye ſhall have remained long in the land, and ſhall corrupt *your ſelves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeneſs of any *thing*, and ſhall do evil in the ſight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger;

26 [x] I call heaven and earth to witneſs againſt you this day, that ye ſhall ſoon utterly periſh from off the land whereunto you go over Jordan to poſſeſs it: ye ſhall not

[c] Job 28. 28. Pſ. 111. 10. Pro. 1. 7. [d] 2 Sam. 7. 23. [e] Pſ. 145. 18. & 148. 14. [f] Gen. 18. 19. Chap. 6. 7. & 11. 19. Pſal. 78. 5, 6. [g] Exod. 19. 9, 16. & 20. 18. Heb. 12. 18. [h] Exod. 19. 18. † Heb. *midſt.* † Heb. *ſave a voice.* [i] Exod. 34. 28. [k] Exod. 24. 12. [l] Exod. 21. 1. [m] Rom. 1. 23. [n] Chap. 4. 16. [o] Job 31. 26. Ezek. 8. 16. [p] Gen. 2. 1. [q] 1 King. 8. 51. Jer. 11. 4. [r] Num. 20. 12. [s] Heb. 12. 29. [t] Exod. 20. 5. [x] Chap. 30. 19. [y] Exod. 19. 9, 19. & 20. 18, 22. & 24. 16. Heb. 12. 18.

not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

27 And the LORD [y] shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

28 And [z] there ye shall serve gods, the work of mens hands, wood and stone, [a] which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 [b] But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things † are come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

31 For the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God, he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* [c] from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it.

33 Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, [d] by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrours, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God: [e] *there is* none else besides him.

36 [f] Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire, and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt:

38 To drive out nations from before thee, greater and mightier then thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day.

39 Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that [g] the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else.

40 Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes and his commandments which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 ¶ Then Moses [h] severed three cities on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising;

42 That the slayer might flee thither wch should kill his neighbour unawares, & hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live:

43 *Namely*, [i] Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

44 ¶ And this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel:

45 These *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt;

46 On this side Jordan [k] in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel [l] smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt:

47 And they possessed his land, and the land [m] of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side Jordan, toward the sun-rising;

48 From Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which *is* [n] Hermon,

49 And all the plain on this side Jordan east-ward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the [o] springs of Pisgah.

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[y] Levit. 26. 33. Deut. 28. 64. Jer. 16. 13. & 44. 27. [z] Chap. 32. 16. Jer. 16. 11. & 44. 3, 5. & 115. 4. & 135. 15. Dan. 9. 11. & 10. 7. [a] Dan. 5. 23. Rev. 9. 20. Cap. 32. 21. Neh. 9. 26. † Heb. latter days. [b] Jer. 29. 13. [c] Matth. 24. 31. [d] Chap. 7. 19. & 29. 3. [e] Chap. 32. 39. [f] Exod. 19. 9, 19. & 20. 22. Neh. 9. 13. Heb. 12. 18. [g] Josh. 2. 11. [h] Num. 35. 6, 14. [i] Josh. 20. 8. [k] Chap. 3. 29. [l] Numb. 21. 24. Chap. 2. 36. [m] Num. 21. 33. Chap. 3. 3. [n] Chap. 3. 9. Psal. 133. 3. [o] Chap. 3. 17.

CHAP. V.

1 *The covenant in Horeb.* 6 *The ten commandments.* 22 *At the peoples requeſt Moſes receiveth the law from God.*

AND Moſes called all Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Hear, O Iſrael, the ſtatutes and judgements which I ſpeak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and † keep and do them.

† Heb. *keep to do them.*

2 [a] The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

[a] Exod. 19. 5.

3 The LORD [b] made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day.

[b] See Matth. 13. 17. Heb. 8. 9.

4 [c] The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midſt of the fire,

[c] Exod. 19. 9, 19.

5 (I ſtood between the LORD and you at that time, to ſhew you the word of the LORD: for [d] ye were afraid by reaſon of the fire, & went not up into the mount) ſaying,

[d] Exod. 19. 16. & 20. 18.

6 ¶ [e] I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of † bondage.

[e] Exod. 20. 2. & Levit. 26. 1. Pſal. 81. 10.

† Heb. ſervants.

7 Thou ſhalt have none other gods before me.

8 Thou ſhalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or* any likeneſs *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth.

9 Thou ſhalt not bow down thy ſelf unto them, nor ſerve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, [f] viſiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,

[f] Exod. 34. 7.

10 § And ſhewing mercy unto thouſands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

[g] Jer. 32. 18.

11 Thou ſhalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltleſs that taketh his name in vain.

12 Keep the ſabbath-day to ſanctifie it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days thou ſhalt labour, and do all thy work:

[h] Gen. 2. 2. Heb. 4. 4.

14 But the ſeventh day *is* the [h] ſabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou ſhalt not do any work, thou, nor thy ſon, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-ſervant, nor thy maid-ſervant, nor thine ox, nor thine aſs, nor any of thy cattel, nor thy ſtranger that *is* within thy gates; [i] that thy man ſervant and thy maid-ſervant may reſt as well as thou.

[i] Exod. 20. 10.

15 And remember that thou waſt a ſervant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a ſtretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the ſabbath-day.

16 ¶ [k] Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[k] Gen. 27. 9. Exod. 20. 12. Levit. 19. 3. Matth. 15. 4. Mark 7. 10. Ephe. 6. 2. Col. 3. 20.

17 [l] Thou ſhalt not kill.

[l] Matth. 5. 21. Rom. 13. 9.

18 [m] Neither ſhalt thou commit adultery.

[m] Levit. 18. 20. Matth. 5. 27. Rom. 13. 9.

19 [n] Neither ſhalt thou ſteal.

[n] Levit. 19. 11. Rom. 13. 9.

20 Neither ſhalt thou bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour.

21 [o] Neither ſhalt thou deſire thy neighbours wife, neither ſhalt thou covet thy neighbours houſe, his field, or his man-ſervant, or his maid-ſervant, his ox, or his aſs, or any *thing* that *is* thy neighbours.

[o] Exod. 20. 17. Rom. 7. 7.

22 ¶ Theſe words the LORD ſpake unto all your aſſembly in the mount out of the midſt of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkneſs, with a great voice: and he added no more. And [p] he wrote them in two tables of ſtone, and delivered them unto me.

[p] Exod. 24. 12. & 31. 18. & 32. 15. & 34. 1. 28.

23 [q] And it came to paſs when ye heard the voice out of the midſt of the darkneſs (for the mountain did burn with fire) that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

[q] Exod. 20. 18.

24 And ye ſaid, Behold, the LORD our God hath ſhewed us his glory and his greatneſs, and [r] we have heard his voice out of the midſt of the fire: we have ſeen this day that God doth talk with man, and he [s] liveth.

[r] Exod. 19. 19. & 20. 19. [s] Gen. 16. 13. Judg. 13. 22.

† Heb. *paſſ over.*

25 Now therefore why ſhould we die? for this great fire will conſume us. If we † hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we ſhall die.

26 For

26 For who *is there of* all flesh that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived?

27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say; and [f] speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken unto thee: [g] they have well said all that they have spoken.

29 [h] O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children for ever.

30 Go say to them, Get you into your tents again.

31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments and the statutes and the judgements which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: [k] you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

33 You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The end of the law is obedience.* 3 *An exhortation thereto.*

NOw these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgements which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye † go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy sons son, all the days of thy life, and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 ¶ Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*, that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 [a] Hear, O Israel, The LORD our God *is* one LORD.

5 And [b] thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And [c] these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart.

7 And [d] thou shalt † teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 [e] And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 [f] And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

10 And it shall be when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities [g] which thou buildedst not,

11 And houses full of all good *things* which thou filledst not, and wells digged which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees which thou plantedst not, [h] when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

12 [i] Then beware lest thou forget the LORD which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

13 Thou shalt [k] fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, & shalt swear by his name.

14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you:

15 (For the LORD thy God *is* a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, & destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 ¶ [l] Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God,

[a] Mark 12. 29.
[b] Chap. 10. 12. Mat. 22. 37. Mar. 12. 30. Luk. 10. 27.
[c] Chap. 11. 18. Psal. 37. 31. & 40. 8. & 119. 98. Isa. 51. 7.
† Heb. *whet, or sharpen.*
[d] Chap. 4. 9.
[e] Exod. 13. 9, 16. Prov. 3. 3. & 6. 21. & 7. 3.
[f] Chap. 11. 20.
[g] Jos. 24. 13. Neh. 9. 25.
[h] Psal. 105. 44.
[i] Chap. 8. 10, &c.
† Heb. *bondmen, or servants.*
[k] Chap. 10. 12, 20. & 13. 4. Mat. 4. 10. Luke 4. 8.
[l] Mat. 4. 7. Luk. 4. 12.

God, [l] as ye tempted *him* in Massah.

17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes which he hath commanded thee.

18 And thou shalt do *that which is* right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers;

19 [m] To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 *And* when thy son asketh thee † in time to come, saying, What *mean* the testimonies and the statutes and the judgements which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaohs bond-men in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt [n] with a mighty hand.

22 And the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and † sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his houshold, before our eyes:

23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

25 And [o] it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

CHAP. VII.

1 All communion with the nations is forbidden, 4 for fear of idolatry, 6 for the holiness of the people, 9 for the nature of God in his mercy and justice, 17 for the assuredness of victory which God will give over them.

WHen the [a] LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, [b] the Hittites, & the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier then thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee: thou shalt smite them, *and* [c] utterly destroy them, [d] thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, & destroy thee suddenly.

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; Ye shall [e] destroy their altars, and break down their † images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 [f] For thou *art* a holy people unto the LORD thy God: [g] the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number then any people: for ye *were* the fewest of all people.

8 But [h] because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bond-men, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithfull God, [i] which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgements which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 ¶ [k] Wherefore it shall come to pass, † if ye hearken to these judgements, and keep and do them; that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.

13 And

[l] Exod. 17. 2. Num. 21. 4.
[m] Num. 33. 52.
† Heb. *to morrow.*
[n] Exod. 3. 19. & 13. 3. † Heb. *evil.*
[o] Rom. 10. 5.
[a] Chap. 31. 3.
[b] Gen. 15. 19.
[c] Lev. 27. 28. Num. 21. 2. & 33. 52. Josh. 6. 17. & 8. 26. & 10. 28. & 11. 11. 1 Sam. 15. 3. 2 Kings 19. 11. 1 Chron. 4. 41. Isa. 34. 2. Jer. 50. 21. Ezek. 9. 5. Dan. 9. 26. Mic. 5. 5. Nah. 1. 8. Hab. 1. 6. Zech. 14. 2. [d] Exod. 23. 32. & 34. 12. Judg. 2. 2. [e] Exod. 23. 24. & 34. 13. Judg. 6. 25. 2 Kings 18. 4. 2 Chron. 14. 3. & 31. 1. Isa. 27. 9. Jer. 17. 2. Ezek. 6. 6. Mic. 5. 13. [f] Exod. 19. 5. Psal. 135. 4. Amos 3. 2. [g] Exod. 19. 5. Psal. 135. 4. Amos 3. 2. [h] Exod. 6. 6. & 13. 14. & 20. 2. Deut. 4. 37. & 5. 6. & 6. 21. & 9. 26. & 13. 5. & 15. 15. & 21. 8. & 24. 18. & 32. 6. 2 Sam. 7. 23. Psal. 106. 10. Jer. 31. 11. Hos. 13. 4. Mic. 6. 4. Titus 2. 14. [i] Exod. 20. 6. Neh. 1. 5. & 9. 32. Dan. 9. 4. [k] Lev. 26. 3. Chap. 28. 1. † Heb. *because.* Josh. 23. 15.

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oyl, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: [l] there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattel.

15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the [m] evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that *will be* [n] a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh and unto all Egypt;

19 [o] The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

20 [p] Moreover, the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, untill they that are left and hide themselves from thee be destroyed.

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will † put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them † unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, untill they be destroyed.

24 And [q] he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, untill thou have destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods [r] shall ye burn with fire: thou [s] shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be [t] snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thy house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhorr it; [u] for it *is* a cursed thing.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *An exhortation to obedience in regard of Gods dealing with them.*

ALL the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these fourty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* [a] to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

3 And he humbled thee, and [b] suffered thee to hunger, and [c] fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth [d] not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

4 [e] Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swel these fourty years.

5 [f] Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that as a man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, [g] a land of brooks of water, of fountains, and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates, a land † of oyl olive, and honey;

9 A land

[l] Exod. 23. 26. Deut. 7. 14.
[m] Exod. 9. 14. & 15. 26. Deut. 7. 15.
[n] Exod. 23. 33.
[o] Chap. 4. 34. & 29. 3.
[p] Exod. 23. 28. Josh. 24. 12.
[q] Heb. shall give.
[r] Chap. 12. 3. Exod. 32. 20. Josh. 7. 1. 21. 2 Mac. 12. 40.
[s] Zech. 1. 3.
[t] Chap. 13. 17. Levit. 27. 28.
[u] Heb. it is accursed.
[a] Chap. 13. 3.
[b] Deut. 16. 3.
[c] Exod. 16. 12, 14. Psal. 105. 40. Matth. 4. 4. Luk. 4. 4.
[d] Chap. 29. 5. Neh. 9. 21.
[e] 2 Sam. 7. 14. Psal. 89. 32. Prov. 3. 12. Heb. 12. 5. Rev. 3. 19.
[f] Chap. 11. 10, 11.
† Heb. of olive-tree of oyl.

9 A land wherein thou ſhalt eat bread without ſcarceneſs, thou ſhalt not lack any
[b] Chap. 33. 25. *thing* in it; a land [b] whoſe ſtones *are* iron, & out of whoſe hills thou mayeſt dig braſs.

[i] Chap. 6. 11, 12. 10 [i] When thou haſt eaten and art full, then thou ſhalt bleſs the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgements, and his ſtatutes, which I command thee this day:

[k] Chap. 28. 47. & 32. 15. Prov. 30. 9. Hoſ. 13. 6. 12 [k] Leſt *when* thou haſt eaten and art full, and haſt built goodly houſes, and dwelt *therein*;

13 And *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy ſilver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou haſt is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage;

[l] Numb. 21. 6. Hoſ. 13. 5. [m] Num. 20. 11. 15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderneſs, [l] *wherein were* fiery ſerpents, and ſcorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; [m] who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

[n] Exod. 16. 15. 16 Who fed thee in the wilderneſs with [n] manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

17 And thou ſay in thine heart, My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth.

18 But thou ſhalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may eſtabliſh his covenant which he ſware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.

19 And it ſhall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and ſerve them, and worſhip them, I teſtifie againſt you this day that ye ſhall ſurely periſh.

20 As the nations which the LORD deſtroyeth before your face, ſo ſhall ye periſh: becauſe ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Moſes diſſwadeth them from the opinion of their own righteouſneſs, by rehearſing their ſeveral rebellions.*

HEar, O Iſrael: Thou *art* to paſs over Jordan this day, to go in to poſſeſs nations greater and mightier then thy ſelf, cities great and [a] fenced up to heaven,

[a] Chap. 1. 28. [b] Num. 13. 33. 2 A people great and tall, [b] the children of the Anakims, whom thou knoweſt, and *of whom* thou haſt heard *ſay*, Who can ſtand before the children of Anak!

3 Underſtand therefore this day that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee *as* a [c] conſuming fire: he ſhall deſtroy them, and he ſhall bring them down before thy face: ſo ſhalt thou drive them out, and deſtroy them quickly, as the LORD hath ſaid unto thee.

[c] Chap. 4. 24. Heb. 12. 29. 4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath caſt them out from before thee, ſaying, [d] For my righteouſneſs the LORD hath brought me in to poſſeſs this land: but [e] for the wickedneſs of theſe nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

[d] Rom. 11. 6. Gal. 2. 16. Tit. 3. 5. [e] Gen. 15. 16. 5 Not for thy righteouſneſs, or for the uprightneſs of thine heart doſt thou go to poſſeſs their land: but for the wickedneſs of theſe nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform [f] the word which the LORD ſware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob.

[f] Gen. 12. 7. 15. 5. 17. 7. 8. 22. 16. 26. 3. 28. 13. 35. 12. 48. 4. 50. 24. Exod. 13. 5. 6. 11. 33. 1. Lev. 20. 24. Deut. 1. 8. 6. 10. 18. 9. 27. 10. 11. 30. 20. Josh. 1. 6. 21. 43. 45. 23. 14. 24. 13. Neh. 9. 8. Pſal. 105. 42. Luke 1. 73. Acts 7. 17. Heb. 6. 13. 11. 9. 6 Underſtand therefore that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to poſſeſs it for thy righteouſneſs: for thou *art* [g] a ſtiff-necked people.

[g] Exod. 32. 9. 33. 3. 5. 34. 9. Deut. 10. 16. 31. 27. 2 Chron. 30. 8. Neh. 9. 16. 17. Pſal. 78. 8. Jer. 7. 26. 17. 23. Acts 7. 51. 7 ¶ Remember, *and* forget not how thou provokedſt the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderneſs: [h] from the day that thou didſt depart out of the land of Egypt untill ye came unto this place ye have been rebellious againſt the LORD.

[h] Exod. 14. 11. 16. 3. 17. 3. Num. 11. 4. 20. 3. 25. 3. Deut. 31. 27. Josh. 24. 7. Pſal. 106. 7. Ezek. 20. 8. 13. 21. 8 Alſo [i] in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, ſo that the LORD was angry with you to have deſtroyed you.

[i] Exod. 32. 1. 9 [k] When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of ſtone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made

[k] Exod. 24. 18. 34. 28.

made with you, then [l] I abode in the mount fourty days and fourty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:

10 [m] And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of ſtone written with the finger of God, and on them *was written* according to all the words which the LORD ſpake with you in the mount out of the midſt of the fire, [n] in the day of the aſſembly.

11 And it came to paſs at the end of fourty days and fourty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of ſtone, *even* the tables of the covenant.

12 And the LORD ſaid unto me, [o] Ariſe, get thee down quickly from hence: for thy people which thou haſt brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themſelves*: they are quickly turned aſide out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

13 Furthermore, the LORD ſpake unto me, ſaying, I have ſeen this people, and behold, it *is* a ſtiff-necked people.

14 Let me alone, that I may deſtroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater then they.

15 So I turned, and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

16 And [p] I looked, and behold, ye had ſinned againſt the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aſide quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

17 And I took the two tables, and caſt them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I [q] fell down before the LORD, as at the firſt, fourty days and fourty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water, becauſe of all your ſins which ye ſinned, in doing wickedly in the ſight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot diſpleaſure wherewith the LORD was wroth againſt you to deſtroy you. But the LORD hearkned unto me at that time alſo.

20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have deſtroyed him. And I prayed for Aaron alſo the ſame time.

21 And [r] I took your ſin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and ſtamped it, *and* ground *it* very ſmall, *even* untill it was as ſmall as duſt: and I caſt the duſt thereof into the brook that deſcended out of the mount.

22 And at [s] Taberah, and at [t] Maſſah, and at [u] Kibroth-hattaavah ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewiſe [x] when the LORD ſent you from Kadeſh-barnea, ſaying, Go up and poſſeſs the land which I have given you; then you rebelled againſt the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye beleeved him not, nor hearkned to his voice.

24 You have been rebellious againſt the LORD from the day that I knew you.

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD fourty days and fourty nights, as I fell down *at the firſt*; becauſe the LORD had ſaid he would deſtroy you.

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and ſaid, O Lord GOD, deſtroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou haſt redeemed through thy greatneſs, which thou haſt brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

27 Remember thy ſervants, Abraham, Iſaac and Jacob; look not unto the ſtubbornneſs of this people, nor to their wickedneſs, nor to their ſin:

28 Leſt the land whence thou broughteſt us out ſay, [y] Becauſe the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promiſed them, and becauſe he hated them, he hath brought them out to ſlay them in the wilderneſs.

29 Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughteſt out by thy mighty power and by thy ſtretched out arm.

CHAP. X.

1 *Gods mercy in reſtoring the two tables, 6 in continuing the prieſthood, 8 in ſeparating the tribe of Levi, 10 in hearkning unto Moſes his ſuit for the people. 12 An exhortation unto obedience.*

AT that time the LORD ſaid unto me, [a] Hew thee two tables of ſtone like

unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

[b] Exod. 25. 5, 10. 3 And I made an ark *of* [b] shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

[c] Exod. 34. 28. [†] Heb. words. 4 And [c] he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten [†] commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned my self and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

[d] Numb. 33. 31. [e] Numb. 33. 30. [f] Numb. 20. 28. 6 ¶ And [d] the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan, to [e] Mosera: [f] there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministred in the priests office in his stead.

[g] Numb. 33. 32, 34. 7 [g] From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

[h] Numb. 3. 6, & 4. 4, & 8. 14 [i] Levit. 9. 22. Numb. 6. 24. [k] Numb. 18. 20. 8 ¶ At that time [h] the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and [i] to bless in his name, unto this day.

9 [k] Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren: the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.

[l] Exod. 34. 28. [‖] Or, *former days.* [m] Exod. 32. 32, 33 & 33. 17. [n] Exod. 32. 34 & 33. 1. [†] Heb. *go in journey.* [o] Mic. 6. 8. 10 And [l] I stayed in the mount, according to the [‖] first time, fourty days and fourty nights: and [m] the LORD hearkned unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.

11 [n] And the LORD said unto me, Arise, [†] take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, [o] what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and [p] to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

[p] Chap. 5. 5. 13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

[q] Ezra. 9. 6. Psal. 115. 16. [r] Gen. 1. 1. 14 Behold, [q] the heaven, and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD thy God's, [r] the earth *also* with all that therein *is*.

15 Onely the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

[r] Or, circumcise. 16 Circumcise therefore [r] the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked.

[s] Chap. 5. 5. 17 For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and [s] Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which [t] regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

[t] Heb. accepteth. [u] Psal. 68. 5. 18 [u] He doth execute the judgement of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

[x] Levit. 19. 33, 34. 19 [x] Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

[y] Chap. 6. 13. 20 [y] Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou [z] cleave, and swear by his name.

[a] Chap. 10. 21. 21 [a] He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things which thine eyes have seen.

[b] Gen. 46. 27. Exod. 1. 5. 22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt [b] with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee [c] as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAP. XI.

1 An exhortation to obedience, 2 by their own experience of Gods great works, 8 by promise of Gods great blessings, 16 and by threatnings. 18 A carefull study is required in Gods words. 26 The blessing and curse is set before them.

THerefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgements, and his commandments alway.

2 And know you this day: for *I speak* not with your children, which have not known and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched-out arm,

3 And

3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt, unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;

4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; [a] how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;

5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness, untill ye came into this place;

6 And [b] what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the ‖ substance that † *was* in their possession in the midst of all Israel.

7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD, which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land whither you go to possess it;

9 And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them & to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 ¶ For the land whither thou goest in to possess it *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

11 But the land whither ye go to possess it *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven;

12 A land which the LORD thy God † careth for: [c] the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto my commandments wch I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, & to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul;

14 That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oyl.

15 And I will † send grass in thy fields for thy cattel, that thou mayest eat and be full.

† Heb. *give.*

16 Take heed to your selves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17 And *then* the LORDS wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven that there be no rain, and that the land yeeld not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 ¶ Therefore [d] shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and [e] bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

[d] Chap. 6. 6.
[e] Chap. 6. 8.

19 [f] And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

[f] Chap. 4. 10. & 6. 7.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 ¶ For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier then your selves.

24 [g] Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: [h] from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea, shall your coast be.

[g] Josh. 1. 3.
[h] Gen. 15. 18. Exod. 23. 31. Numb. 34. 3.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, [i] as he hath said unto you.

[i] Exod. 23. 27.

26 ¶ [k] Behold, I set before you this day a blessing, and a curse;

[k] Chap. 30. 15.

[l] Chap. 28. 2.

[m] Chap. 28. 15.

[n] Chap. 27. 12, 13 Josh. 8. 33.

[o] Chap. 5. 32.

27 [l] A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day;

28 And a [m] curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put [n] the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

30 *Are* they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champian over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

32 And ye shall observe [o] to do all the statutes and judgements which I set before you this day.

CHAP. XII.

1 Monuments of idolatry are to be destroyed. 5 The place of Gods service is to be kept. 16, 23 Bloud is forbidden. 17, 20, 26 Holy things must be eaten in the holy place. 19 The Levite is not to be forsaken. 29 Idolatry is not to be enquired after.

THese *are* the statutes and judgements which ye shall observe to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

[p] Chap. 7. 5.

‖ Or, *inherit.*

2 [p] Ye shall utterly destroy all the places wherein the nations which ye shall ‖ possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree.

[q] Judg. 2. 2.

† Heb *break down.*

3 And [q] you shall † overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire, and you shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God.

[r] 1 Kin. 8. 29 2 Chron. 7. 12.

5 But unto the place which the LORD your God shall [r] choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

[s] Levit. 17. 3, 5.

6 And [s] thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will-offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks.

7 And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoyce in all that you put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

8 Ye shall not do after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatsoever *is* right in his own eyes.

9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest, and to the inheritance which the LORD your God giveth you.

10 But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;

[t] Chap. 16. 6. Psal. 68. 29.

11 Then there shall be [t] a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt-offerings, & your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all † your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord.

† Heb. *the choice of your vows.*

12 And ye shall rejoyce before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that *is* within your gates; forasmuch as [u] he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

[u] Chap. 10. 9.

13 Take heed to thy self that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest.

14 But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath

hath given thee: [g] the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roe-buck, and as of the hart.

16 [h] Onely ye shall not eat the bloud; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oyl, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free-will-offerings, or heave-offering of thine hand:

18 But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoyce before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

19 [i] Take heed to thy self that thou forsake not the Levite † as long as thou livest upon thy earth.

20 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, [k] as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh; because thy soul longeth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

22 [l] Even as the roe-buck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat *of* them alike.

23 [m] Onely † be sure that thou eat not the bloud: for the bloud *is* the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in the sight of the LORD.

26 Onely thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:

27 And [n] thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the bloud, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the bloud of thy sacrifices shall be poured-out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest *that which is* good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall cut-off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou † succeedest them, & dwellest in their land;

30 Take heed to thy self that thou be not snared † by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every † abomination to the LORD which he hateth have they done unto their gods: for [o] even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: [p] thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Enticers to idolatry, 6 how near soever unto thee, 9 are to be stoned to death. 12 Idolatrous cities are not to be spared.

IF there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

2 And [a] the sign or the wonder come to pass whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God [b] proveth you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his command-

[g] Levit. 11. 3, 9, 13.

† Heb. inherit. or possesse. so m.

† Heb. after them

† Heb. abomination of the

[o] Levit. 18. 21. & 20. 2. Chap. 18. 10. Jer. 32. 35.

[p] Chap. 4. 2.

[a] See Chap. 18. 22. Jer. 28. 9. Mat. 7. 22.

[b] Chap. 8. 2. 1 Cor. 11. 19.

ments, and obey his voice, and you shall serve him, and [c] cleave unto him.

5 And [d] that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he hath † spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in: [e] So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

6 ¶ [f] If thy brother the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

7 *Namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth;

8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

9 But [g] thou shalt surely kill him; [h] thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of † bondage.

11 And [i] all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

12 ¶ If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13 *Certain* men, || the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

14 Then shalt thou enquire and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you;

15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, [k] destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattel thereof, with the edge of the sword.

16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever, it shall not be built again.

17 And [l] there shall cleave nought of the || cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Gods children are not to disfigure themselves in mourning. 3 What may, and what may not be eaten, 4 of beasts, 9 of fishes, 11 of fowls. 21 That which dieth of itself may not be eaten. 22 Tithes of divine service. 23 Tithes and firstlings of rejoycing before the Lord. 28 The third years tithe of alms and charity.

YE *are* the children of the LORD your God: [a] ye shall not cut your selves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

2 [b] For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

3 ¶ Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

4 [c] These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat: The Ox, the Sheep, and the Goat,

5 The Hart, and the Roe-buck, and ŷ Fallow-deer, & the Wild goat, and the || † Pygarg, and the Wild ox, and the Chamois.

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, *and* cheweth the cud amongst the beasts, that ye shall eat.

7 Nevertheless, these ye shall not eat of

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[c] Chap. 10. 20. [d] Chap. 18. 20. Zech. 13. 3.

† Heb. *Spoken revolt, against the LORD.*

[e] Chap. 22. 21, 24. 1 Cor. 5. 13.

[f] Chap. 17. 2.

[g] Chap. 17. 7. [h] Acts 7. 58.

† Heb. *bondmen.*

[i] Chap. 17. 13.

|| Or, *naughty men.* See Judg. 19. 22. 1 Sam. 2. 12. & 25. 25. 2 Cor. 6. 15.

[k] Josh. 6. 17.

[l] Josh. 7. 1.

[a] Levit. 19. 28. & 21. 5. Jer. 16. 6. & 41. 5. Ezek. 7. 18. Amos 8. 10. Mic. 1. 16.

[b] Exod. 19. 5, 6. Chap. 7. 6. & 26. 18. 19. Psal. 135. 4. Titus 2. 14. 1 Pet. 2. 9.

[c] Levit. 11. 2. Chap. 12. 15, 22.

ŷ Or, *Buffle.*

|| † Or, *Wild goat.*

of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the Camel, and the Hare, and the Cony: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof, *therefore* they *are* unclean unto you.

8 And the Swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, [d] nor touch their dead carcase.

9 ¶ [e] These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: All that have fins and scales shall ye eat:

10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales, ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you.

11 ¶ *Of* all clean birds ye shall eat.

12 But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: the Eagle, and the Ossifrage, and the Ospray,

13 And the Glede, and the Kite, and the Vulture after his kind,

14 And every Raven after his kind,

15 And [f] Owl, and the Night-hawk, & the Cuckow, and the Hawk after his kind,

16 The little Owl, and the great Owl, and the Swan,

17 And the Pelecane, and the gier-Eagle, and the Cormorant,

18 And the Stork, and the Heron after her kind, and the Lapwing, and the [f] Bat.

19 And every creeping thing that flieth *is* unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten.

20 *But of* all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 ¶ Ye shall not eat *of* any thing that dieth of it self: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God. [g] Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mothers milk.

22 [h] Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oyl, and [i] the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks: that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, *or* if the place be too far from thee which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee;

25 Then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose.

26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul † desireth: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoyce, thou and thine household.

† Heb. asketh of thee.

27 And [k] the Levite that *is* within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him: for [l] he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

[k] Chap. 12. 19. [l] Numb. 18. 20.

28 ¶ [m] At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates.

[m] Chap. 26. 12.

29 And the Levite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which *are* within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that [n] the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

[n] See Mal. 3. 10.

CHAP. XV.

1 The seventh year, a year of release for the poor. 7 It must be no let of lending or giving. 12 An Hebrew servant, 16 except he will not depart, must in the seventh year go forth free and well furnished. 19 All firstling males of the cattel are to be sanctified unto the Lord.

AT the end of [a] *every* seven years thou shalt make a release.

[a] Exod. 21. 2. & 23. 10. Levit. 25. 2, 4.

2 And this *is* the manner of the release: Every † creditour that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour, shall release *it*; he shall not exact *it* of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORDS release.

† Heb. master of the lending of his hand

3 Of a foreiner thou mayest exact *it again*: but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;

‖ Or, to the end that there be no poor among you.

4 ‖ Save when there shall be no poor among you: for the LORD shall greatly

bleſs thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to poſſeſs it:

5 Onely if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to obſerve to do all theſe commandments which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God bleſſeth thee, as he promiſed thee: and [b] thou ſhalt lend unto many nations, but thou ſhalt not borrow; and thou ſhalt reign over many nations, but they ſhall not reign over thee.

7 ¶ If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou ſhalt not harden thy heart, nor ſhut thine hand from thy poor brother;

8 [c] But thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto him, and ſhalt ſurely lend him ſufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth.

9 Beware that there be not a † thought in thy † wicked heart, ſaying, The ſeventh year, the year of releaſe, is at hand: and thine [d] eye be evil againſt thy poor brother, and thou giveſt him nought, and he cry unto the LORD againſt thee, and it be ſin unto thee.

10 Thou ſhalt ſurely give him, and thine heart ſhall not be grieved when thou giveſt unto him: becauſe that for this thing the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteſt thine hand unto.

11 For [e] the poor ſhall never ceaſe out of the land: therefore I command thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy, in thy land.

12 ¶ *And* [f] if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be ſold unto thee, and ſerve thee ſix years; then in the ſeventh year thou ſhalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou ſendeſt him out free from thee, thou ſhalt not let him go away empty.

14 Thou ſhalt furniſh him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy wine-preſs: *of that* wherewith the LORD thy God hath bleſſed thee thou ſhalt give unto him.

15 And thou ſhalt remember that thou waſt a bond man in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to day.

16 And it ſhall be if he ſay unto thee, I will not go away from thee; becauſe he loveth thee and thine houſe, becauſe he is well with thee;

17 [g] Then thou ſhalt take an aul, and thruſt *it* through his ear unto the door, and he ſhall be thy ſervant for ever. And alſo unto thy maid-ſervant thou ſhalt do likewiſe.

18 It ſhall not ſeem hard unto thee when thou ſendeſt him away free from thee: for he hath been worth [h] a double hired ſervant *to thee*, in ſerving thee ſix years: and the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in all that thou doeſt.

19 ¶ [i] All the firſtling males that come of thy herd, and of thy flock, thou ſhalt ſanctifie unto the LORD thy God: thou ſhalt do no work with the firſtling of thy bullock, nor ſhear the firſtling of thy ſheep.

20 [k] Thou ſhalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year, in the place which the LORD ſhall chooſe, thou and thy houſhold.

21 [l] And if there be *any* blemiſh therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemiſh, thou ſhalt not ſacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

22 Thou ſhalt eat it within thy gates: [m] the unclean and the clean *perſon ſhall eat it* alike, as the roe-buck, and as the hart.

23 [n] Onely thou ſhalt not eat the bloud thereof; thou ſhalt pour it upon the ground as water.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The feaſt of the paſs-over, 9 of weeks, 13 of tabernacles. 16 Every male muſt offer, as he is able, at theſe three feaſts. 18 Of judges and juſtice. 21 Groves and images are forbidden.

OBſerve the [a] moneth of Abib, and keep the paſs-over unto the LORD thy God: for [b] in the moneth of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt [c] by night.

2 Thou ſhalt therefore ſacrifice the paſs-over unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and

[b] Chap. 28. 12, 44.

[c] Matth. 5. 42. Luke 6. 34, 35.

† Heb. *word.*
† Heb. *Belial.*

[d] Matth. 20. 15.

[e] Matth. 26. 11. John 12. 8.

[f] Exod. 21. 2. Jer. 34. 14.

and the herd, in the [d] place which ỹ LORD shall choose to place his name there.

3 [e] Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it: Seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

4 [f] And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coasts seven days: [g] neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh which thou sacrificedst the first day at even remain all night untill the morning.

5 Thou mayest not ‖ sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee:

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

7 And thou shalt roast, and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents.

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a † solemn assembly to the LORD thy God; thou shalt do no work *therein*.

9 ¶ [h] Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest *to put* the sickle to the corn.

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with ‖ a tribute of a free will offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God* according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

11 And thou shalt rejoyce before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his name there.

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond-man in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 ¶ [i] Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy † corn and thy wine.

14 And thou shalt rejoyce in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoyce.

16 ¶ [k] Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and [l] they shall not appear before the LORD empty.

17 Every man *shall give* † as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

18 ¶ Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgement.

19 Thou shalt not wrest judgement; thou shalt not respect persons, [m] neither take a gift for a gift doth blind ỹ eyes of the wise, and pervert the ‖ words of the righteous.

20 † That wch is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, & inherit the land wch the LORD thy God giveth thee.

21 ¶ Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 [n] Neither shalt thou set thee up *any* ‖ image; which the LORD thy God hateth.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The things sacrificed must be sound, 2 Idolaters must be slain. 8 Hard controversies are to be determined by the priests and judges. 12 The contemner of that determination must die. 14 The election, 16 and duty of a king.

THou [a] shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock or ‖ sheep wherein

[d] Chap. 12. 5.
[e] Exod. 12. 15.
[f] Exod. 23. 15.
[g] Exod. 34. 25.
[h] Levit. 23. 15.
[i] Exod. 23. 16. Levit. 23. 34. Numb. 29. 12.
† Heb. *floor and thy wine-press.*
[k] Exod. 23. 14, 17. & 34. 23.
[l] Exod. 34. 20. Eccles 35. 4.
† Heb. *according to the gift of his hand.*
[m] Exod. 23. 8. Levit. 19. 15.
‖ Or, *matters.*
† Heb. *Justice, justice.*
[n] Levit. 26. 1.
‖ Or, *statue, or, pillar.*
[a] Chap. 15. 21. Mal. 1. 8.
‖ Or, *goat.*

wherein is blemish, *or* an evil-favouredness: for that *is* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

[b] Chap. 13. 6.

2 ¶ [b] If there be found among you within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either [c] the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

[c] Chap. 4. 19.

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard *of it*, and enquired diligently, and behold, *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even* that man or that woman, and [d] shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

[d] Levit. 24. 7, 14.

6 [e] At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; *but* at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

[e] Numb. 35. 30. Chap. 19. 15. Mat. 18. 16. Joh. 8. 17. 2 Cor. 13. 1. 1 Tim. 5. 19. Heb. 10. 28.

7 [f] The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward [g] hands of all the people So [g] thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

[f] Chap. 13. 9.
[g] Chap. 13. 5.

8 ¶ [h] If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgement, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversie within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

[h] 2 Chr. 19. 10. Hag. 2. 11. Mal. 2. 7

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgement.

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence which they of that place, which the LORD shall choose, shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgement which they shall tell thee thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee to the right hand nor to the left.

12 And [i] the man that will do presumptuously, † and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

[i] Heb. a man doing presumptuously.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, [k] I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me;

[k] 1 Sam. 8. 5.

15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* [l] from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.

[l] Jer. 30. 21. Heb. 2. 17.

16 But he shall not multiply [m] horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, [n] Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

[m] 1 Kings 10. 26. Isa. 31. 1. Hos. 14. 3.
[n] Exod. 14. 13. Numb. 14. 25.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites.

19 And [o] it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them;

[o] Josh. 1. 8. Psal. 1. 2.

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children in the midst of Israel.

CHAP.

CHAP XVIII.

1 The Lord is the priests and Levites inheritance. 3 The priests due. 6 The Levites portion. 9 The abominations of the nations are to be avoided. 15 Christ the Prophet is to be heard. 20 The presumptuous prophet is to die.

THE priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, [a] shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they [b] shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD [c] *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the priests due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 [d] The first-fruit *al.* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thy oyl, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give him.

5 For [e] the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

6 ¶ And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside † that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 ¶ When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter [f] to pass through the fire, [g] *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 [h] Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a [i] necromancer.

12 For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

13 Thou shalt be || perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations which thou shalt || possess hearkned unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

15 ¶ [k] The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb, in the day of the assembly, saying, [l] Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the LORD said unto me, [m] They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.

18 [n] I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and [o] will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

20 But [p] the prophet which shall presume to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 [q] When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, [r] if the thing follow not nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The cities of refuge. 4 The privilege thereof for the man-slayer. 14 The land-mark is not to be removed.

|| Or, upright, or, sincere.

† Or, inherit.

[k] John 1. 45. Acts 3. 22. & 7. 37.

[l] Exod. 20. 19. Heb. 12. 19.

[m] 1 Chap. 5. 28.

[n] Joh. 1. 45. Act. 3. 22 & 7. 37.

[o] Isa. 51. 16.

[p] Chap. 13. 5. Jer. 14. 14. Zech. 13. 3.

[q] Jer. 28. 9.

[r] See Chap. 13. 2.

moved. 15 *Two witnesses at the least.* 16 *The punishment of a false witness.*

[a] Chap. 12. 29.

WHen the LORD thy God [a] hath cut off the nations whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou † succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses;

† Heb. *inherit, or possess first.*

2 [b] Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

[b] Exod. 21. 13, Numb. 35. 10. Jos. 20. 2.

3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

4 ¶ And this *is* the case of the slayer which shall flee thither, that he may live; Whoso killeth his neighbour ignorantly, whom he hated not † in time past,

† Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*

5 As when *a man* goeth into the wood with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the † head slippeth from the † helve, and † lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of these cities, and live:

† Heb. *iron.* † Heb. *wood.* † Heb. *findeth.*

6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and † slay him, whereas he *was* not worthy of death, in as much as he hated him not † in time past.

† Heb. *smite him in life.* † Heb. *from yesterday the third day.*

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

8 And if the LORD thy God [c] enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers;

[c] Gen. 15. 18. Chap. 12. 20.

9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; [d] then shalt thou add three cities more for thee beside these three:

[d] Jos. 20. 7.

10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon thee.

11 ¶ But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him † mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:

† Heb. *in life.*

12 Then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 ¶ [e] Thou shalt not remove thy neighbours *land* mark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

[e] Chap. 27. 17. Prov. 22. 28. Hos. 5. 10.

15 ¶ [f] One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established.

[f] Numb. 35. 30. Chap. 17. 6. Matt. 18. 16. John 8. 17. 2 Cor. 13. 1. 1 Tim. 5. 19. Heb. 10. 28.

16 ¶ If a false witness rise up against any man to testifie against him † *that which is* wrong;

† Heb. *wrong.*

17 Then both the men between whom the controversie *is* shall stand before the LORD, [g] before the priests, and the judges which shall be in those days;

[g] Chap. 19. 17.

18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and behold, *if* the witness *be* a false witness, *and* hath testified falsly against his brother;

19 [h] Then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother. So [i] shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

[h] Dan. 6. 24. [i] Chap. 17. 7.

20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

21 And thine eye shall not pity, *but* [k] life *shall go* for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

[k] Exod. 21. 23. Lev. 24. 20. Matt. 5. 38.

CHAP. XX.

1 *The priests exhortation to encourage the people to battel.* 5 *The officers proclamation who are to be dismissed from the war.* 10 *How to use the cities that accept or refuse the proclamation of peace.* 16 *What cities must be devoted.* 19 *Trees of mans meat must not be destroyed in the siege.*

WHen thou goest out to battel against thine enemies, and seest [a] horses

[a] horſes and chariots, *and* a people more then thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

2 And it ſhall be when ye are come nigh unto the battel, that the prieſt ſhall approach and ſpeak unto the people,

3 And ſhall ſay unto them, Hear, O Iſrael, you approach this day unto battel againſt your enemies: let not your hearts † faint, fear not and do not † tremble, neither be ye terrified becauſe of them.

4 For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you againſt your enemies, to ſave you.

5 ¶ And the officers ſhall ſpeak unto the people, ſaying, What man *is there* that hath built a new houſe, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his houſe, leſt he die in the battel, and another man dedicate it.

6 And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* † eaten of it? let him *alſo* go & return unto his houſe, leſt he die in the battel, and another man eat of it.

7 [b] And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his houſe, leſt he die in battel, and another man take her.

8 And the officers ſhall ſpeak further unto the people, and they ſhall ſay, [c] What man *is there that is* fearfull and faint hearted? let him go and return unto his houſe, leſt his brethrens heart † faint as well as his heart.

9 And it ſhall be when the officers have made an end of ſpeaking unto the people, that they ſhall make captains of the armies † to lead the people.

10 ¶ When thou comeſt nigh unto a city to fight againſt it, [d] then proclaim peace unto it.

11 And it ſhall be, if it make thee anſwer of peace, and open unto thee, then it ſhall be *that* all the people *that is* found therein ſhall be tributaries unto thee, and they ſhall ſerve thee.

12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war againſt thee, then thou ſhalt beſiege it:

13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou ſhalt ſmite every male thereof with the edge of the ſword.

14 But the women, and the little ones, and [e] the cattel, and all that is in the city, *even* all the ſpoil thereof, ſhalt thou † take unto thy ſelf: and thou ſhalt eat the ſpoil of thine enemies which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

15 Thus ſhalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of theſe nations.

16 But [f] of the cities of theſe people which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou ſhalt ſave alive nothing that breatheth.

17 But thou ſhalt utterly deſtroy them, *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, & the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebuſites, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations which they have done unto their gods; ſo ſhould ye ſin againſt the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou ſhalt beſiege a city a long time in making war againſt it to take it, thou ſhalt not deſtroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax againſt them: for thou mayeſt eat of them, and thou ſhalt not cut them down (‖ for the tree of the field *is* mans *life*) † to employ *them* in the ſiege.

20 Onely the trees which thou knoweſt that they *be* not trees for meat, thou ſhalt deſtroy and cut them down; and thou ſhalt build bulwarks againſt the city that maketh war with thee, untill † it be ſubdued.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The expiation of an uncertain murder. 10 The uſage of a captive taken to wife. 15 The firſt-born is not to be diſinherited upon private affection. 18 A ſtubborn ſon is to be ſtoned to death. 22 The malefactour muſt not hang all night on a tree.

IF *one* be found ſlain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to poſſeſs it, lying in the field, *and* it be not known who hath ſlain him:

2 Then

[a] Joſh. 8. 1.
† Heb. *ſpoil.*
[e] Numb. 31. 32. Deut. 20. 14.
[f] Numb. 33. 52. Deut. 7. 1, 2.
‖ Or, *for, O man, the tree of the field is to be employed in the ſiege.*
† Heb. *to go from before thee.*
† Heb. *it come down.*

2 Then thy elders and thy judges ſhall come forth, and they ſhall meaſure unto the cities which *are* round about him that is ſlain.

3 And it ſhall be *that* the city *which is* next unto the ſlain man, even the elders of that city, ſhall take an heifer which hath not been wrought with, *and* which hath not drawn in the yoke:

4 And the elders of that city ſhall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor ſown, and ſhall ſtrike off the heifers neck there in the valley.

5 And the prieſts the ſons of Levi ſhall come near; for [a] them the LORD thy God hath choſen to miniſter unto him, and to bleſs in the name of the LORD: and [b] by their † word ſhall every controverſie and every ſtroke be *tried*.

6 And all the elders of that city *that are* next unto the ſlain *man* [c] ſhall waſh their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley:

7 And they ſhall anſwer, and ſay, Our hands have not ſhed this bloud, neither have our eyes ſeen *it*.

8 Be mercifull, O LORD, unto thy people Iſrael, whom thou haſt redeemed, and lay not innocent bloud † unto thy people of Iſraels charge. And the bloud ſhall be forgiven them.

9 So ſhalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent bloud from among you, when thou ſhalt do *that which is* right in the ſight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou goeſt forth to war againſt thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou haſt taken them captive,

11 And ſeeſt among the captives a beautifull woman, and haſt a deſire unto her, that thou wouldeſt have her to thy wife:

12 Then thou ſhalt bring her home to thine houſe; and ſhe ſhall ‖ ſhave her head, and † pare her nails.

13 And ſhe ſhall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and ſhall remain in thine houſe, and bewail her father and her mother a full moneth: and after that, thou ſhalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and ſhe ſhall be thy wife.

14 And it ſhall be if thou have no delight in her, then thou ſhalt let her go whither ſhe will; but thou ſhalt not ſell her at all for money, thou ſhalt not make merchandiſe of her, becauſe thou haſt humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, *both* the beloved, and the hated; and *if* the firſt-born ſon be hers that was hated:

16 Then it ſhall be, [d] when he maketh his ſons to inherit *that* which he hath, *that* he may not make the ſon of the beloved firſt-born, before the ſon of the hated, *which is indeed* the firſt-born:

17 But he ſhall acknowledge the ſon of the hated *for* the firſt-born, by giving him a double portion of all † that he hath: for he *is* [e] the beginning of his ſtrength; the right of the firſt-born *is* his.

18 ¶ If a man have a ſtubborn and rebellious ſon, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*, when they have chaſtned him, will not hearken unto them:

19 Then ſhall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;

20 And they ſhall ſay unto the elders of his city, This our ſon *is* ſtubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a glutton, and a drunkard.

21 And all the men of his city ſhall ſtone him with ſtones, that he die: ſo ſhalt thou put evil away from among you, and all Iſrael ſhall hear, and fear.

22 ¶ And if a man have committed a ſin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

23 [f] His body ſhall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou ſhalt in any wiſe bury him that day: for [g] he that is hanged *is* † accurſed of God: that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

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[a] Chap. 10. 8.
[b] Chap. 17. 8, 9. † Heb. mouth.
[c] See Pſal. 26. 6. Matth. 27. 24.
† Heb. in the midſt.
‖ Or, ſuffer to grow.
† Heb. make, or dreſs.
[d] Gen. 48. 14.
[e] Gen. 49. 3.
[f] Exod. 22. 28.
[g] Levit. 24. 19. Heb. curſing of God.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of humanity toward brethren. 5 The sex is to be distinguished by apparel. 6 The dam is not to be taken with her young ones. 8 The house must have battlements. 9 Confusion is to be avoided. 12 Fringes upon the vesture. 13 The punishment of him that slandereth his wife. 20, 22 Of adultery. 25 Of rape, 28 Of fornication. 30 Of incest.

THou [a] shalt not see thy brothers ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thy self from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother. [a] Exod. 23. 4.

2 And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee untill thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass, and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost things of thy brothers, which he hath lost and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thy self.

4 ¶ [b] Thou shalt not see thy brothers ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thy self from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift *them* up again. [b] Exod. 23. 5.

5 ¶ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a womans garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 ¶ If a birds nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:

7 *But* thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

9 ¶ [c] Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the †fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled. [c] Levit. 19. 19. † Heb. fulness of thy seed.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 ¶ [d] Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of woollen and linen, together. [d] Levit. 19. 19.

12 ¶ Thou shalt make thee [e] fringes upon the four †quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou covereſt *thy self*. [e] Numb. 15. 38. † Heb. wings.

13 ¶ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

14 And give occasion of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her I found her not a maid:

15 Then shall the father of the damsell and her mother take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsels virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate:

16 And the damsels father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her,

17 And lo, he hath given occasions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughters virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take that man, and chastise him.

19 And they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give *them* unto the father of the damsell; because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

20 But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of* virginity be not found for the damsell:

21 Then they shall bring out the damsell to the door of her fathers house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her fathers house. So shalt thou put evil away from among you. [f] Chap. 13. 5.

22 ¶ [g] If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. So shalt thou put away evil from Israel. [g] Levit. 20. 10.

23 ¶ If

23 ¶ If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbours wife. So thou shalt put away evil from among you.

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed damsell in the field, and the man ‖ force her, and lie with her; then the man onely that lay with her shall die:

‖ Or, take strong hold of her.

26 But unto the damsell thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter:

27 For he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damsell cried, and *there was* none to save her.

28 ¶ [b] If a man find a damsell *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

[b] Exod. 22. 16.

29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsells father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

30 ¶ [i] A man shall not take his fathers wife, nor discover his fathers skirt.

[i] Levit. 18. 8.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Who may or may not enter into the congregation. 9 Uncleanness to be avoided in the host. 15 Of the fugitive servant. 17 Of filthiness. 18 Of abominable sacrifices. 19 Of usury. 21 Of vows. 24 Of trespasses.

HE that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.

3 [a] An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:

[a] Neh. 13. 1.

4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way when ye came forth out of Egypt, and [b] because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia to curse thee:

[b] Num. 22. 5.

5 Nevertheless, the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their † prosperity all thy days for ever.

† Heb. good.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he *is* thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian, because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

9 ¶ When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

10 ¶ If there be among you any man that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp.

11 But it shall be when evening † cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*.

† Heb. turneth.

12 ¶ Thou shalt have a place also without the camp whither thou shalt go forth abroad.

13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be when thou † wilt ease thy self abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee.

† Heb. shalt sit down.

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee: therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he see no † unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

† Heb. nakedness of a thing.

15 ¶ [c] Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee.

[c] Prov. 30. 10.

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you,

you, in that place which he shall choose, in one of thy gates where it † liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 ¶ There shall be no ‖ whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a Sodomite of the sons of Israel.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore or the price of a dog into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 ¶ [a] Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury.

20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury: but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

21 ¶ [c] When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for ŷ LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform, *even* a free-will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 ¶ When thou comest into thy neighbours vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill, at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into the standing-corn of thy neighbour, [e] then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand: but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbours standing-corn.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Of divorce.* 5 *A new-married man goeth not to war.* 6, 10 *Of pledges.* 7 *Of man-stealers.* 8 *Of leprosie.* 14 *The hire is to be given.* 16 *Of justice.* 19 *Of charity.*

WHen a [a] man hath taken a wife and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found † some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of † divorcement, and give *it* in her hand, and send her out of his house.

2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go & be another mans *wife*.

3 And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth *it* in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her *to be* his wife;

4 [b] Her former husband which sent her away may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled: for that *is* abomination before the LORD; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

5 ¶ [c] When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, † neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

6 ¶ No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh *a mans* life to pledge.

7 ¶ [d] If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die, and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

8 ¶ Take heed in [e] the plague of leprosie that thou observe diligently and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, *so* ye shall observe to do.

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did [f] unto Miriam by the way after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

10 ¶ When thou dost † lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

12 And if the man *be* poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge.

13 [g] In any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and [h] bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God.

14 ¶ Thou

† Heb. causing off.

[b] Jer. 3. 1.

[c] Chap. 20. 7. † Heb. not any thing shall pass upon him.

[d] Exod. 21. 16.

[e] Levit. 13, & 14.

[f] Num. 12. 10.

† Heb. lend the loan of any thing

[g] Exod. 22. 26.

[h] Job 31. 20.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant *that is* poor and needy, *whether he be* of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that *are* in thy land within thy gates:

15 At his day [b] thou shalt give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he *is* poor, and † setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

16 [k] The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 ¶ [l] Thou shalt not pervert the judgement of the stranger, *nor* of the fatherless, [m] nor take a widows raiment to pledge:

18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond man in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ [n] When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, † thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* † afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bond man in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

[b] Levit. 19.13. Jer. 22. 13. Tobit. 4.14.
† Heb. lifts up his soul unto it.
[k] 2 Kin. 14.6. 2 Chro. 25.4. Jer. 31. 29,30. Ezek. 18.20.
[l] Exod. 22.21. 22. Prov. 22.22. Isa. 1.23. Jer. 5. 28. & 22.3. Ezek. 22.29.
[m] Exod. 22.26
[n] Levit. 19.9. & 23.22.
† Heb. thou shalt not bough it after thee.
† Heb. after thee.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Stripes must not exceed fourty. 4 The ox is not to be muzzled. 5 Of raising seed unto a brother. 11 Of the immodest woman. 13 Of unjust weights. 17 The memory of Amalek is to be blotted out.

IF there be a controversie between men, and they come unto judgement, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall justifie the righteous, & condemn ỹ wicked.

2 And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

3 [a] Fourty stripes he may give him, *and* not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, & beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 ¶ [b] Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he † treadeth out *the corn*.

5 ¶ [c] If brethren dwell together, and one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her ‖ husbands brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husbands brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, *that* the first-born which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his ‖ brothers wife, then let his brothers wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, [c] My husbands brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husbands brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brothers wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brothers house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 ¶ When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her*.

13 ¶ [d] Thou shalt not have in thy bag † divers weights, a great and a small.

[a] 2 Cor. 11.24.
[b] 1 Cor. 9.9. 1 Tim. 5.18.
[c] Gen. 38.8. Ruth 4.5. Matt. 22.24. Mark 12.19. Luke 20.28.
[d] Levit. 19.35. Prov. 20.10. Ezek. 45.10. Amos 8.5. Mich. 6.10.

14 Thou

14 Thou shalt not have in thine house † divers measures, a great and a small.

15 *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthned in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For [f] all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 ¶ [g] Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary; and he feared not God.

19 Therefore it shall be [h] when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out ỹ remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget *it*.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The confession of him that offereth the basket of first-fruits. 12 The prayer of him that giveth his third years tithes. 16 The covenant between God and the people.

AND it shall be when thou *art* come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

2 [a] That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.

3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the countrey which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish *was* my father, and [b] he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation great, mighty, and populous.

6 And [c] the Egyptians evil intreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage.

7 And [d] when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression.

8 And [e] the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an out stretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs and with wonders.

9 And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 And now behold, I have brought the first fruits of the land which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God.

11 And thou shalt rejoyce in every good *thing* which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

12 ¶ When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, *which is* [f] the year of tithing, and hast given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, & the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

13 Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of *mine* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten *them*.

14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* unclean *use*, nor given *ought* thereof for the dead: *but* I have hearkned to the voice of the LORD my God, *and*

have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

15 [g] Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgements: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes and his commandments and his judgements, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And [h] the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments;

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour, and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 The people are commanded to write the Law upon stones; 5 and to build an altar of whole stones. 11 The tribes divided on Gerizzim and Ebal. 14 The curses pronounced on mount Ebal.

AND Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

2 And it shall be on the day [a] when you shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that [b] thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister them with plaister:

3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey: as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

4 Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister.

5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: [c] thou shalt not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them.

6 Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God.

7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoyce before the LORD thy God.

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 ¶ And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel, This day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day.

11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizzim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin.

13 And [d] these shall stand upon mount Ebal † to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 ¶ And [e] the Levites shall speak, & say unto all the men of Israel w[ith] a loud voice,

15 [f] Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth *it* in a secret *place*. And all the people shall answer, and say, Amen.

16 [h] Cursed *be* he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

17 [i] Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbours land mark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 [k] Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 [l] Cursed *be* he that perverteth ỹ judge-

ment

[g] Isa. 63. 15. Zech. 2. 13.
[h] Chap. 7. 6 & 14. 2.
[a] Josh. 4. 1.
[b] Josh. 8. 32.

ment of the ſtranger, fatherleſs, and widow. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

20 [n] Curſed *be* he ỹ lieth with his fathers wife; becauſe he uncovereth his fathers skirt. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

21 [o] Curſed *be* he that lieth with any manner of beaſt. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

22 [p] Curſed *be* he that lieth with his ſiſter, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

23 [q] Curſed *be* he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

24 [r] Curſed *be* he that ſmiteth his neighbour ſecretly. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

25 [s] Curſed *be* he that taketh reward to ſlay an innocent perſon. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

26 [t] Curſed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people ſhall ſay, Amen.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *The bleſſings for obedience.* 15 *The curſes for diſobedience.*

AND it ſhall come to paſs, [a] if thou ſhalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to obſerve *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day; that the LORD thy God will ſet thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 And all theſe bleſſings ſhall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou ſhalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

3 Bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the city, and bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the field.

4 Bleſſed *ſhall be* [b] the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattel, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep.

5 Bleſſed *ſhall be* thy basket & thy ‖ ſtore.

6 [c] Bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou comeſt in, and bleſſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou goeſt out.

7 The LORD ſhall cauſe thine enemies that riſe up againſt thee to be ſmitten before thy face: they ſhall come out againſt thee one way, and flee before thee ſeven ways.

8 The LORD ſhall command the bleſſing upon thee in thy ‖ ſtore-houſes, and in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand unto: and he ſhall bleſs thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

9 [d] The LORD ſhall eſtabliſh thee an holy people unto himſelf, as he hath ſworn unto thee, if thou ſhalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth ſhall ſee that thou art called by the name of the LORD: and they ſhall be afraid of thee.

11 And [e] the LORD ſhall make thee plenteous ‖ in goods, in the fruit of thy † body, and in the fruit of thy cattel, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD ſware unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD ſhall open unto thee his good treaſure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his ſeaſon, and to bleſs all the work of thine hand: and [f] thou ſhalt lend unto many nations, and thou ſhalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD ſhall make thee [g] the head, and not the tail; and thou ſhalt be above onely, & thou ſhalt not be beneath: if that thou hearken unto ỹ commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day to obſerve and to do *them*;

14 And thou ſhalt not go aſide from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to ſerve them.

15 ¶ But it ſhall come to paſs, [h] if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to obſerve to do all his commandments and his ſtatutes which I command thee this day; ỹ all theſe curſes ſhall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

16 Curſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the city, and curſed *ſhalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Curſed *ſhall be* thy basket and thy ſtore.

18 Curſed *ſhall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increaſe of thy kine, and the flocks of thy ſheep.

n Levit. xviii.

o Lev. xviii.

p Lev. xviii. & xx. 17.

q Lev. xviii. & xx. 14. Deut. xxvii. 20. Ezek. xxii. 10.

r Exod. xxiii. 8. Deut. xvi. 19. Pſal. xv. 5. Prov. xvii. 23.

s Exod. xxiii. 7. Deut. xxvii. 25. Pſal. xv. 5. Ezek. xxii. 12. Amos v. 12. Mic. vii. 3.

t Deut. xxvii. 26. Gal. iii. 10.

a Lev. xxvi. 3.

b Gen. xlix. 25. Pſal. cxxvii. 3.

‖ Or, *barns.*

c Deut. xxviii. 19.

d Exod. xix. 5, 6.

e Chap. xxx. 9. & c.

‖ Or, *for good*

† Heb. *belly.*

f Chap. xv. 6.

g Iſa. ix. 14, 15.

h Levit. xxvi. 14. Lam. ii. 17. Dan. ix. 11, 13. Mal. ii. 2. Bar. i. 20.

19 Curſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou comeſt in, and curſed *ſhalt* thou *be* when thou goeſt out.

20 The LORD ſhall ſend upon thee curſing, vexation and rebuke in all that thou ſetteſt thine hand unto † for to do, untill thou be deſtroyed, and until thou periſh quickly; becauſe of the wickedneſs of thy doings whereby thou haſt forſaken me.

21 The LORD ſhall make the peſtilence cleave unto thee, untill he have conſumed thee from off the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

22 [i] The LORD ſhall ſmite thee with a conſumption, and with a feaver, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the [‖] ſword, and with [k] blaſting, and with mildew: and they ſhall purſue thee untill thou periſh.

23 And [l] thy heaven that *is* over thy head ſhall be braſs, and the earth that *is* under thee *ſhall be* iron.

24 The LORD ſhall make the rain of thy land powder and duſt: from heaven ſhall it come down upon thee, untill thou be deſtroyed.

25 [m] The LORD ſhall cauſe thee to be ſmitten before thine enemies: thou ſhalt go out one way againſt them, and flee ſeven ways before them; and [n] ſhalt be † removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And [o] thy carcaſe ſhall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beaſts of the earth, and no man ſhall fray *them* away.

27 The LORD will ſmite thee with [p] the botch of Egypt, and with [q] the emerods, and with the ſcab, and with the itch, whereof thou canſt not be healed.

28 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee with madneſs, and blindneſs, and aſtoniſhment of heart.

29 And thou ſhalt [r] grope at noon-days, as the blind gropeth in darkneſs, and thou ſhalt not proſper in thy ways: and thou ſhalt be onely oppreſſed and ſpoiled evermore, and no man ſhall ſave *thee*.

30 [s] Thou ſhalt betroth a wife, and another man ſhall lie with her: [t] thou ſhalt build an houſe, and thou ſhalt not dwell therein: [u] thou ſhalt plant a vineyard, and ſhalt not † gather the grapes thereof.

31 Thine ox *ſhall be* ſlain before thine eyes, and thou ſhalt not eat thereof: thine aſs *ſhall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and †ſhall not be reſtored to thee: thy ſheep *ſhall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou ſhalt have none to reſcue *them*.

32 Thy ſons and thy daughters *ſhall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes ſhall look and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there ſhall be* no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, ſhall a nation which thou knoweſt not eat up; and thou ſhalt be onely oppreſſed and cruſhed alway:

34 So that thou ſhalt be mad for the ſight of thine eyes which thou ſhalt ſee.

35 The LORD ſhall ſmite thee in the knees and in the legs with a ſore botch that cannot be healed, from the ſole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD ſhall bring thee, and [x] thy king which thou ſhalt ſet over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, and [y] there ſhalt thou ſerve other gods, wood and ſtone.

37 And thou ſhalt become [z] an aſtoniſhment, a proverb, and a by-word among all nations whither the LORD ſhall lead thee.

38 [a] Thou ſhalt carry much ſeed out into the field, and ſhalt gather *but* little in: for the locuſt ſhall conſume it.

39 Thou ſhalt plant vineyards and dreſs *them*, but ſhalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*: for the worms ſhall eat them.

40 Thou ſhalt have olive trees throughout all thy coaſts, but thou ſhalt not anoint *thy ſelf* with the oyl: for thine olive ſhall caſt *his fruit*.

41 Thou ſhalt beget ſons and daughters, but † thou ſhalt not enjoy them: for they ſhall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land ſhall the locuſt ‖ conſume.

43 The ſtranger that *is* within thee ſhall get up above thee very high; and thou ſhalt come down very low.

44 He

† Heb. which thou wouldeſt not.

[i] Lev. 26. 16.

‖ Or, ſtroke.

[k] Amos 4. 9.

[l] Lev. 26. 19.

[m] Chap. 32. 30. Iſa. 30. 17.

[n] Jer. 15. 4. & 24. 9. Ezek. 23. 46.

† Heb. for a removing.

[o] Pſal. 79. 2. Jer. 7. 33. & 16. 4. & 34. 20.

[p] Exod. 9. 9. & 15. 26.

[q] 1 Sam. 5. 6. Pſal. 78. 66.

[r] Job 5. 14. Iſa. 59. 10. Jer. 8. 10.

[s] Job 31. 8. Jer. 12. 13. Amos 5. 11. Zeph. 1. 13.

[t] Chap. 20. 6.

† Heb. preſent, or ſhalt be preſent.

† Heb. ſhall not return.

[x] 2 King. 17. 4. & 24. 12. 2 Chron. 36. 6. Jer. 52. 11.

[y] Jer. 5. 19. & 16. 13.

[z] Jer. 24. 9. & 25. 9, 18. & 29. 18. & 42. 18. & 44. 8, 12. Ezek. 5. 15. Dan. 9. 16.

[a] Hag. 1. 6. Mic. 6. 15.

† Heb. ſhall not return.

‖ Or, ſtroke.

[b] Levit. 26. 29. 2 King. 6. 28, 29. Jer. 19. 9. Lament. 2. 20. & 4. 10. Ezek. 5. 10. † Heb. ſhall.

44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: [b]he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

45 Moreover, all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee.

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, [c] for the abundance of all *things*;

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he [d]shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 [e] The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, [f] *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not † understand;

50 A nation † of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattel, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oyl, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 And [g]thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own † body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the straitness wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

54 *So that* the man *that is* tender among you and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward [h]the wife of his bosom, and towards the remnant of his children which he shall leave;

55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege and in the straitness wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil towards the husband of her bosom, and towards her son, and towards her daughter,

57 And towards her † young one that cometh out from between her feet, and towards her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law *that are* written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderfull, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses and of long continuance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all [i]the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 Also every sickness and every plague which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD † bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

62 And ye [k]shall be left few in number, whereas ye were [l] as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

63 And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoyced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD [m] will rejoyce over you to destroy you and to bring you to nought: and ye shall be

b Chap. 13.6.

† Heb. *after-birth.*

i Chap. 7.15.

† Heb. *cause to ascend.*

k Chap. 4.27. Chap. 10.22.

l Prov. 1.26. Isa. 1. 24

plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

[a] Lev. 26.33. Neh. 1.8. Jer. 16. 13.

64 And the LORD [n] shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.

[b] Amos 9.4.

65 And [o] among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind.

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day & night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life.

[p] Job 7. 4.

67 [p] In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even; and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning; for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

[q] Jer. 44.7. Hos. 8. 13. & 9. 3.

68 And the LORD [q] shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, [r] Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bond-men and bond-women, and no man shall buy *you*.

[r] Chap. 17.16.

CHAP. XXIX.

2 Moses exhorteth them to obedience by the memory of the works they have seen. 10 All are presented before the Lord to enter into his covenant. 18 The great wrath on him that flattereth himself in his wickedness. 29 Secret things belong unto God.

THese *are* the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside [a] the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

[a] Chap. 5.2,3.

2 ¶ And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, [b] Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;

[b] Exod. 19.4.

3 [c] The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs and those great miracles:

[c] Chap. 4. 34. & 7.19.

4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

5 And I have led you fourty years in the wilderness: [d] your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

[d] Chap. 8.4.

6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.

7 And when ye came unto this place, [e] Sihon the King of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us unto battel, and we smote them.

[e] Num. 21.21. &c. Chap. 2.32. & 3.1. &c.

8 And we took their land, and [f] gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

[f] Num. 32.33.

9 [g] Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

[g] Josh. 1.7. 1 Kings 2.3.

10 ¶ Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,

11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:

12 That thou shouldst †enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:

† Heb. to pass.

13 That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;

15 But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, [h] and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:

[h] Acts 2.39.

16 For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

17 And ye have seen their abominations and their †idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:

† Heb. dungs.

18 Lest there should be among you man or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth

turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* ſerve the gods of theſe nations; leſt there ſhould be among you a root that beareth || † gall and wormwood;

19 And it come to paſs when he heareth the words of this curſe, that he bleſs himſelf in his heart, ſaying, I ſhall have peace, though I walk in the || imagination of mine heart to add † drunkenneſs to thirſt.

20 [b] The LORD will not ſpare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealouſie ſhall ſmoke againſt that man, and all the curſes *that are* written in this book ſhall lie upon him, and the LORD ſhall blot out his name from under heaven.

21 And the LORD ſhall ſeparate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Iſrael, according to all the curſes of the covenant *that* † *are* written in this book of the law:

22 So that the generation to come of your children that ſhall riſe up after you, and the ſtranger that ſhall come from a far land, ſhall ſay, when they ſee the plagues of that land, and the ſickneſſes † which the LORD hath laid upon it;

23 *And that* the whole land thereof *is* brimſtone and ſalt *and* burning, *that* it is not ſown, nor beareth, nor any graſs groweth therein, [l] like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and in his wrath:

24 Even all nations ſhall ſay, [m] Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?

25 Then men ſhall ſay, Becauſe they have forſaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt.

26 For they went and ſerved other gods, and worſhipped them, gods whom they knew not, and || *whom* he had not † given unto them:

27 And the anger of the LORD was kindled againſt this land, to bring upon it all the curſes *that are* written in this book:

28 And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and in wrath and in great indignation, and caſt them into another land, as *it is* this day.

29 The ſecret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but thoſe *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Great mercies promiſed unto the repentant. 11 The commandment is manifeſt. 15 Death and life are ſet before them.

[a] AND it ſhall come to paſs when all theſe things are come upon thee, the bleſſing and the curſe, which I have ſet before thee, and thou ſhalt call *them* to mind among all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, [a] Levit. 26.40.

2 And ſhalt return unto the LORD thy God, and ſhalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy ſoul;

3 [b] That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compaſſion upon thee, and will return and [c] gather thee from all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath ſcattered thee. [b] Pſal. 126.1. [c] Pſal. 147.2.

4 [d] If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmoſt *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: [d] Neh. 1.9.

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers poſſeſſed, and thou ſhalt poſſeſs it: and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And [e] the LORD thy God will circumciſe thine heart, and the heart of thy ſeed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy ſoul, that thou mayeſt live. [e] Chap. 10.16. Jer. 32.39. Ezek. 11.19. & 36.26.

7 And the LORD thy God will put all theſe curſes upon thine enemies and on them *y* hate thee, which perſecuted thee.

8 And thou ſhalt return & obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. [f] Chap. 28.11.

9 [f] And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattel, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoyce over

* Heb. 12.15. || Or, a perſon-full herb. † Heb. gall.
|| Or, ſtubbornneſs. † Heb. the moiſten the thirſty. * Ezek. 20.39.
† Heb. in water.
† Heb. wherewith the LORD hath made it ſick.
[l] Gen. 19.24, 25.
[m] 1 Kin. 9.8. Jer. 22.8.
|| Or, who had not given unto them any portion. † Heb. vouchſafed.

over thee for good, as he rejoyced over thy fathers:

10 If thou ſhalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God to keep his commandments and his ſtatutes *which are* written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart and with all thy ſoul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, [g] it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

12 [h] It *is* not in heaven, that thou ſhouldſt ſay, Who ſhall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither *is* it beyond the ſea, that thou ſhouldſt ſay, Who ſhall go over the ſea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayeſt do it.

15 ¶ See, [i] I have ſet before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his ſtatutes and his judgements, that thou mayeſt live and multiply: and the LORD thy God ſhall bleſs thee in the land whither thou goeſt to poſſeſs it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, ſo that thou wilt not hear, but ſhalt be drawn away, and worſhip other gods, and ſerve them;

18 I denounce unto you this day that ye ſhall ſurely periſh, *and that* ye ſhall not prolong *your* days upon the land whither thou paſſeſt over Jordan to go to poſſeſs it.

19 [k] I call heaven and earth to record this day againſt you, *that* I have ſet before you life and death, bleſſing and curſing: therefore chooſe life, that both thou and thy ſeed may live:

20 That thou mayeſt love the LORD thy God, *and* that thou mayeſt obey his voice, and that thou mayeſt cleave unto him: for he *is* thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayeſt dwell in the land which the LORD ſware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Iſaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Moſes encourageth the people.* 7 *He encourageth Joſhua.* 9 *He delivereth the law unto the prieſts, to read it in the ſeventh year to the people.* 14 *God giveth a charge to Joſhua,* 19 *and a ſong to teſtifie againſt the people.* 24 *Moſes delivereth the book of the law to the Levites to keep.* 28 *He maketh a proteſtation to the elders.*

AND Moſes went, and ſpake theſe words unto all Iſrael.

2 And he ſaid unto them, [a] I *am* an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: alſo the LORD hath ſaid unto me, [b] Thou ſhalt not go over this Jordan.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will deſtroy theſe nations from before thee, and thou ſhalt poſſeſs them: *and* Joſhua, he ſhall go over before thee, [c] as the LORD hath ſaid.

4 And the LORD ſhall do unto them [d] as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he deſtroyed.

5 And [e] the LORD ſhall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

6 Be ſtrong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee, [f] he will not fail thee nor forſake thee.

7 ¶ And Moſes called unto Joſhua, and ſaid unto him in the ſight of all Iſrael, Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for thou muſt go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath ſworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou ſhalt cauſe them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee neither forſake thee: [g] fear not, neither be diſmayed.

9 ¶ And Moſes wrote this law, and delivered it unto the prieſts the ſons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Iſrael:

10 And Moſes commanded them, ſaying, At the end of *every* ſeven years, in the ſolemnity

[g] Iſa. 45. 19.
[h] Rom. 10. 6, &c.
[i] Chap. 11. 26. verſ. 29.
[k] Chap. 4. 26. & verſ. 28.
[a] Chap. 34. 7.
[b] Num. 20. 12. & 27. 13. & 34. 4. Chap. 3. 27. & 4. 21. & 32. 52.
[c] Num. 27. 18. Joſh. 1. 3.
[d] Num. 21. 21, 24, 33. Chap. 3. 1, 2, 3, 6.
[e] Exod. 33. 2. Chap. 7. 2.
[f] Joſh. 1. 5. & 23. 5.
[g] Joſh. 1. 9.

lemnity of the [h] year of releaſe, in the feaſt of tabernacles,

11 When all Iſrael is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he ſhall chooſe; [i] thou ſhalt read this law before all Iſrael, in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy ſtranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and obſerve to do all the words of this law;

13 And *that* their children, which have not known *anything*, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to poſſeſs it.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, thy days approach that thou muſt die: call Joſhua, and preſent your ſelves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that [k] I may give him a charge. And Moſes and Joſhua went, and preſented themſelves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

15 And [l] the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud ſtood over the door of the tabernacle.

16 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Moſes, Behold, thou ſhalt † ſleep with thy fathers: and this people will riſe up, and go a whoring after the gods of the ſtrangers of the land whither they go *to be* amongſt them, and will forſake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Then my anger ſhall be kindled againſt them in that day, and I will forſake them, and I will [m] hide my face from them, and they ſhall be devoured, and many evils and troubles ſhall † befall them; ſo that they will ſay in that day, Are not theſe evils come upon us becauſe our God *is* not amongſt us?

18 And I will ſurely hide my face in that day, for all the evils which they ſhall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this ſong for you, and teach it the children of Iſrael: put it in their mouths, that this ſong may be a witneſs for me againſt the children of Iſrael.

20 For when I ſhall have brought them into the land which I ſware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they ſhall have eaten and filled themſelves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and ſerve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

21 And it ſhall come to paſs when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this ſong ſhall teſtifie † againſt them as a witneſs: for it ſhall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their ſeed: for I know their imagination which they † go about, even now before I have brought them into the land which I ſware.

22 ¶ Moſes therefore wrote this ſong the ſame day, and taught it the children of Iſrael.

23 And he gave Joſhua the ſon of Nun a charge, and ſaid, [n] Be ſtrong and of a good courage: for thou ſhalt bring the children of Iſrael into the land which I ſware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 ¶ And it came to paſs when Moſes had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finiſhed;

25 That Moſes commanded the Levites which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, ſaying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the ſide of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witneſs againſt thee.

27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy ſtiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious againſt the LORD; and how much more after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may ſpeak theſe words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record againſt them.

29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *your ſelves*, and turn aſide from the way which I have commanded you. and evil will befall you in the

[h] Chap. 15.

[i] Joſh. 8. 34, 35. Neh. 8.

[k] Num. 27. 18.

[l] Exod. 33. 9.

[m] Heb. hiding I will hide.

† Heb. befall them.

† Heb. before.

† Heb. do.

[n] Joſ. 1. 6.

the latter days, becauſe ye will do evil in the ſight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moſes ſpake in the ears of all the congregation of Iſrael the words of this ſong, untill they were ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Moſes ſong, which ſetteth forth Gods mercy and vengeance. 46 He exhorteth them to ſet their hearts upon it. 48 God ſendeth him up to mount Nebo to ſee the land, and die.

a Chap. 4.26. & 30.19. Pſal. 50. 6. Iſa. 1.2. Jer. 6. 12. & 6. 19. b Iſa. 55. 10, 11. 1 Cor. 3. 6, 7 8.

GIve a ear, O ye heavens, and I will ſpeak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 b My doctrine ſhall drop as the rain: my ſpeech ſhall diſtill as the dew, as the ſmall rain upon the tender herb, and as the ſhowres upon the graſs.

3 Becauſe I will publiſh the name of the LORD; aſcribe ye greatneſs unto our God.

4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect; for all his ways *are* judgement: a God of truth, and without iniquity, juſt and right *is* he.

† He, *He hath corrupted to himſelf.* ‖ Or, *that they are not his children, that is* their blot. † Heb. generation and generation.

5 † They have corrupted themſelves, ‖ their ſpot *is* not *the ſpot* of his children: *they are* a perverſe & crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O fooliſh people and unwiſe? *is* not he thy Father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and eſtabliſhed thee?

7 ¶ Remember the days of old, conſider the years of † many generations: ask thy fathers, and he will ſhew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

c Zech. 9.2. Acts 17. 26. d Exod. 15.16. † Heb. cord. e Chap. 8 15. Jer. 2.6. ‖ Or, compaſſed him about. f Pſa. 17. 8. Zech. 2 8

8 When the moſt High c divided to the nations their inheritance, when he ſeparated the ſons of Adam, he ſet the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Iſrael.

9 For d the LORDS portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the † lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him e in a deſert land, and in the waſte howling wilderneſs: he ‖ led him about, he inſtructed him, he f kept him as the apple of his eye.

g Exod. 19. 4. Chap. 1.31. Iſa. 31. 5.

11 g As an eagle ſtirreth up her neſt, fluttereth over her young, ſpreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings;

12 *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no ſtrange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increaſe of the fields; and he made him to ſuck h honey out of the rock, and oyl out of the flinty rock;

h Pſal. 81.16.

14 Butter of kine, and milk of ſheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Baſhan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat, and thou didſt drink the pure bloud of the grape.

15 ¶ But i Jeſhurun waxed fat, and kicked: k thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatneſs*: then he forſook God *which* made him, and lightly eſteemed the Rock of his ſalvation.

i Deut. 33.5. & 5. Hoſ. 4. 16 They provoked him to jealouſie with ſtrange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 l They ſacrificed unto devils, ‖ not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

l Lev. 17.7. Pſal. 106. 37. m Or, Deut. 20.18. Rev. 9. 20. n Or, which God, Jer. 2. 28. & 16. 19. Gal. 4. 8.

18 Of the Rock *that* begat thee thou art unmindfull, and haſt forgotten God that formed thee.

19 And when the LORD ſaw *it*, he ‖ abhorred *them*, becauſe of the provoking of his ſons and of his daughters.

20 And he ſaid, I will hide my face from them, I will ſee what their end *ſhall be*: for they *are* a very froward generation, m children in whom *is* no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealouſie with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and n I will move them to jealouſie with *thoſe which are* not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a fooliſh nation.

o Jer. 15.14. & 17.4. Lam. 4.11. Ezek. 38.22. Amos 5.6. Mat. 5.22. & 18.9. Heb. 12.29. p Pſal. 18.14. & 144.6. Hab. 3.11. q Ezek. 5.16. & 6.12. r Pſal. 58.6. Jer. 5.17. & 8.17. Amos 9.3.

22 For o a fire is kindled in my anger, and ‖ ſhall burn unto the loweſt hell, and ‖ ſhall conſume the earth with her increaſe, and ſet on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will p heap miſchiefs upon them, q I will ſpend mine arrows upon them.

24 *They ſhall be* burnt with hunger, and devoured with † burning heat and with bitter deſtruction: I will alſo ſend r the teeth

teeth of beasts upon them, with the poyson of serpents of the dust.

25 [i] The sword without and terrour † within shall † destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling *also* with the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, *and* lest they should say, || Our hand *is* high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they *are* a nation void of counsel, neither *is there any* understanding in them.

29 [t] O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, [u] *that* they would consider their latter end!

30 How should [x] one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their rock [y] had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 For their rock *is* not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves *being* judges.

32 For their vine || *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *are* bitter.

33 Their wine *is* the poyson of dragons, and the cruel venime of asps.

34 *Is* not this [z] laid up in store with me, *and* sealed up among my treasures?

35 To me *belongeth* [a] vengeance and recompense; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for [b] the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, [c] and repent himself for his servants; when he seeth that *their* † power is gone, and [d] *there is* none shut up, or left.

37 And he shall say, [e] Where *are* their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* drank the wine of their drink-offerings? let them rise up and help you, *and* be † your protection.

39 See now that [f] I, *even* I *am* he, and [g] *there is* no god with me: [h] I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 [i] If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgement; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with bloud, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the bloud of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of [k] revenges upon the enemy.

43 || [l] Rejoyce, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will avenge the bloud of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be mercifull unto his land *and* to his people.

44 ¶ And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and || Hoshea the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

46 And he said unto them, [m] Set your hearts unto all the words which I testifie among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it *is* not a vain thing for you: because it *is* your life; and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 [n] And the LORD spake unto Moses that self same day, saying,

49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession.

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as [o] Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

51 Because [p] ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of || Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 Yet

[i] Sam. 2.6. Job. 5. 18. Hos. 6. 1. Tobit. 13. 2. Wis. 16. 13. Isa. 27. 1. & 34. 5. & 66. 16. Ezek. 21. 14, 20.

[k] Job 13 24. Jer. 30. 14 Lam. 2. 5.

|| Or, *Praise his people ye nations: or,* *Sing ye.*

[l] Rom. 15. 10.

|| Or, *Josua.*

[m] Chap. 6. 6. and 11. 18.

[n] Numb. 27. 12.

[o] Num. 20. 25, 28. and 33. 38.

[p] Numb. 20. 11, 13. and 27. 14.

|| Or, *strife* or *Kadesh.*

52 Yet thou ſhalt ſee the land before thee, but thou ſhalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Iſrael.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The majeſty of God. 6 The bleſſings of the twelve tribes. 26 The excellency of Iſrael.

AND this *is* the bleſſing wherewith Moſes the man of God bleſſed the children of Iſrael before his death.

2 And he ſaid, [a] The LORD came from Sinai, and roſe up from Seir unto them; he ſhined forth from mount Paran, and he came with [b] ten thouſands of ſaints: from his right hand *went* † a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, [c] he loved the people; all his ſaints *are* in thy hand: and they ſat down at thy feet; *every one* ſhall receive of thy words.

4 Moſes commanded us a law; *even* the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was [d] king in [e] Jeſhurun, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Iſrael were gathered together.

6 ¶ Let Reuben live, and not die; and let *not* his men be few.

7 ¶ And this *is the bleſſing* of Judah: And he ſaid, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be ſufficient for him; and be thou an help *to him* from his enemies.

8 ¶ And of Levi he ſaid, [c] *Let* thy Thummim and thy Urim *be* with thy holy one, [f] whom thou didſt prove at Maſſah, *and with* whom thou didſt ſtrive at the waters of Meribah;

9 Who ſaid unto his father and to his mother, I have not ſeen him, [g] neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own children: for [h] they have obſerved thy word, and kept thy covenant.

10 ‖ They ſhall teach Jacob thy judgements, and Iſrael thy law: ‖ they ſhall put incenſe † before thee, and whole burnt-ſacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bleſs, LORD, his ſubſtance, and accept the work of his hands: ſmite through the loyns of them ẏ riſe againſt him, & of them that hate him, ẏ they riſe not again.

12 ¶ *And* of Benjamin he ſaid, The beloved of the LORD ſhall dwell in ſafety by him; *and the LORD* ſhall cover him all the day long, and he ſhall dwell between his ſhoulders.

13 ¶ And of Joſeph he ſaid, [i] Bleſſed of the LORD *be* his land, for the pretious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

14 And for the pretious fruits *brought forth* by the ſun, and for the pretious things † put forth by the † moon,

15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the pretious things of the laſting hills,

16 And for the pretious things of the earth, and fulneſs thereof, and for the good will of [k] him that dwelt in the buſh: let *the bleſſing* come upon the head of Joſeph, and upon the top of the head of him that [l] was ſeparated from his brethren.

17 His glory *is like* the firſtling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns: with them he ſhall puſh the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thouſands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thouſands of Manaſſeh.

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he ſaid, [m] Rejoyce, Zebulun, in thy going out; and Iſſachar, in thy tents.

19 They ſhall call the people unto the mountain, there they ſhall offer ſacrifices of righteouſneſs: for they ſhall ſuck *of* the abundance of the ſeas, and *of* treaſures hid in the ſand.

20 ¶ And of Gad he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* he that [n] enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

21 And [o] he provided the firſt part for himſelf, becauſe there *in* a portion of the law giver *was he* † ſeated: and he came with the heads of the people, he executed the juſtice of the LORD, and his judgements with Iſrael.

22 ¶ And of Dan he ſaid, Dan *is* a lions whelp: he ſhall leap from Baſhan.

23 ¶ And of Naphtali he ſaid, O Naphtali, [p] ſatisfied with favour, and full with the bleſſing of the LORD: poſſeſs thou the weſt and the ſouth.

24 ¶ And of Aſher he ſaid, [q] *Let* Aſher *be* bleſſed with children; let him be acceptable

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[a] Hab. 3. 3.
[b] Acts 7. 53. Gal. 3. 19. Hebr. 2. 2.
† Heb. a fiery law.
[c] Exod. 19. 5.
[d] See Gen. 36. 31.
[e] Chap. 32. 15.
[f] Exod. 28. 30.
[g] Num. 20. 13.
[h] Exod. 32. 28.
[i] Mal. 2. 5.
‖ Or, Let them teach, &c.
‖ Or, let them put incenſe.
† Heb. at thy noſe.
[k] Gen. 49. 26.
[l] Gen. 49. 26.
[m] Gen. 49. 13.
[n] Chap. 33. 20.
[o] Judg. 1. 16. 2 Chr. 31. 15.
† Heb. ſeated.
[p] Deut. 33. 23.
[q] Gen. 49. 20.

to his brethren, & let him dip his foot in oyl.

25 ¶ Thy shoes *shall be* iron and brass; and as thy days, *so shall* thy strength *be*.

26 ¶ *There is* none like unto the God of [r] Jeshurun, *who* rideth upon the heaven in thy help, & in his excellency on the skie.

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee, and shall say, Destroy *them*.

28 [s] Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob *shall be* upon a land of corn and wine, also his heavens shall drop down dew.

29 Happy *art* thou, O Israel: who *is* like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who *is* the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies ‖ shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Moses from mount Nebo vieweth the land. 5 He dieth there. 6 His burial. 7 His age. 8 Thirty days mourning for him. 9 Joshua succeedeth him. 10 The praise of Moses.

AND Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of ‖ Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him [a] all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, & the plain of the valley of Jericho, [b] the city of palm trees unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, [c] This *is* the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, & unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see *it* with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

5 ¶ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 ¶ And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 ¶ And Moses *was* an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his † natural force † abated.

8 ¶ And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab [d] thirty days: so the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

9 ¶ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom: for [e] Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkned unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 ¶ And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face:

11 In all the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

12 And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terrour which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

[c] Gen. 12.7. & 13.15.

† Heb. moisture.

† Heb. fled.

[d] Numb. 20.29.

[e] Numb. 27.18.

The book of JOSHUA.

CHAP. I.

1 The Lord appointeth Joshua to succeed Moses. 3 The borders of the promised land. 5, 9 God promiseth to assist Joshua. 8 He giveth him instructions. 10 Joshua prepareth the people to pass over Jordan. 12 He putteth the two tribes and half in mind of their promise to Moses. 16 They promise him fealty.

NOw after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses [a] minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.

3 [b] Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 [c] From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even unto the great river the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea, toward the going-down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life.

[a] Deut. 31.14.

[b] Deut. 11.24. Chap. 14. 9.

[c] Exod. 23.31. Numb. 34. 3.

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As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: [d] I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 [e] Be strong and of a good courage: for ‖ unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Onely be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all ŷ law [f] which Moses my servant commanded thee: [g] turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest ‖ prosper whithersoever thou goest.

8 [h] This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but [i] thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all *that is* written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt ‖ have good success.

9 [k] Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 ¶ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals: for [l] within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 ¶ And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember [m] the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattel shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren † armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them:

15 Untill the LORD have given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORDS servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising.

16 ¶ And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go.

17 According as we hearkned unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: onely the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever *he be* that doth rebell against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: onely be strong and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

1 Rahab receiveth and concealeth the two spies sent from Shittim. 8 The covenant between her and them. 23 Their return and relation.

AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spie secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went and [a] came into an harlots house, named [b] Rahab, and † lodged there.

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the countrey.

3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entred into thine house: for they be come to search out all the countrey.

4 And the woman took the two men, & hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they *were*:

5 And it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

6 But [c] she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

7 And men pursued after them the way to Jordan, unto the foords: and assoon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And

[d] Deut. 31. 6, 8. Heb. 13. 5.
[e] Deut. 31. 23.
‖ Or, *thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land, &c.*
[f] Deut. 31. 7.
[g] Deut. 5. 32. & 28. 14.
‖ Or, *do wisely*
[h] Deut. 17. 18, 19.
[i] Psal. 1. 2.
‖ Or, *do wisely*
[k] Deut. 31. 7, 8.
[l] Chap. 3. 2.
[m] Num. 32. 20, 28.
† Heb. *marshalled by five.*
[a] Heb. *went into the house of a woman an harlot.*
[b] Judg. 2. 1.
† Heb. *lay.*
[c] Heb. *she had made them ascend.*

8 ¶ And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9 And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that [d] your terrour is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land † faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD [e] dried up the water of the Red sea for ỹ, when you came out of Egypt; and what you did unto the two kings of ỹ Amorites that *were* on the other side Jordan, [f] Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11 And as soon as we had heard *these things* [g] our hearts did melt, neither † did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for [h] the LORD your God, he *is* God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto [i] my fathers house, and give me a true token:

13 And *that* ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life † for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be when the LORD hath given us the land, that [k] we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town-wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide your selves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We *will be* blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.

18 Behold, *when* we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet threed in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt † bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy fathers household home unto thee.

19 And it shall be *that* whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his bloud *shall be* upon his head, and we *will be* guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his bloud *shall be* on our head, if *any* hand be upon him.

20 And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.

21 And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them.

24 And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land: for even all the inhabitants of the country do † faint because of us. † Heb. melt.

CHAP. III.

1 Joshua cometh to Jordan. 2 The officers instruct the people for the passage. 7 The Lord encourageth Joshua. 9 Joshua encourageth the people. 14 The waters of Jordan are divided.

AND Joshua rose early in the morning, and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

2 And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way † heretofore. † Heb. since yesterday, and the third day

5 And Joshua said unto the people,

[d] Gen. 35. 5. Exod. 23. 27. † Heb. melt. [e] Exod. 14. 21. Chap. 4. 23. [f] Numb. 21. 24, 33. [g] Exod. 15. 14. † Heb. was up. [h] Deut. 4. 39. [i] See 1 Sam. 18. 3. † Heb. the seed of men. [k] Judg. 1. 24.

[a] Sanctifie your selves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnifie thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that [b] as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.

9 ¶ And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you, & *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12 Now therefore take ye twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13 And it shall come to pass, assoon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they [c] shall stand upon an heap.

14 ¶ And it came to pass when the people removed from their tents to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the [d] ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water (for [e] Jordan over-floweth all his banks all the time of harvest)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that *is* beside [f] Zaretan; and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt-sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, untill all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

CHAP. IV.

1 Twelve men are appointed to take twelve stones for a memorial out of Jordan. 9 Twelve other stones are set up in the midst of Jordan. 10,19. The people pass over. 14 God magnifieth Joshua. 20 The twelve stones are pitched in Gilgal.

AND it came to pass when all the people were clean passed [a] over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto [b] Joshua, saying,

2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man;

3 And command you them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place where you shall lodge this night.

4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:

6 That this may be a sign among you, *that* when your children ask *their fathers* † in time to come, saying, What *mean* you by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD

[a] Exod. 19. 14, 15. Lev. 20. 7. Numb. 11. 18. Chap. 7. 13. 1 Sam. 16. 5. Joel 2. 16.

[b] Chap. 1. 5.

[c] Psal. 114. 3.

[d] Acts 7. 45.

[e] 1 Chr. 12. 15. Jer. 12. 5. & 49. 19. Eccles. 24. 26.

[f] 1 Kings 4. 12. & 7. 46.

LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9 And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

10 ¶ For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, untill every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.

11 And it came to pass when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests in the presence of the people.

12 And [c] the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and half the tribe of Manasseh passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them;

13 About fourty thousand || prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battel, to the plains of Jericho.

14 ¶ On that day the LORD [d] magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,

16 Command the priests that bear [e] the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.

17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan.

18 And it came to pass when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the mids of Jordan, *and* the soles of the priests feet were † lift up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and † flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before.

19 ¶ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth *day* of the first moneth, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east-border of Jericho.

20 ¶ And those twelve stones which they took out of Jordan did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers † in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones?

† Heb. to morrow.

22 Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, untill ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, [f] which he dried up from before us, untill we were gone over:

[f] Exod. 14. 21.

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God † for ever.

† Heb. all days.

CHAP. V.

1 The Canaanites are afraid. 2 Joshua reneweth circumcision. 10 The pass-over is kept at Gilgal. 12 Manna ceaseth. 13 An Angel appeareth to Joshua.

AND it came to pass when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan west-ward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, [a] which *were* by the sea, [b] heard that the LORD had dried up ỹ waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel untill we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

[a] Numb. 13. 29. [b] Exod. 15. 14.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee || [a] sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

|| Or, knives of flints. [a] Heb. d. 4. 25.

3 And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at || the hill of the fore-skins.

|| Or, Gibeah-haaraloth.

4 And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way, as

they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumciſed.

6 For the children of Iſrael walked forty years in the wilderneſs, till all the people *that were* men of war which came out of Egypt were conſumed, becauſe they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD ſware that [c] he would not ſhew them the land which the LORD ſware unto their fathers ỹ he would give us, a land that floweth with milk & honey.

7 And their children, *whom* he raiſed up in their ſtead, them Joſhua circumciſed: for they were uncircumciſed, becauſe they had not circumciſed them by the way.

8 And it came to paſs † when they had done circumciſing all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp till they were whole.

9 And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, This day have I rolled away [d] the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore ỹ name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael encamped in Gilgal, and kept the paſs-over [e] on the fourteenth day of the moneth at even, in the plains of Jericho.

11 And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the paſs-over unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the ſelf-ſame day.

12 ¶ And [f] the manna ceaſed on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Iſrael manna any more, but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs when Joſhua was by Jericho, that he lift up his eyes and looked, and behold, there ſtood [g] a man over againſt him with his ſword drawn in his hand. And Joſhua went unto him, and ſaid unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adverſaries?

14 And he ſaid, Nay; but *as* ‖ captain of the hoſt of the LORD am I now come. And Joſhua fell on his face to the earth, and did worſhip, and ſaid unto him, What ſaith my Lord unto his ſervant?

15 And the captain of the LORDS hoſt ſaid unto Joſhua, [h] Looſe thy ſhoe from off thy foot: for the place whereon thou ſtandeſt *is* holy. And Joſhua did ſo.

CHAP. VI.

1 Jericho is ſhut up. 2 God inſtructeth Joſhua how to beſiege it. 12 The city is compaſſed. 17 It muſt be accurſed. 20 The walls fall down. 22 Rahab is ſaved. 26 The builder of Jericho is curſed.

NOw Jericho † was ſtraightly ſhut up, becauſe of the children of Iſrael: none went out, and none came in.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, See I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye ſhall compaſs the city, all *ye* men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus ſhalt thou do ſix days.

4 And ſeven prieſts ſhall bear before the ark ſeven trumpets of rams horns: and the ſeventh day ye ſhall compaſs the city ſeven times, and the prieſts ſhall blow with the trumpets.

5 And it ſhall come to paſs that when they make a long *blaſt* with the rams horn, *and* when ye hear the ſound of the trumpet, all the people ſhall ſhout with a great ſhout: and the wall of the city ſhall fall down † flat, and the people ſhall aſcend up every man ſtraight before him.

6 ¶ And Joſhua the ſon of Nun called the prieſts, and ſaid unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let ſeven prieſts bear ſeven trumpets of rams horns before the ark of the LORD.

7 And he ſaid unto the people, Paſs on, and compaſs the city, and let [i] him that is armed paſs on before the ark of the LORD.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs when Joſhua had ſpoken unto the people, that the ſeven prieſts bearing the ſeven trumpets of rams horns paſſed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them.

9 ¶ And the armed men went before the prieſts that blew with the trumpets, & the † rere-ward came after the ark, *the prieſts* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Joſhua had commanded ỹ people, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſhout, nor † make any noiſe

[c] Num. 14. 23.
† Heb. when the people had done to circumciſe.
[d] Num. 14. 33. That is, Rolling.
[e] Exod. 12. 6.
[f] Exod. 16. 35.
[g] Exod. 23. 23. Zech. 1. 8.
‖ Or, prince.
[h] Exod. 3. 5. Act. 7. 33
† Heb. compaſſers.
[i] Heb. he that is armed.
† Heb. gatherer. Heb. rere-ward.
† Heb. cauſe to hear.

noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, untill the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout.

11 So the ark of the LORD compassed ŷ city, going about *it* once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 ¶ And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13 And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rere-ward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: onely on that day they compassed the city seven times.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 ¶ And the city shall be ‖ accursed, *even* it and all that *are* therein, to the LORD: onely Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her in the house, because [a] she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And you [b] in any wise keep *your selves* from the accursed thing, lest ye make *your selves* accursed when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the silver and gold and vessels of brass and iron *are* † consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with ŷ trumpets. And it came to pass when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that [c] the wall fell down † flat, so that the people went up in to the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

21 And they utterly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out the country, Go into the harlots house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, [d] as ye sware unto her.

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had: and they brought out all her † kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that *was* therein: onely the silver and the gold and the vessels of brass and of iron they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive and her fathers household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers which Joshua sent to spie out Jericho.

26 ¶ And Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, [e] Cursed *be* the man before the LORD that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was *noised* throughout all the countrey.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Israelites are smitten at Ai. 6 Joshua's complaint. 10 God instructeth him what to do. 16 Achan is taken by lot. 19 His confession. 22 He and all he hath are destroyed in the valley of Achor.

BUt the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing. For [a] Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, & spake unto them, saying,

[a] Chap. 2. 14. Heb. 11. 31.

† Heb. *families.*

[e] 1 Kin. 16. 34.

[a] Chap. 22. 20. 1 Chro. 2. 7.

Go up and view the countrey. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joſhua, and ſaid unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let † about two or three thouſand men go up and ſmite Ai, *and* make not all the people to labour thither; for they *are but* few.

† Heb. *about 2000 men, or about 3000 men.*

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thouſand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai ſmote of them about thirty and ſix men: for they chaſed them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and ſmote them || in the going down. Wherefore the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

|| Or, *at Morad.*

6 ¶ And Joſhua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD untill the even-tide, he and the elders of Iſrael, and put duſt upon their heads.

7 And Joſhua ſaid, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore haſt thou at all brought this people over Jordan to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to deſtroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other ſide Jordan.

8 O Lord, what ſhall I ſay, when Iſrael turneth their † backs before their enemies!

† Heb. *neck.*

9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land ſhall hear *of it*, and ſhall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

10 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, Get thee up; wherefore † lieſt thou thus upon thy face?

† Heb. *falleſt.*

11 Iſrael hath ſinned, and they have alſo tranſgreſſed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accurſed thing, and have alſo ſtolen, and diſſembled alſo, and they have put *it* even amongſt their own ſtuff.

12 Therefore the children of Iſrael could not ſtand before their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, becauſe they were accurſed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye deſtroy the accurſed from amongſt you.

13 Up, ſanctifie the people, and ſay, Sanctifie your ſelves againſt to morrow: for thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, *There is* an accurſed thing in the midſt of thee, O Iſrael: thou canſt not ſtand before thine enemies, untill ye take away the accurſed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye ſhall be brought according to your tribes: and it ſhall be *that* the tribe which the LORD taketh ſhall come according to the families *thereof*; and the family which the LORD ſhall take ſhall come by houſholds; and the houſhold which the LORD ſhall take ſhall come man by man.

15 And it ſhall be *that* he that is taken with the accurſed thing ſhall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; becauſe he hath tranſgreſſed the covenant of the LORD, and becauſe he hath wrought || folly in Iſrael.

|| Or, *vile thing.*

16 ¶ So Joſhua roſe up early in the morning, and brought Iſrael by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken:

17 And he brought the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarhites: and he brought the family of the Zarhites man by man; and Zabdi was taken:

18 And he brought his houſhold man by man; and Achan the ſon of Carmi, the ſon of Zabdi, the ſon of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

19 And Joſhua ſaid unto Achan, My ſon, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Iſrael, and make confeſſion unto him; and tell me now what thou haſt done; hide *it* not from me.

20 And Achan anſwered Joſhua, and ſaid, Indeed I have ſinned againſt the LORD God of Iſrael, and thus and thus have I done.

21 When I ſaw among the ſpoils a goodly Babyloniſh garment, and two hundred ſhekels of ſilver, and a † wedge of gold of fifty ſhekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midſt of my tent, and the ſilver under it.

† Heb. *tongue.*

22 ¶ So Joſhua ſent meſſengers, and they ran unto the tent; and behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the ſilver under it.

23 And

23 And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and † laid them out before the LORD.

† Heb. pulled.

24 And Joshua and all Israel with him took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.

25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, [b] The valley of || Achor, unto this day.

CHAP. VIII.

1 God encourageth Joshua. 3 The stratagem whereby Ai was taken. 29 The king thereof is hanged. 30 Joshua buildeth an altar. 32 writeth the law on stones, 33 propoundeth blessings and cursings.

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, [a] Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land.

2 And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto [b] Jericho & her king: only [c] the spoil thereof and the cattel thereof shall ye take for a prey unto your selves. Lay thee an ambush for the city, behind it.

3 ¶ So Joshua arose and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready.

5 And I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them

6 (For they will come out after us) till we have † drawn them from the city: for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

† Heb. pulled.

7 Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seise upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand.

8 And it shall be when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.

9 ¶ Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbred the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north-side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai.

12 And he took about five thousand men, & set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west-side || of ỹ city.

|| Or of Ai.

13 And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and † their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

† Heb. their lying in wait.

14 ¶ And it came to pass when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battel, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain: but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai, or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel:

and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran assoon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entred into the city, and took it, and hasted, and set the city on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no † power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

† Heb. hand.

21 And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the other issued out of the city against them: so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they [d] let none of them remain or escape.

[d] Deut. 7. 2.

23 And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him to Joshua.

24 And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai, in the field, in the wilderness wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, untill they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

25 And *so* it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai.

26 For Joshua drew not his hand back wherewith he stretched out the spear, untill he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

[e] Numb. 31. 22, 26.

27 [e] Onely the cattel and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which he [f] commanded Joshua.

[f] Ver. 2.

28 And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, *even* a desolation unto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree untill even-tide. [g] And as soon as ỹ sun was down Joshua commanded that they should take his carcase down from ỹ tree, and cast it at the entring of the gate of the city, and [h] raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this day.

[g] Deut. 21. 23.

[h] Chap. 7. 26.

30 ¶ Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the [i] book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man had lift up *any* iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings.

[i] Exod. 20. 25. Deut. 27. 5.

32 And [k] he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

[k] Deut. 27. 8.

33 And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side ỹ ark and on that side, before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizzim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; [l] as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

[l] Deut. 11. 29. 27. 12.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all *that is* written in the book of the law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, [m] with the women, & the little ones, and the strangers that † were conversant among them.

[m] Deut. 31. 12.

† Heb. walked.

CHAP. IX.

1 The kings combine against Israel. 3 The Gibeonites by craft obtain a league; 16 for which they are condemned to perpetual bondage.

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard *thereof*;

2 That

2 That they gathered themſelves together to fight with Joſhua and with Iſrael, with one † accord.

3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joſhua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,

4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been embaſſadours, and took old ſacks upon their aſſes, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and bound up,

5 And old ſhoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their proviſion was dry *and* mouldy.

6 And they went to Joſhua unto the camp at Gilgal, and ſaid unto him, and to the men of Iſrael, We be come from a far countrey: now therefore make ye a league with us.

7 And the men of Iſrael ſaid unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how ſhall we make a league with you?

8 And they ſaid unto Joſhua, We *are* thy ſervants. And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Who *are* ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they ſaid unto him, From a very far countrey thy ſervants are come, because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

10 And [a] all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites that *were* beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heſhbon, and to Og king of Baſhan, which *was* at Aſhtaroth.

11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our countrey ſpake to us, ſaying, Take victuals † with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and ſay unto them, We *are* your ſervants: therefore now make ye a league with us.

12 This our bread we took hot *for* our proviſion out of our houſes on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:

13 And theſe bottles of wine which we filled *were* new; and behold, they be rent: and theſe our garments and our ſhoes are become old by reaſon of the very long journey.

14 And ‖ the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counſel* at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Joſhua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation ſware unto them.

16 And it came to paſs at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and *that* they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Iſrael journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath jearim.

18 And the children of Iſrael ſmote them not, becauſe the princes of the congregation had ſworn unto them by the LORD God of Iſrael. And all the congregation murmured againſt the princes.

19 But all the princes ſaid unto all the congregation, We have ſworn unto them by the LORD God of Iſrael: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will do to them; We will even let them live, leſt [b] wrath be upon us, becauſe of the oath which we ſware unto them.

21 And the princes ſaid unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all ŷ congregation: as the princes had [c] promiſed them.

22 ¶ And Joſhua called for them, and he ſpake unto them, ſaying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, ſaying, We *are* very far from you; when ye dwell among us?

23 Now therefore ye *are* curſed, and there ſhall † none of you be freed from being bond-men, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water for ŷ houſe of my God.

24 And they anſwered Joſhua, and ſaid, Becauſe it was certainly told thy ſervants how that the LORD thy God [d] commanded his ſervant Moſes to give you all the land, and to deſtroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were ſore afraid of our lives becauſe of you, and have done this thing.

25 And now behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it ſeemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.

26 And

[a] Deut. 3. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.
[b] See 2 Sam. 21. 1, 6.
[c] verſ. 15.
† Heb. not be cut off from you.
[d] Deut. 7. 1, 2.

26 And ſo did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Iſrael, that they ſlew them not.

27 And Joſhua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he ſhould chooſe.

CHAP. X.

1 Five kings war againſt Gibeon. 6 Joſhua reſcueth it. 10 God fighteth againſt them with hail-ſtones. 12 The ſun and moon ſtand ſtill at the word of Joſhua. 16 The five kings are mured in a cave. 22 They are brought forth, 24 ſcornfully uſed, 26 and hanged. 28 Seven kings more are conquered. 43 Joſhua returneth to Gilgal.

NOw it came to paſs, when Adoni-zedek king of Jeruſalem had heard how Joſhua had taken Ai, and had utterly deſtroyed it; [a] as he had done to Jericho and her king, ſo he had done to [b] Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Iſrael, and were among them;

2 That they feared greatly, becauſe Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the †royal cities, and becauſe it *was* greater then Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty.

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jeruſalem ſent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachiſh, and unto Debir king of Eglon, ſaying,

4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may ſmite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joſhua and with the children of Iſrael.

5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, the king of Eglon, gathered themſelves together, and went up, they and all their hoſts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war againſt it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon ſent unto Joſhua to the camp to Gilgal, ſaying, Slack not thy hand from thy ſervants; come up to us quickly, and ſave us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together againſt us.

7 So Joſhua aſcended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Joſhua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there ſhall not a man of them ſtand before thee.

9 Joſhua therefore came unto them ſuddenly, *and* went up from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD [c] diſcomfited them before Iſrael, and ſlew them with a great ſlaughter at Gibeon, and chaſed them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and ſmote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.

11 And it came to paſs as they fled from before Iſrael, *and* were in the going-down to Beth-horon, that the LORD caſt down great ſtones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* mo which died with hail-ſtones then *they* whom the children of Iſrael ſlew with the ſword.

12 ¶ Then ſpake Joſhua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Iſrael, and he ſaid in the ſight of Iſrael, [d] Sun, † ſtand thou ſtill upon Gibeon; and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the ſun ſtood ſtill, and the moon ſtayed, untill the people had avenged themſelves upon their enemies. *Is* not this written in the book of ‖ Jaſher? So the ſun ſtood ſtill in the midſt of heaven, and haſted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkned unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Iſrael.

15 ¶ And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 But theſe five kings fled, and hid themſelves in a cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joſhua, ſaying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.

18 And Joſhua ſaid, Roll great ſtones upon the mouth of the cave, and ſet men by it for to keep them.

19 And ſtay you not, *but* purſue after your enemies, and † ſmite the hindmoſt of them,

[a] Chap. 6. 15.
[b] Chap. 8. 3.
† Heb. cities of the kingdom.

them, ſuffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to paſs when Joſhua and the children of Iſrael had made an end of ſlaying them with a very great ſlaughter till they were conſumed, that the reſt *which* remained of them entred into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joſhua at Makkedah in peace: [e] none moved his tongue againſt any of the children of Iſrael.

22 Then ſaid Joſhua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out thoſe five kings unto me out of the cave.

23 And they did ſo, and brought forth thoſe five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jeruſalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachiſh, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to paſs when they brought out thoſe kings unto Joſhua, that Joſhua called for all the men of Iſrael, and ſaid unto the captains of the men of war, which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of theſe kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.

25 And Joſhua ſaid unto them, Fear not nor be diſmayed, be ſtrong and of good courage: for thus ſhall the LORD do to all your enemies againſt whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Joſhua ſmote them, and ſlew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees [f] untill the evening.

27 And it came to paſs at the time of the going down of the ſun, *that* Joſhua commanded, and they [g] took them down off the trees, and caſt them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great ſtones in the caves mouth, *which remain* untill this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Joſhua took Makkedah, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof he utterly deſtroyed, them, and all the ſouls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah [h] as he did unto the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joſhua paſſed from Makkedah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Libnah, and fought againſt Libnah.

30 And the LORD delivered it alſo, and the king thereof, into the hand of Iſrael; and he ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein: he let none remain in it, but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

31 ¶ And Joſhua paſſed from Libnah, and all Iſrael with him, unto Lachiſh, and encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it.

32 And the LORD delivered Lachiſh into the hand of Iſrael, which took it on the ſecond day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachiſh; and Joſhua ſmote him and his people, untill he had left him none remaining.

34 ¶ And from Lachiſh Joſhua paſſed unto Eglon, and all Iſrael with him; & they encamped againſt it, and fought againſt it.

35 And they took it on that day, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and all the ſouls that *were* therein he utterly deſtroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachiſh.

36 And Joſhua went up from Eglon, and all Iſrael with him, unto [i] Hebron; and they fought againſt it. [i] See Chap. 14. 12. & 15. 13.

37 And they took it, and ſmote it with the edge of the ſword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the ſouls that *were* therein: he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but deſtroyed it utterly, and all the ſouls that *were* therein.

38 ¶ And Joſhua returned, and all Iſrael with him to [k] Debir, and fought againſt it. [k] Chap. 15. 15.

39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they ſmote them with the edge of the ſword, and utterly deſtroyed all the ſouls that *were* therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, ſo he did to Debir, and to the king thereof, as he had done alſo to Libnah, and to her king.

40 ¶ So

40 ¶ So Joshua smote all the countrey of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel [1] commanded.

41 And Joshua smote them from Kadesh barnea even unto Gaza, and all the countrey of Goshen even unto Gibeon.

42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time; because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

1 Divers kings overcome at the waters of Merom. 10 Hazor is taken and burnt. 16 All the countrey taken by Joshua. 21 The Anakims cut off.

AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard *these things*, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 And to the kings that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,

3 *And to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and *to* the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon, in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.

5 And when all these kings were † met together, they came & pitched together at ỹ waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

6 ¶ And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, & they fell upon them.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto ‖ great Zidon, and unto ‖† Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh east-ward, and they smote them untill they left them none remaining.

9 And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 ¶ And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor before-time was the head of all those kingdoms.

11 And they smote all the souls that *were* therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying *them*: there was not † any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire.

12 And all the cities of those kings and all the kings of them did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he utterly destroyed them, [a] as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded.

13 But *as for* the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor onely; *that* did Joshua burn.

14 And all the spoil of these cities and the cattel the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves: but every man they smote with the edge of the sword untill they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

15 ¶ [b] As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so [c] did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua: † he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south countrey, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

17 *Even* from ‖ the mount Halak that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad, in the valley of Lebanon, under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them and slew them.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save [d] the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battel.

20 For

[1] Deut. 20. 16, 17.

† Heb. assembled by appointment.

‖ Or, Zidon ra bah.

20 For [e] it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battel, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, [f] as the LORD commanded Moses.

21 ¶ And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed *them* utterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: onely in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod there remained.

23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel, [g] according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAP. XII.

1 The two kings whose countreys Moses took and disposed of. 7 The one and thirty kings on the other side Jordan which Joshua smote.

NOw these *are* the kings of the land which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun; from the river Arnon, unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

2 [a] Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* ruled from Aroer, which *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon;

3 And [b] from the plain to the sea of Cinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under ‖ [c] Ashdoth-pisgah:

4 And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, [d] that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon.

6 [f] Them did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and [g] Moses the servant of the LORD gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

7 ¶ And these *are* the kings of the countrey which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon, even unto [h] the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions;

8 In the mountains, and in the valleys, and in ŷ plains, & in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south-countrey; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, & the Jebusites:

9 ¶ [i] The king of Jericho, one; [k] the king of Ai, which *is* beside Beth-el, one;

10 [l] The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 The king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

12 The king of Eglon, one; [m] the king of Gezer, one;

13 [n] The king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

14 The king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

15 [o] The king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

16 [p] The king of Makkedah, one; [q] the king of Beth-el, one;

17 The king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;

18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

19 The king of Madon, one; [r] the king of Hazor, one;

20 The king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one;

21 The king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

22 The king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokenam of Carmel, one;

23 The king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of [s] the nations of Gilgal, one;

24 The king of Tirzah, one: All the kings thirty and one.

CHAP.

[e] Numb. 21. 24, 33.
[f] Num. 32. 29. Deut. 3. 12. Chap. 13. 8.
[g] Num. 32. 29. Deut. 3. 12. Chap. 13. 8.
[h] Chap. 11. 17.
[i] Chap. 6. 2.
[k] Chap. 8. 29.
[l] Chap. 10. 23.
[m] Chap. 10. 33.
[n] Chap. 10. 38.
[o] Chap. 10. 29.
[p] Chap. 10. 28.
[q] Chap. 8. 17.
‖ Or, *Shavem.*
[r] Chap. 11. 10.
[s] Gen. 14. 2.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The bounds of the land not yet conquered.* 8 *The inheritance of the two tribes and half.* 14, 33 *The Lord and his ſacrifices are the inheritance of Levi.* 15 *The bounds of the inheritance of Reuben.* 22 *Balaam ſlain.* 24 *The bounds of the inheritance of Gad,* 29 *and of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh.*

NOw Joſhua [a] was old *and* ſtricken in years; *and* the LORD ſaid unto him, Thou art old *and* ſtricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land † to be poſſeſſed.

2 [b] This *is* the land that yet remaineth: All the borders of the Philiſtines, and all Geſhuri,

3 From Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: [c] five lords of the Philiſtines; ỹ Gazathites, and the Aſhdothites, the Eſhkalonites, the Gittites, and ỹ Ekronites; alſo [d] the Avites:

4 From the ſouth, all the land of the Canaanites, and || Mearah that *is* beſide the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:

5 And the land of [e] the Giblites, and all Lebanon toward the ſun-riſing, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon, unto the entring into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto [f] Miſrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Iſrael: onely divide thou it by lot unto the Iſraelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee.

7 Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh:

8 With whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, [g] which Moſes gave them, beyond Jordan eaſt-ward, *even* as Moſes the ſervant of the LORD gave them;

9 From Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midſt of the river, and all the plain of Medeba unto Dibon;

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbon, unto the border of the children of Ammon;

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geſhurites, and Maachathites, & all mount Hermon, and all Baſhan unto Salcah;

12 All the kingdom of Og in Baſhan, [wch] reigned in Aſhtaroth & in Edrei, who remained of [h] the remnant of the giants. For theſe did Moſes ſmite, and caſt them out.

13 Nevertheleſs, the children of Iſrael expelled not the Geſhurites, nor the Maachathites; but the Geſhurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Iſraelites until this day.

14 Onely unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance: the ſacrifices of the LORD God of Iſrael made by fire *are* their inheritance, [i] as he ſaid unto them.

15 ¶ And Moſes gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families:

16 And their coaſt was from Aroer that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the city that *is* in the midſt of the river, and all the plain by Medeba;

17 Heſhbon and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, and || Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon,

18 And Jahaza, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 And Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-ſhahar in the mount of the valley,

20 And Beth-peor, and [k] || Aſhdoth-piſgah, and Beth-jeſhimoth,

21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heſhbon, whom Moſes ſmote [l] with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were* dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the country.

22 [m] Balaam alſo the ſon of Beor the || ſooth-ſayer did the children of Iſrael ſlay with the ſword, among them that were ſlain by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan and the border *thereof.* This *was* the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities, and the villages thereof.

24 ¶ And Moſes gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad according to their families:

25 And

a See Chap. 14. 10.
† Heb. to poſſeſs it.
b Judg. 3. 3.
c Zeph. 2. 5.
d Deut. 2. 23.
|| Or, the cave.
e 1 Kin. 5. 18. Pſal. 83. 7.
f Chap. 11. 8.
g Num. 32. 33. Deut. 3. 12, 13. Chap. 22. 4.
h Deut. 3. 11. Chap. 12. 4.
i Heb.
k Num. 21. 20.
l Num. 31. 8.
m Num. 22. 5. & 24. 25. & 31. 8.

25 And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, & half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that *is* before Rabbah;

26 And from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of Debir;

27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of Cinnereth, on the other side Jordan east-ward.

28 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities, and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half tribe of Manasseh: And *this* was *the possession* of the half tribe of the children of Manasseh by their families:

30 And their coast was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and [n] all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, threescore cities:

31 And half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the [o] children of Machir by their families.

32 These *are the countreys* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan by Jericho east-ward.

33 [p] But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, [q] as he said unto them.

CHAP. XIV.

1 The nine tribes and an half are to have their inheritance by lot. 6 Caleb by priviledge obtaineth Hebron.

AND these *are the countreys* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, [a] which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed for inheritance unto them

2 [b] By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and *for* the half tribe.

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh, and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattel and for their substance

5 [c] As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 ¶ Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh [d] the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest [e] the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea.

7 Fourty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD [f] sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espie out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart.

8 Nevertheless [g] my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly [h] followed the LORD my God.

9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have troden shall be thine inheritance, and thy childrens for ever; because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

10 And now behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, [i] as he said, these fourty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel † wandred in the wilderness: and now lo, I *am* this day fourscore and five years old.

11 [k] As yet I *am as* strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so *is* my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how [l] the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great *and* fenced: if so be the LORD *will*

[c] Numb. 35. 2. Chap. 21. 2.
[d] Numb. 32. 12.
[e] Numb. 14. 24.
[f] Numb. 13. 7. & 14. 6.
[g] Num. 13. 31, 32.
[h] Num. 14. 24.
[i] Numb. 14. 30.
† Heb. walked.
[k] Ecclus 46. 9.
[l] Num. 13. 29, 33, 34.

will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.

14 [m] Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto this day; because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

15 And [n] the name of Hebron before was Kir-jath-arba, *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The borders of the lot of Judah.* 13 *Caleb's portion and conquest.* 16 *Othniel for his valour hath Achsah Caleb's daughter to wife.* 18 *She obtaineth a blessing of her father.* 21 *The cities of Judah.* 63 *The Jebusites, not conquered.*

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; [a] *Even* to the border of Edom, the [b] wilderness of Zin south-ward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast.

2 And their south-border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the † bay that looketh south-ward.

3 And it went out to the south side to ‖ Maaleh-acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea; and passed along to Hezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa.

4 *From thence* it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea. This shall be your south-coast.

5 And the east-border *was* the salt-sea, *even* unto the end of Jordan. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay of the sea, at the uttermost part of Jordan.

6 And the border went up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

7 And the border went up toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south-side of the river: and the border passed towards the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at [c] En-rogel.

8 And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south-side of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom west-ward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants north-ward.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah, which *is* Kirjath-jearim.

10 And the border compassed from Baalah west-ward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim which *is* Chesalon, on the north-side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah.

11 And the border went out unto the side of Ekron north-ward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the west-border *was* to the great sea and the coast *thereof*. This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

13 ¶ And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, *even* [d] the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron.

14 And Caleb drove thence [e] the three sons of Anak, [f] Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak.

15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir. And the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher.

16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And [g] Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And

[m] Chap. 21. 12. 1 Mac. 2 56.

[n] Gen. 23. 2. Chap. 14. 15.

[a] Num. 34. 3

[b] Num. 33. 36.

† Heb. *tongue.*

‖ Or, *the going up to Acrabbim.*

18 And it came to paſs, as ſhe came *unto him*, that ſhe moved him to ask of her father a field. And ſhe lighted off *her* aſs; and Caleb ſaid unto her, What wouldeſt thou?

19 Who anſwered, Give me a bleſſing: for thou haſt given me a ſouth-land; give me alſo ſprings of water. And he gave her the upper ſprings, and the nether ſprings.

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 ¶ And the uttermoſt cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coaſt of Edom ſouth-ward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, & Adadah,

23 And Kedeſh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

26 Aman, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-gaddah, and Heſhmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazar-ſhual, and Beer-ſheba, and Bizjothjah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, & Cheſil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sanſannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities *are* twenty and nine with their villages:

33 *And* in the valley, Eſhtaol, and Zoreah, and Aſhnah,

34 And Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam,

35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,

36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, ‖ and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages:

37 Zenan, and Hedaſhah, & Migdal-gad,

38 And Dilean, & Mizpeh, and Joktheel,

39 Lachiſh, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

40 And Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Kithliſh,

41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; ſixteen cities with their villages:

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Aſhan,

43 And Jiphtah, and Aſhnah, & Nezib,

44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareſhah; nine cities with their villages:

45 Ekron with her towns and her villages:

46 From Ekron even unto the ſea, all that *lay* † near Aſhdod, with their villages:

† Heb. by the place of.

47 Aſhdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the River of Egypt, and the great ſea, and the border *thereof*:

48 And in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh,

49 And Dannah, and Kirjath-ſannah, which *is* Debir,

50 And Anab, and Eſhtemoh, and Anim,

51 And Goſhen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages:

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eſhean,

53 And ‖ Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

‖ Or, Janus.

54 And Humtah, and [b] Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages:

[b] Chap. 14. 15.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah,

56 And Jezreel, & Jokdeam, & Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages:

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; ſix cities with their villages:

60 Kirjath-baal, w^ch *is* Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages:

61 In the wilderneſs, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Sechacah,

62 And Nibſhan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; ſix cities with their villages.

63 As for the Jebuſites the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebuſites dwell with the children of Judah at Jeruſalem unto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The general borders of the ſons of Joſeph, 5 The border of the inheritance of Ephraim. 10 The Canaanites not conquered.

AND the lot of the children of Joſeph † fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the eaſt, to the

† Heb. went forth.

wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el,

[a] Judg. 1. 26.

2 And goeth out from Beth-el to [a] Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth,

3 And goeth down west-ward to the coast of Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gezer: and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

4 So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus*: Even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth addar, unto Beth-horon the upper.

6 And the border went out toward the sea, to Michmethah on the north side; and the border went about east-ward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah:

7 And it went down from Janohah to Ataroth and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan.

8 The border went out from Tappuah west-ward unto the river Kanah: and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim by their families.

[b] Chap. 17. 9.

9 And [b] the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were* among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages.

[c] Judg. 1. 29.

10 And [c] they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The lot of Manasseh, 7 His coast. 12 The Canaanites not driven out. 14 The children of Joseph obtain another lot.

THere was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he *was* the [a] first-born of Joseph; *to wit*, for [b] Machir the first-born of Manasseh the father of Gilead. Because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan.

[a] Gen. 41. 51. & 46. 20.
[b] Gen. 50. 23. Num. 32. 39, 40.

2 There was also *a lot* for [c] the rest of ỹ children of Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hepher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male-children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families.

[c] Num. 26. 29.

3 ¶ But [d] Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters: and these *are* the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

[d] Num. 26. 33. & 27. 1.

4 And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side Jordan;

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons: and the rest of Manassehs sons had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that *lieth* before Shechem; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.

8 *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh *belonged* to the children of Ephraim.

9 And the coast descended unto the river Kanah, south-ward of the river. [c] These cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the north side of the river, and the out-goings of it were at the sea.

[c] Num. 26. 63.

10 South-ward *it was* Ephraims, and north-ward *it was* Manassehs, & the sea is his border, and they met together in Asher on the north, and in Issachar on the east.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns, *and* the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabi-

tants

tants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three countreys.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out *the inhabitants of* those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, but did not utterly drive them out.

14 ¶ And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, *then* get thee up to the wood *country*, and cut down for thy self there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they* who *are* of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they* who *are* of the valley of Jezreel.

17 And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, *even* to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only*.

18 But the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt cut it down: and the out-goings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The tabernacle is set up at Shiloh. 2 The remainder of the land is described, and divided into seven parts. 10 Joshua divideth it by lot. 11 The lot and border of Benjamin. 21 Their cities.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long *are* you slack to go to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

4 Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come *again* to me.

5 And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north.

6 Ye shall therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the description* hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Levites have no part among you: for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance. And Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go, and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went, and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph.

12 And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains west-

ward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderneſs of Beth-aven.

13 And the border went over from thence toward Luz, to the ſide of Luz, [a] which *is* Bethel, ſouth-ward; and the border deſcended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the ſouth-ſide of the nether Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compaſſed the corner of the ſea ſouth-ward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon ſouth-ward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which *is* Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah. This *was* the weſt-quarter.

15 And the ſouth-quarter *was* from the end of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the weſt, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, *and* which *is* in the valley of the giants on the north, and deſcended to the valley of Hinnom, [b] to the ſide of Jebuſi on the ſouth, and deſcended to [c] En-rogel,

17 And was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-ſhemeſh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which *is* over againſt the going up of Adummim, and deſcended to [d] the ſtone of Bohan the ſon of Reuben,

18 And paſſed along toward the ſide over againſt || Arabah north-ward, and went down unto Arabah:

19 And the border paſſed along to the ſide of Beth-hoglah north-ward: and the out-goings of the border were at the north-† bay of the ſalt-ſea at the ſouth-end of Jordan. This *was* the ſouth-coaſt.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the eaſt ſide. This *was* ŷ inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coaſts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families, were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el,

23 And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-haammonai, & Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages:

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah.

26 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

27 And Zelah, Eleph, and Jebuſi, which *is* Jeruſalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This *is* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *The lot of Simeon,* 10 *of Zebulun,* 17 *of Iſſachar,* 24 *of Aſher,* 32 *of Naphtali,* 40 *of Dan.* 49 *The children of Iſrael give an inheritance to Joſhua.*

AND the ſecond lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

2 And they had in their inheritance, Beer-ſheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazar-ſhual, and Balah, & Azem,

4 And Eltolad, & Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-ſuſah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages:

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Aſhan; four cities and their villages:

8 And all the villages that *were* round about theſe cities, to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the ſouth. This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.

11 And their border went up toward the ſea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbaſheth, and reached to the river that *is* before Jokneam,

12 And

a Gen. 28. 19.

b Chap. 15. 8.

c Chap. 15. 7.

d Chap. 15. 6.

|| Or, *the plain.*

† Heb. *tongue.*

12 And turned from Sarid eaſt-ward toward the ſun-riſing, unto the border of Chiſloth-tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth up to Japhia,

13 And from thence paſſeth on along on the eaſt to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth out to Remmon-||methoar to Neah:

14 And the border compaſſeth it on the north ſide to Hannathon: and the out-goings thereof are in ỹ valley of Jiphthah-el:

15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

17 ¶ *And* the fourth lot came out to Iſſachar, for the children of Iſſachar, according to their families.

18 And their border was *toward* Jezreel, and Cheſulloth, and Shunem,

19 And Hapharaim, and Shihon, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, & Kiſhion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez:

22 And the coaſt reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth-ſhemeſh: and the out-goings of their border were at Jordan: ſixteen cities with their villages.

23 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Iſſachar according to their families, the cities and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achſhaph,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Miſheal; and reacheth to Carmel weſtward, and to Shihor-libnath;

27 And turneth toward the ſun riſing to Beth dagon; and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphthah-el toward the north ſide of Beth-emek, and Neiel; and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand;

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon:

29 And *then* the coaſt turneth to Ramah, and to the ſtrong city † Tyre; and the coaſt turneth to Hoſah: & the out-goings thereof are at the ſea from the coaſt to *Achzib:

30 Ummah alſo, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their villages.

31 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Aſher according to their families, theſe cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The ſixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for the children of Naphtali, according to their families.

33 And their coaſt was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Jabneel unto Lakum: and the out-goings thereof were at Jordan:

34 And *then* [b] the coaſt turneth weſtward to Aznoth-tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the ſouth-ſide, and reacheth to Aſher on the weſt-ſide, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the ſun-riſing:

35 And the fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Cinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedeſh, and Edrei, & En-hazor,

38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-ſhemeſh; nineteen cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ *And* the ſeventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.

41 And the coaſt of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eſhtaol, and Ir-ſhemeſh,

42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,

45 And Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border ||before|| Japho.

47 And the coaſt of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight againſt Leſhem, and took it, and ſmote it with

† Heb. Tzor.

* Gen. 38. 5. Judg. 12. 31. Mic. 1. 14.

[b] Deut. 33. 23.

|| Or *over against.*

|| Or, *Joppa.* Act. 9. 36.

the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, [c] Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the Son of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD, they gave him the city which he asked, *even* [d] Timnath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city and dwelt therein.

51 [e] These *are* the inheritances which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel divided for an inheritance by lot, in Shiloh before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAP. XX.

1 God commandeth, 7 and the children of Israel appoint the six cities of refuge.

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying,

2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, [a] Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses:

3 That the slayer that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood.

4 And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the entring of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand: because he smote his neighbour unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime.

6 And he shall dwell in that city [b] until he stand before the congregation for judgement, *and* untill the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 ¶ And they † appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, & Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which *is* Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

8 And on the other side Jordan by Jericho east-ward they assigned [c] Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, untill he stood before the congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Eight and fourty cities given by lot out of the other tribes unto the Levites. 43 God gave the land and rest to the Israelites, according to his promise.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel:

2 And they spake unto them at [a] Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, [b] The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattel.

3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance at the commandment of the LORD these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, [c] had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of

[a] Judges 18.29.

[d] Chap. 24.30.

[e] Numb. 34.17.

[a] Exod. 21.13. Numb. 35.6,11, 14. Deut. 19.2,9.

[b] Num. 35.12, 25.

of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* † mentioned by name,

10 Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot.

11 And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill-*country* of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But [d] the fields of the city and the villages thereof gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 ¶ Thus [e] they gave to the children of Aaron the priest, Hebron with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Libnah with her suburbs,

14 And Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs,

15 And [f] Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs,

16 And [g] Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, *and* Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and [h] Almon with her suburbs; four cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, which remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Gezer with her suburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her suburbs,

24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities *were* ten with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 ¶ And unto the children of Gershon of the families of the Levites, out of the *other* half-tribe of Manasseh, *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Beeshterah with her suburbs; two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

29 Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her suburbs; four cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

31 Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer, and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites, according to their families, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 ¶ And unto the families of the children of Merari the rest of the Levites, out

of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her ſuburbs, and Kartah with her ſuburbs,

35 Dimnah with her ſuburbs, Nahalal with her ſuburbs; four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her ſuburbs, and Jahazah with her ſuburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs; four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the ſlayer, and Mahanaim with her ſuburbs,

39 Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, Jazer with her ſuburbs; four cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites within the poſſeſſion of the children of Iſrael *were* fourty and eight cities with their ſuburbs.

42 Theſe cities were every one with their ſuburbs round about them. Thus *were* all theſe cities.

43 ¶ And the LORD gave unto Iſrael all the land which he ſware to give unto their fathers: and they poſſeſſed it, and dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gave them reſt round about, according to all that he ſware unto their fathers: and there ſtood not a man of all their enemies before them: the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand.

45 [i] There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had ſpoken unto the houſe of Iſrael: all came to paſs.

[i] Chap. 23.14, 15.

CHAP. XXII.

The two tribes and half with a bleſſing are ſent home. 10 They build the altar of Teſtimony in their journey. 11 The Iſraelites are offended thereat. 21 They give them good ſatisfaction.

THen Joſhua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh,

2 And ſaid unto them, Ye have kept [a] all that Moſes the ſervant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

[a] Num. 32.20. Deut. 3, 18.

3 Ye have not left your brethren theſe many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath given reſt unto your brethren, as he promiſed them: therefore now return ye, and get ye unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your poſſeſſion, [b] which Moſes the ſervant of the LORD gave you on the other ſide Jordan.

[b] Num. 32. Chap. 13, 8.

5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moſes the ſervant of the LORD charged you, [c] to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to ſerve him with all your heart and with all your ſoul.

[c] Deut. 10, 12.

6 So Joſhua bleſſed them, and ſent them away. And they went unto their tents.

7 ¶ Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manaſſeh Moſes had given poſſeſſion in Baſhan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joſhua among their brethren on this ſide Jordan weſt-ward. And when Joſhua ſent them away alſo unto their tents, then he bleſſed them,

8 And he ſpake unto them, ſaying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattel, with ſilver and with gold, and with braſs and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the ſpoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 ¶ And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh returned, and departed from the children of Iſrael out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the countrey of Gilead, to the land of their poſſeſſion, whereof they were poſſeſſed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moſes.

10 ¶ And when they came unto the borders of Jordan that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manaſſeh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to ſee to.

11 ¶ And

11 ¶And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

12 And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, [d] to go up to war against them.

13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben and to the children of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh into the land of Gilead [e] Phinehas the son of Eleazar the Priest,

14 And with him ten princes, of each † chief house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of *their* fathers, among the thousands of Israel.

15 And they came unto the children of Reuben and to the children of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass *is* this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, that ye might rebell this day against the LORD?

17 *Is* the iniquity [f] of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed untill this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD;

18 But that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, *seeing* ye rebell to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding if the land of your possession *be* unclean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORDS tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebell not against the LORD, nor rebell against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD our God.

20 ¶ Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered and said unto the heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know, if *it be* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day)

23 That we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meat-offering, or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD himself require *it*;

24 And if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, † In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel?

25 For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you: ye children of Reuben, and children of Gad, ye have no part in the LORD. So shall your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD.

26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 But *that* it *may be* [h] a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore said we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us, or to our generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices; but it *is* a witness between us and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebell against the LORD, and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-

[d] Deut. 13. 12.
[e] Num. 25. 7. Chap. 24. 33.
† Heb. heads of the fathers.
[f] Num. 25. 3.
† Heb. To morrow.
[h] Gen. 31. 48. Chap. 24. 27. Verſ 34.

burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, † it pleased them.

† Heb. it was good in their eyes.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD *is* among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: † now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

† Heb. then.

32 ¶ And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battel, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar ‖ *Ed*: for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD *is* God.

‖ That is, A witness. So Chap. 24.27.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *Joshua's exhortation before his death,* 3 *by former benefits,* 5 *by promises,* 11 *and by threatnings.*

AND it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old & † stricken in age.

† Heb. come into days.

2 And Joshua called for all Israel, *and* for their elders, & for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old *and* stricken in age.

3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you: for the [a] LORD your God *is* he that hath fought for you.

[a] Exod. 14.14.

4 Behold, I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea † west-ward.

† Heb. at the going down.

5 And the LORD your God, he shall expell them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you.

6 Be ye therefore very couragious to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, [b] that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left,

[b] Deut. 5.32. & 28.14.

7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; [c] neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:

[c] Exod. 23.13. Psal. 16.4. & 97.7. Zeph. 1.5.

8 ‖ But [d] cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day.

[d] Deut. 10.20. & 11.22. & 13.4. & 30.20.

9 ‖ For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but *as for* you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

10 [e] One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

[e] Deut. 32.30. Lev. 26.8.

11 Take good heed therefore unto your † selves, that ye love the LORD your God.

† Heb. souls.

12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out *any of* these nations from before you; [g] but they shall be snares and traps unto you, & scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

[g] Judg. 2.3.

14 And behold, this day I *am* going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls that [h] not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof.

[h] Josh. 21.45.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things are come upon you which the

the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you [t] all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed your selves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Joshua assembleth the tribes at Shechem. 2 A brief history of Gods benefits from Terah. 14 He reneweth a covenant between them and God. 26 A stone, the witness of the covenant. 29 Joshua's age, death and burial. 32 Joseph's bones are buried. 33 Eleazar dieth.

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [a] Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor: and [b] they served other gods.

3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and [c] gave him Isaac.

4 And I gave unto Isaac [d] Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto [e] Esau mount Seir, to possess it; [f] but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

5 [g] I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did amongst them: and afterward I brought you out.

6 And I [h] brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto [i] the Red sea.

7 And when they cried unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them: and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt. And ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites which dwelt on the other side Jordan; [k] and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then Balak the son of Zippor king of Moab arose and warred against Israel, and [l] sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

10 But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.

11 And [m] ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and [n] the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I delivered them into your hand.

12 And [o] I sent the hornet before you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* [p] not with thy sword, nor with thy bowe.

13 And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and [q] cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them: of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat.

14 ¶ Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and [r] in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, [s] choose you this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods.

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, & which did those great signs in our sight, and

[t] Num. 22. 23. 33. Deut. 2. 32.
[k] Num. 22. 5. Deut. 23. 4.
[l] Chap. 3. 14.
[m] Chap. 6. 1. & 10. 1. & 11. 1.
[n] Exod. 23. 28. Deut. 7. 20.
[o] Psal. 44. 3, 6.
[p] Deut. 6. 10, 11.
[q] Levit. 17. 7. Ezek. 20. 8.
[r] See Ruth 1. 15. John 6. 67.

and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God.

19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; [t] he will not forgive your transgressions, nor your sins.

20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, [u] then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye *are* witnesses against your selves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away (*said he*) the strange gods which *are* among you, and encline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 ¶ And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took [x] a great stone, & set it up there [y] under an oak that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of ỹ LORD wch he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.

28 So [z] Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun the servant of the LORD died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in [a] Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side of the hill of Gaash.

31 And [b] Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that † overlived Joshua; and which had known all the works of the LORD that he had done for Israel.

32 ¶ And [c] the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought of [d] the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertained to* Phinehas his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

[t] Exod. 23.21.
[u] Deut. 28.15.
[x] See Judg. 9.6.
[y] Gen. 35.4.
[z] Judg. 2.6.
[a] Chap. 19.30. Judg. 2.9.
[b] Judg. 2.7.
† Heb. prolonged days after Joshua.
[c] Gen. 50.25. Exod. 13.19. & Gen. 33.19. & Chap. 24.32.
[d] Or, a lamb.

The book of JUDGES.

CHAP. I.

1 *The acts of Judah and Simeon.* 4 *Adoni-bezek justly requited.* 8 *Jerusalem taken.* 10 *Hebron taken.* 11 *Othniel hath Achsah to wife for taking of Debir.* 16 *The Kenites dwell in Judah.* 17 *Hormah, Gaza, Askelon and Ekron taken.* 21 *The acts of Benjamin.* 22 *Of the house of Joseph, who take Beth-el.* 30 *Of Zebulun.* 31 *Of Asher.* 33 *Of Naphtali.* 34 *Of Dan.*

NOw after the death of Joshua, it came to pass, that the children of Israel [a] asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first to fight against them?

[a] Num. 27.21.

2 And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek:

zek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes.

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having † their thumbs and their great toes cut off, || gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

8 Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire.

9 ¶ [b] And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the || valley.

10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron; now the name of Hebron before *was* [c] Kirjath-arba: and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir. And the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher.

12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz [d] Calebs younger brother took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

14 And it came to pass when she came *to him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: & she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south-land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 ¶ And the children of the Kenite, Moses father in law, went up out of the city of palm-trees, with the children of Judah, into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called [e] Hormah.

18 Also Judah took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof.

19 And the LORD was with Judah, and || he drave out *the inhabitants of* the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

20 [f] And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak.

21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 ¶ And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the LORD *was* with them.

23 And the house of Joseph sent to descry Beth-el. Now the name of the city before *was* [g] Luz.

24 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and [h] we will shew thee mercy.

25 And when he shewed them the entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the sword: but they let go the man and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which *is* the name thereof unto this day.

27 ¶ [i] Neither did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor & her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor ỹ inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 ¶ [k] Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 ¶ Nei-

[e] Numb. 21. 3.

|| Or, *he possessed the mountain.*

[f] Numb. 14. 24. Josh. 14. 9, 13. & 15. 13.

[g] Gen. 28 19.

[h] Josh. 2. 12, 14.

[i] Josh. 17. 11, 12, 13.

[k] Josh. 16. 10.

30 ¶ Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Aſher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor Helbah, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Aſherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 ¶ Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-ſhemeſh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheleſs, the inhabitants of Beth-ſhemeſh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: for they would not ſuffer them to come down to the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the houſe of Joſeph † prevailed, ſo that they became tributaries.

† Heb. was heavy.

36 And the coaſt of the Amorites *was* from ‖ the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

‖ Or, *Maaleh-akrabbim.*

CHAP. II.

1 *An angel rebuketh the people at Bochim.* 6 *The wickedneſs of the new generation after Joſhua.* 14 *Gods anger and pity towards them.* 20 *The Canaanites are left to prove Iſrael.*

‖ Or, *meſſenger.*

AND an ‖ angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and ſaid, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I ſware unto your fathers; and I ſaid, I will never break my covenant with you.

[a] Deut. 7.2. [b] Deut. 12.3.

2 And [a] ye ſhall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; [b] you ſhall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: Why have ye done this?

[c] Jſ. 23. 13. [d] Exod. 23.33. & 34.12.

3 Wherefore I alſo ſaid, I will not drive them out from before you: but they ſhall be [c] *as thorns* in your ſides, and their gods ſhall be a [d] ſnare unto you.

4 And it came to paſs, when the angel of the LORD ſpake theſe words unto all the children of Iſrael, that the people lift up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place ‖ Bochim: and they ſacrificed there unto the LORD.

‖ Or, *Weepers.*

6 ¶ And when [e] Joſhua had let the people go, the children of Iſrael went every man unto his inheritance to poſſeſs the land.

[e] Joſh. 24.28.

7 And the people ſerved the LORD all the days of Joſhua, and all the days of the elders that † outlived Joſhua, who had ſeen all the great works of the LORD that he did for Iſrael.

† Heb. *prolonged days after Joſhua.*

8 And [f] Joſhua the ſon of Nun, the ſervant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten years old.

[f] Joſh. 24.29.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in [g] Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north ſide of the hill Gaaſh.

[g] Joſh. 19.50.

10 And alſo all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there aroſe another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Iſrael.

11 ¶ And the children of Iſrael did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and ſerved Baalim.

12 And they forſook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that *were* round about them, and bowed themſelves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forſook the LORD, and ſerved Baal and Aſhtaroth.

14 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot againſt Iſrael, and he delivered them into [ỷ] hands of ſpoilers that ſpoiled them, and [h] he ſold them into the hands of their enemies round about, ſo that they could not any longer ſtand before their enemies.

[ỷ] Pſ. 44.12. [h] Deut. 32.30.

15 Whitherſoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was againſt them for evil, as the LORD had ſaid, and [i] as the LORD had ſworn unto them: and they were greatly diſtreſſed.

[i] Lev. 26.17. Deut. 28.25.

16 ¶ Nevertheleſs, the LORD raiſed up

up judges, which † delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings, by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass [k] when the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and ‖ corrupted *themselves* more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serve them, and to bow down unto them: † they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkned unto my voice;

21 [l] I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep *it*, or not.

23 Therefore the LORD ‖ left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAP. III.

1 The nations which were left to prove Israel. 5 By communion with them they commit idolatry. 8 Othniel deliverеth them from Cushan-rishathaim; 12 Ehud, from Eglon; 31 Shamgar, from the Philistines.

NOw these *are* the nations which the LORD left to prove Israel by them, *even* as many *of Israel* as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

2 Onely that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

3 *Namely,* [m] five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entring in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 ¶ And the children of Israel dwelt among ŷ Canaanites, Hittites, & Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites.

6 And [b] they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim, and the groves.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into ŷ hand of [c] Cushan-rishathaim king of †Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years.

9 And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised up a † deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* [d] Othniel the son of Kenaz, Calebs younger brother.

10 And [e] the spirit of the LORD †came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushan-rishathaim king of † Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim.

11 And the land had rest fourty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthned [f] Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD.

13 And he gathered unto him ŷ children of Ammon & Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm-trees.

14 So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But

[k] Judg. 3. 11. Or, when the judge was dead, they returned, and corrupted themselves more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serve them, and to bow down unto them: they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

[l] Josh. 24. 29.

‖ Heb. left.

[m] Josh. 13. 3.

[b] Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

[c] Hab. 3. 7.

† Heb. Aram-naharaim.

† Heb. Saviour.

[d] Chap. 1. 13.

[e] See Num. 27. 18.

† Heb. was.

† Heb. Aram.

[f] 1 S. m. 2. 9.

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, ‖ a Benjamite, a man † left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab.

‖ Or, the son of Jemini. † Heb. shut of his right hand.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

17 And he brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab. And Eglon *was* a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present.

19 But he himself turned again from the ‖ quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king. Who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him.

‖ Or, graven images.

20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in † a summer-parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat.

† Heb. a parlour of cooling

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade: and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the ‖ dirt came out.

‖ Or, it came out at the fundament.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his servants came: and when they saw that behold the doors of the parlour *were* locked, they said, Surely he ‖ covereth his feet in his summer-chamber.

‖ Or, doth his easement.

25 And they tarried till they were ashamed: and behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried; and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath.

27 And it came to pass when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them.

28 And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over.

29 ¶ And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all † lusty, and all men of valour; & there escaped not a man.

† Heb. fat.

30 So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also delivered Israel.

CHAP. IV.

1 Deborah and Barak deliver Israel from Jabin and Sisera. 18 Jael killeth Sisera.

AND the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor, the captain of whose host *was* [a] Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

[a] 1 Sam. 12. 9.

3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 ¶ And Deborah a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgement.

6 And she sent and called [b] Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go, and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

[b] Heb. 11. 32.

7 And I will draw unto thee, to the [c] river Kishon, Sisera the captain of Jabin's

[c] Psal. 83. 9.

army,

army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour: for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of [d] Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which *is* by Kedesh.

12 And they shewed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor.

13 And Sisera † gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, unto the river of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And [e] the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host with the edge of the sword, before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Barak pursued after the chariots and after the host unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not † a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *b* *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

18 ¶ And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a ‖ mantle.

19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened [f] a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.

20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

21 Then Jael Hebers wife took a nail of the tent, and † took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastned it into the ground. For he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel † prospered and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, untill they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

1 *The song of Deborah and Barak.*

THen sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.

3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes: I, *even* I will sing unto the LORD; I will sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, [a] when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, [b] ỹ earth trembled, & the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 [c] The mountains † melted from before the LORD, *even* [d] that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.

6 In the days of [e] Shamgar the son of

T Anath,

d Or, rug, or blanket.

f Chap. 5. 25.

† Heb. put.

† Heb. going went and was hard.

a Deut. 4. 11.

b Deut. 33. 2. Psal. 68. 8. Isai. 64. 1. Hab. 3. 3.

c Psal. 97. 5.

† Heb. flowed.

d Exod. 19. 18.

e Chap. 3. 31.

Anath, in the days of [f] Jael, the high-ways were unoccupied, and the †travellers walked through † by-ways.

7 *The inhabitants* of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, untill that I Deborah arose, that I arose [g] a mother in Israel.

8 They chose new gods; then *was* war in the gates: [h] was there a shield or spear seen among fourty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart *is* toward the governours of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the LORD.

10 ‖ Speak ye [i] that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgement, and walk by the way.

11 *They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the † righteous acts of the LORD, *even* the righteous acts *towards the inhabitants* of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah: awake, awake, utter a song. Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.

13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

14 Out of Ephraim *was there* a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people: out of Machir came down governours, and out of Zebulun they that †handle the pen of the writer.

15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah: even Issachar, and also [k] Barak, he was sent on † foot into the valley. ‖ For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great † thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? ‖ For the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan: and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea-‖shore, and abode in his ‖ breaches.

18 [l] Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people *that* † jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: they took no gain of money.

20 They fought from heaven, the stars in their † courses fought against Sisera.

21 The river of Kishon swept them away, that antient river, the river Kishon: O my soul, thou hast troden down strength.

22 Then were the horse-hoofs broken, by the means of the ‖ pransings, the pransings of their mighty ones.

23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed above women shall [m] Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent.

25 He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk; she brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmens hammer: and † with the hammer she smote Sisera; she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples.

27 † At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down: at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down † dead.

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cryed through the latteſs, Why *is* his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned † answer to her self,

30 [n] Have they not sped? have they not divided the prey, † to every man a damsel *or* two? to Sisera a prey of divers colours, a prey of divers colours of needle-work, of divers colours of needle-work on both sides, *meet* for the necks of *them that take* the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that love him *be* [o] as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest fourty years.

CHAP.

[f] Chap. 4. 18.
† Heb. wayfaring men of paths.
† Heb. crooked ways.
[g] Gal. 4. 19, 23.
[h] So 1 Sam. 13. 19, 22.
‖ Or, *Meditate.*
[i] Chap. 10. 4 & 12. 14.
† Heb. *righteousnesses of the* LORD.
† Heb. *draw with the pen, &c.*
[k] Chap. 4. 14.
† Heb. *his feet.*
‖ Or, *In the divisions, &c.*
† Heb. *impressions.*
‖ Or, *In.*
‖ Or, *parts.*
‖ Or, *creeks.*
[l] Chap. 4. 10.
† Heb. *exposed to reproach.*
[m] Chap. 4. 17.
[n] Psal. 68. 12.
[o] Matth. 13. 43.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Israelites for their sin are oppressed by Midian. 8 A prophet rebuketh them. 11 An Angel sendeth Gideon for their deliverance. 17 Gideons present is consumed with fire. 24 Gideon destroyeth Baals altar, and offereth a sacrifice upon the altar Jehovah-shalom. 28 Joash defendeth his son, and calleth him Jerubbaal. 33 Gideons army. 36 Gideons signs.

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand [a] of Midian seven years.

2 And the hand of Midian † prevailed against Israel: *and* because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.

3 And *so* it was when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza; & left no sustenance for Israel, neither ‖ sheep, nor ox, nor ass.

5 For they came up with their cattel, and their tents, and they came as grashoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entred into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7 ¶ And it came to pass when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites,

8 That the LORD sent † a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage,

9 And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land:

10 And I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; [b] fear not the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And there came an Angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son [c] Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, † to hide *it* from the Midianites.

12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, [d] Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, † my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my fathers house.

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, untill I come unto thee, and bring forth my ‖ present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry untill thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready † a kid, & unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, & presented *it*.

20 And the Angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh, and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

21 ¶ Then the Angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh, and the unleavened cakes: and [e] there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

[a] Heb. 11. 32. called Gedeon.
† Heb. to cause to see.
[d] 1 Sam. 12. 11. Heb. 11. 32.
† Heb. my thousand is the meanest.
‖ Or, meat-offering.
† Heb. a kid of the goats.
[e] Judg. 13. 20.

22 And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an Angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD: [f] for because I have seen an Angel of the LORD face to face.

23 And the LORD said unto him, Peace *be* unto thee; fear not, thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ‖ Jehovah shalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy fathers young bullock, ‖ even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it:

26 And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this † rock, ‖ in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his fathers household and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night.

28 ¶ And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, & the grove was cut down that *was* by it, & the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it.

31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death, whilest *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a God, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

34 But [h] the spirit of the LORD † came upon Gideon, and he [i] blew a trumpet; and Abiezer † was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali, and they came up to meet them.

36 ¶ And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wooll in the floor: *and* if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl-full of water.

39 And Gideon said unto God, [k] Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: Let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 Gideons army of two and thirty thousand is brought to three hundred. 9 He is encouraged by the dream and interpretation of the barley-cake. 16 His stratagem of trumpets and lamps in pitchers. 24 The Ephraimites take Oreb and Zeeb.

THen Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now

[f] Gen. 16. 13. Exod. 33. 20. Ch. 6. 22. 13. 22.

‖ That is, *The* LORD *send peace.*

‖ Or, *and.*

[g] Exod. 34. 13. Deut. 7. 5. † Heb. *strong place.*

‖ Or, *in an orderly manner.*

[h] Ch. 11. 29. 1 Sam. 10. 6. 1 Chron. 12. 18. 2 Chron. 24. 20.

† Heb. *clothed.*

[i] Ch. 6. 34. 1 Sam. 13. 3. Neh. 4. 20.

[k] Gen. 18. 32.

Or, *striving for.*

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, [a] Whosoever *is* fearfull and afraid, let him return & depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty & two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people *are* yet too many: bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel, every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men. And the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy servant down to the host.

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthned to go down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his servant unto the outside of the || armed men that *were* in the host.

12 And the Midianites & the Amalekites and [b] all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grashoppers for multitude; and their camels *were* without number, as ỹ sand by the sea-side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, behold, *there was* a man that told a dream unto his fellow, & said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley-bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God delivered Midian and all the host.

15 ¶ And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and † the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian.

16 And he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put † a trumpet in every mans hand, with empty pitchers, and || lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that* as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon.

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundred men that *were* with him came unto the outside of the camp in ỹ beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch; and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withall*: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

[a] Deut. 20. 8. 1 Mac. 3. 56.

[b] Chap. 6. 5, 33. & 8. 10.

† Heb. *the breaking thereof.*

† Heb. *trumpets in the hand of all of them.*

|| Or. *fire-brands, or torches.*

|| Or, *armed by companies.*

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and [c] the LORD ſet [d] every mans ſword againſt his fellow, even throughout all the hoſt: and the hoſt fled to Beth-ſhittah, ‖ in Zererath, *and* to the † border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

23 And the men of Iſrael gathered themſelves together out of Naphtali, and out of Aſher, and out of all Manaſſeh, and purſued after the Midianites.

24 ¶ And Gideon ſent meſſengers throughout all mount Ephraim, ſaying, Come down againſt the Midianites, & take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themſelves together, & took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan.

25 And they took [e] two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they ſlew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they ſlew at the wine-preſs of Zeeb, and purſued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other ſide Jordan.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Gideon pacifieth the Ephraimites. 4 Succoth and Penuel refuſe to relieve Gideons army. 10 Zebah and Zalmunna are taken. 13 Succoth and Penuel are deſtroyed. 17 Gideon revengeth his brethrens death on Zebah and Zalmunna. 22 He refuſeth government. 24 His ephod, cauſe of Idolatry. 28 Midian ſubdued. 29 Gideons children, and death. 33 The Iſraelites idolatry, and ingratitude.

AND [a] the men of Ephraim ſaid unto him, † Why haſt thou ſerved us thus, that thou calledſt us not when thou wenteſt to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him † ſharply.

2 And he ſaid unto them, What have I done now in compariſon of you? *Is* not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better then the vintage of Abiezer?

3 God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in compariſon of you? Then their † anger was abated toward him, when he had ſaid that.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Jordan, *and* paſſed over, he, and the three hundred men *that were* with him, faint, yet purſuing *them*.

5 And he ſaid unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am purſuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 ¶ And the princes of Succoth ſaid, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that [b] we ſhould give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon ſaid, Therefore when the LORD hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will † tear your fleſh with the thorns of the wilderneſs, and with briers.

8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and ſpake unto them likewiſe: and the men of Penuel anſwered him as the men of Succoth had anſwered *him*.

9 And he ſpake alſo unto the men of Penuel, ſaying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this towre.

10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hoſts with them, about fifteen thouſand *men*, all that were left of all the hoſts of the children of the eaſt: for there fell ‖ an hundred and twenty thouſand men that drew ſword.

11 ¶ And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the eaſt of Nobah and Jogbehah, and ſmote the hoſt: for the hoſt was ſecure.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he purſued after them, and [c] took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and † diſcomfited all the hoſt.

13 ¶ And Gideon the ſon of Joaſh returned from battel before the ſun *was up*,

14 And caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he † deſcribed unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threeſcore and ſeventeen men.

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and ſaid, Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, ſaying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we ſhould give bread unto thy men *that are* weary?

16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderneſs, and briers, & with them he † taught the men of Succoth.

17 And

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[a] Iſa. 9. 4.
[b] 1 Sa. 14. 20. 2 Chr. 20. 23.
‖ Or, *towards*.
† He. *hip*.

[c] Pſal. 83. 11. Iſa. 10. 26.

[a] See Ch. 12. 1.
† Heb. *What thing is this thou haſt done unto us?*
† Heb. *ſtrongly*.

† Heb. *ſmit*.

[c] Heb. *took*.
† Heb. *diſcomfited*.

† Heb. *wrote*.

† Heb. *thorn*.

17 And he beat down the towre of [d] Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

18 ¶ Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one † resembled the children of a king.

19 And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: *as* the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you.

20 And he said unto Jether his first-born, Up, *and* slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is*, *so is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah & Zalmunna, & took away the ‖ ornaments that *were* on their camels necks.

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy sons son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

24 And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would give me every man the ear-rings of his prey. For they had golden ear rings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.

25 And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his prey.

26 And the weight of ŷ golden ear-rings that he requested was a thousand & seven hundred *Sekels* of gold; beside ornaments, and ‖ collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian; and beside the chains that *were* about their camels necks.

27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

28 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more: and the countrey was in quietness fourty years in the days of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons † of his body begotten: for he had many wives.

† Heb. going out of his thigh.

31 And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he † called Abimelech.

† Heb. *set.*

32 ¶ And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass assoon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side:

35 Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely* Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 Abimelech by conspiracy with the Shechemites, and murder of his brethren, is made king. 7 Jotham by a parable rebuketh them, and foretelleth their ruine. 22 Gaal conspireth with the Shechemites against him. 30 Zebul revealeth it. 34 Abimelech overcometh them, and soweth the city with salt. 46 He burneth the hold of the god Berith. 50 At Thebez he is slain by a piece of a milstone. 56 Jothams curse is fulfilled.

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem, unto [a] his mothers brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying,

[a] Chap. 8. 31.

2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, † Whether *is* better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh.

† Heb. *What is good? whether, &c.*

3 And his mothers brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined

† Heb. after.

† to follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired [b] vain and light persons, which followed him.

[b] Chap. 11. 3.

5 And he went unto his fathers house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, || by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

|| Or, by the oak of the pillar: See Josh. 24. 26.

7 ¶ And when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift up his voice, & cried, & said unto them, Hearken unto me, you men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

8 The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us.

9 But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, [c] wherewith by me they honour God and man, and † go to be promoted over the trees?

[c] Psal. 104. 15. † Heb. go up & down for other trees.

10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

11 But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees?

12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, [d] which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?

[d] Psal. 104. 15.

14 Then said all the trees unto the || bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us.

|| Or, thistle.

15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then* come *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, [e] let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

[e] Exod. 19. 14.

16 Now therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands;

17 (For my father fought for you, and † adventured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

† Heb. cast his life.

18 And ye are risen up against my fathers house this day, & have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech the son of his maid-servant king over the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother)

19 If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, *then* rejoyce ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoyce in you:

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; & let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

21 And Jotham ran away and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel,

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their bloud be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them; and upon the men of Shechem, which † aided him in the killing of his brethren.

† Heb. strengthened his hands.

25 And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them. And it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

† Heb. passed.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made || merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech.

|| Or, joyful.

28 And

28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve him? *is* not *he* the son of Jerubbaal, and Zebul his officer? Serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem. For why should we serve him?

29 And would to God this people were under my hand; then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his anger was || kindled.

31 And he sent messengers unto Abimelech † privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed, and his brethren be come to Shechem; and behold, they fortifie the city against thee.

32 Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* with thee, and lie in wait in the field.

33 And it shall be *that* in the morning, assoon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them † as thou shalt find occasion.

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in four companies.

35 And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entring of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men.

37 And Gaal spake again, and said, See, there come people down by the † middle of the land, and another company come along by the plain of || Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who *is* Abimelech, that we should serve him? *Is* not this the people that thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal & his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.

43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field, and looked, and behold, the people *were* come forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the company that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entring of the gate of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all *the people* that *were* in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, and he took the city, and slew the people that *was* therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard *that*, they entred into an hold of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the people that *were* with him, What ye have seen † me do, make haste, *and* do as I *have done*. † Heb. I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put *them* to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them: so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it.

51 But there was a strong tower within the

the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and ſhut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came unto ỹ towre, and fought againſt it, and went hard unto the door of the towre to burn it with fire.

f 2 Sam. 11. 21. 53 And a certain woman f caſt a piece of a milſtone upon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his ſcull.

g So 1 Sam. 31. 4. 54 Then g he called haſtily unto ỹ young man his armour-bearer, and ſaid unto him, Draw thy ſword, and ſlay me, that men ſay not of me, A woman ſlew him. And his young man thruſt him through, & he died.

55 And when the men of Iſrael ſaw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendred the wickedneſs of Abimelech which he did unto his father, in ſlaying his ſeventy brethren;

57 And all the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: and upon them came the curſe of Jotham the ſon of Jerubbaal.

CHAP. X.

1 Tola judgeth Iſrael in Shamir. 3 Jair, whoſe thirty ſons had thirty cities. 7 The Philiſtines and Ammonites oppreſs Iſrael. 10 In their miſery, God ſendeth them to their falſe gods. 15 Upon their repentance he pitieth them.

‖ Or, *deliver.* † Heb. *ſave.* AND after Abimelech there aroſe to ‖ † defend Iſrael Tola the ſon of Puah, the ſon of Dodo, a man of Iſſachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he judged Iſrael twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him aroſe Jair a Gileadite, & judged Iſrael twenty and two years.

a Chap. 12. 14. 4 And he had thirty ſons that a rode on thirty aſs colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called ‖ Havoth-jair unto this day, which *are* in the land of Gilead.

‖ Or, *The villages of Jair.* 5 And Jair died, & was buried in Camon.

b Chap. 2. 11, & 3. 7. & 4. 1. & 6. 1. & 13. 1. c Chap. 2. 13. 6 And b the children of Iſrael did evil again in the ſight of the LORD, and ſerved Baalim, and Aſhtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philiſtines, and forſook the LORD, & ſerved not him.

7 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hot againſt Iſrael, and he d ſold them into the hands of the Philiſtines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

d Heb. *ſtrengthened.* 8 And that year they vexed and † oppreſſed the children of Iſrael: eighteen years, all the children of Iſrael that *were* on the other ſide Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which *is* in Gilead.

† Heb. *cruſhed.* 9 Moreover, the children of Ammon paſſed over Jordan to fight alſo againſt Judah, and againſt Benjamin, and againſt the houſe of Ephraim; ſo that Iſrael was ſore diſtreſſed.

10 ¶ And the children of Iſrael cryed unto the LORD, ſaying, We have ſinned againſt thee, both becauſe we have forſaken our God, and alſo ſerved Baalim.

11 And the LORD ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, *Did* not *I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philiſtines?

12 The Zidonians alſo, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites did oppreſs you, and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand.

e Deut. 31. 16. Jer. 11. 12. 13 e Yet ye have forſaken me, and ſerved other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more.

f Deut. 32. 37. 14 Go and f cry unto the gods which ye have choſen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation.

† Heb. *ſeemeth.* 15 ¶ And the children of Iſrael ſaid unto the LORD, We have ſinned: do thou unto us whatſoever † ſeemeth good unto thee, deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

† Heb. *ſtrange.* 16 And they put away the † ſtrange gods from among them, and ſerved the LORD: and g his ſoul † was grieved for the miſery of Iſrael.

g Num. 21. 4. Judg. 16. 16. † Heb. *ſtreightened.* 17 Then ỹ children of Ammon were † gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Iſrael aſſembled themſelves together, and encamped in Mizpeh.

18 And the people *and* princes of Gilead ſaid one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight againſt the children of Ammon? he ſhall h be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

h 2 Sam. 22. 44. Pſal. 18. 43.

CHAP.

CHAP. XI.

1 The covenant between Jephthah and the Gileadites, that he should be their head. 12 The treaty of peace between him and the Ammonites is in vain. 29 Jephthahs vow. 32 His conquest of the Ammonites. 34 He performeth his vow on his daughter.

NOw [a] Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he *was* the ſon of † an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

2 And Gileads wife bare him ſons: and his wives ſons grew up, and they thruſt out Jephthah, and ſaid unto him, Thou ſhalt not inherit in our fathers houſe; for thou *art* the ſon of a ſtrange woman.

3 Then Jephthah fled † from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered [b] vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs † in proceſs of time, that the children of Ammon made war againſt Iſrael.

5 And it was ſo, that when the children of Ammon made war againſt Iſrael, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob.

6 And they ſaid unto Jephthah, Come and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Jephthah ſaid unto the elders of Gilead, [c] Did not ye hate me, and expell me out of my fathers houſe? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in diſtreſs?

8 And the elders of Gilead ſaid unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayeſt go with us, and fight againſt the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Jephthah ſaid unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight againſt the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, ſhall I be your head?

10 And the elders of Gilead ſaid unto Jephthah, The LORD † be witneſs between us, if we do not ſo according to thy words.

11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head & captain over them: & Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Jephthah ſent meſſengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, ſaying, What haſt thou to do with me, that thou art come againſt me to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon anſwered unto the meſſengers of Jephthah, [d] Becauſe Iſrael took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan. Now therefore reſtore thoſe *lands* again peaceably.

14 And Jephthah ſent meſſengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon;

15 And ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Jephthah, [e] Iſrael took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Iſrael came up from Egypt, and [f] walked through the wilderneſs, unto the Red ſea, and [g] came to Kadeſh;

17 Then [h] Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto the king of Edom, ſaying, Let me, I pray thee, paſs through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they ſent unto the king of Moab: but he would not *conſent*. And Iſrael abode in Kadeſh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderneſs, and [i] compaſſed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the eaſt-ſide of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other ſide of Arnon, [k] but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

19 And [l] Iſrael ſent meſſengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heſhbon; and Iſrael ſaid unto him, Let us paſs, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place.

20 But Sihon truſted not Iſrael to paſs through his coaſt: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought againſt Iſrael.

21 And the LORD God of Iſrael delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Iſrael, and they ſmote them: ſo Iſrael poſſeſſed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they poſſeſſed [m] all ỹ coaſts of the Amo-

[a] Heb. a mighty.
[b] Heb. men of rovers.
[c] Gen. 37. 4, 8.
[d] Numb. 21. 13.
[e] Deut. 2. 9, 19.
[f] Numb. 14. 25.
[g] Numb. 20. 1.
[h] Num. 20. 14.
[i] Numb. 21. 4.
[k] Numb. 21. 13. & 22. 36.
[l] Deut. 2. 26.
[m] Deut. 2. 36.

Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderneſs even unto Jordan.

23 So now the LORD God of Iſrael hath diſpoſſeſſed the Amorites from before his people Iſrael, and ſhouldeſt thou poſſeſs it?

24 Wilt not thou poſſeſs that which Chemoſh thy god giveth thee to poſſeſs? So whomſoever the LORD our God ſhall drive out from before us, them will we poſſeſs.

* Num. 22. 2. Deut. 23. 4. Joſ. 24. 9

25 [n] And now *art* thou any thing better then Balak the ſon of Zippor king of Moab? did he ever ſtrive againſt Iſrael, or did he ever fight againſt them,

26 While Iſrael dwelt in Heſhbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along by the coaſts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did ye not recover *them* within that time?

27 Wherefore I have not ſinned againſt thee, but thou doeſt me wrong to war againſt me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Iſrael and the children of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkned not unto the words of Jephthah which he ſent him.

• Chap. 3. 10.

29 ¶ Then [o] the ſpirit of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he paſſed over Gilead, and Manaſſeh, and paſſed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead he paſſed over *unto* the children of Ammon.

30 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and ſaid, If thou ſhalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

† Heb. *that which cometh forth, which ſhall come forth.* || Or, *or I will offer it, &c.*

31 Then it ſhall be, that † whatſoever cometh forth of the doors of my houſe to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, ſhall ſurely be the LORDS, || and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering.

32 ¶ So Jephthah paſſed over unto the children of Ammon to fight againſt them; & the LORD delivered them into his hands.

33 And he ſmote them from Aroer even till thou come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto || the plain of the vineyards, with a very great ſlaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were ſubdued before the children of Iſrael.

|| Or, *Abel.*

34 ¶ And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his houſe, and behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and ſhe *was his* onely child; || † beſide her he had neither ſon nor daughter.

|| Or, *he had not more ſon or daughter, &c.* † Heb. *from him.*

35 And it came to paſs when he ſaw her, that he rent his clothes, and ſaid, Alas, my daughter, thou haſt brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

36 And ſhe ſaid unto him, My father, *if* thou haſt opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; foraſmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon.

37 And ſhe ſaid unto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two moneths, that I may † go up and down upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.

† Heb. *go and go down.*

38 And he ſaid, Go. And he ſent her away *for* two moneths. And ſhe went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains.

39 And it came to paſs at the end of two moneths that ſhe returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed. And ſhe knew no man. And it was a || cuſtom in Iſrael,

|| Or, *a decree.*

40 *That* the daughters of Iſrael went † yearly || to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

† Heb. *from year to year.* || Or, *to talk with.*

CHAP. XII.

1 The Ephraimites quarrelling with Jephthah, and diſcerned by Shibboleth, are ſlain by the Gileadites. 7 Jephthah dieth. 8 Ibzan, who had thirty ſons and thirty daughters, 11 and Elon, 13 and Abdon, who had fourty ſons and thirty nephews, judge Iſrael.

AND [a] the men of Ephraim † gathered themſelves together, & went northward, and ſaid unto Jephthah, Wherefore paſſedſt thou over to fight againſt the children of Ammon, and didſt not call us to go

[a] Jud. 8. 1. † Heb. *were called.*

go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire.

2 And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day to fight against me?

4 Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was *so*, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over; that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay;

6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan. And there fell at that time of the Ephraimites fourty and two thousand.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel.

9 And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 ¶ And after him, Elon a Zebulonite judged Israel, & he judged Israel ten years.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Ajjalon in the countrey of Zebulun.

13 ¶ And after him, Abdon the son of Hillel a Pirathonite judged Israel.

14 And he had fourty sons, and thirty † nephews, that [b] rode on threescore & ten ass-colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

† Heb. *sons sons*
[b] Chap. 5. 10. & 10. 4.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Israel is in the hand of the Philistines. 2 An angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 8 The angel appeareth to Manoah. 15 Manoahs sacrifice, whereby the angel is discovered. 24 Samson is born.

AND the children of Israel † [a] did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines fourty years.

† Heb. *add'd to commit, &c.*
[a] Chap. 2. 11. & 3. 7. and 4. 1. and 6. 1. and 10. 6.

2 ¶ And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not.

3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, & beareſt not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and [b] drink not wine, nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*.

[b] Num. 6. 2, 3.

5 For lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and [c] no rasour shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

[c] Num. 6. 5. 1 Sam. 1. 11.

6 ¶ Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name.

7 But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkned to the voice of Manoah;

Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband *was* not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. † How shall we order the child? and || † how shall we do unto him?

† Heb. What shall be the manner of the, &c. || Or, what shall be do? † Heb. what shall be his work?

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 ¶ And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee untill we shall have made ready a kid † for thee.

† Heb. before thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass, we may do thee honour?

18 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, [a]Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* || secret?

[a] Gen. 32. 29. || Or, wonderfull.

19 So Manoah took a kid, with a meat-offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD. And *the angel* did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said unto his wife, [c]We shall surely die, because we have seen God.

† Exod. 33. 20. Deut. 5. 26. Chap. 6. 22.

23 But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands, neither would he have shewed us all these *things*, nor would as at this time have told us *such things* as these.

24 ¶ And the woman bare a son, and called his name [f]Samson. And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

[f] Heb. Luz.

25 And the spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines. 5 In his journey he killeth a lion. 8 In a second journey he findeth honey in the carcase. 10 Samsons marriage-feast. 12 His riddle by his wife is made known. 19 He spoileth thirty Philistines. 20 His wife is married to another.

AND Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And he came up and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me, for † she pleaseth me well.

† Heb. she is right in mine eyes.

4 But his father and his mother [a]knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

[a] Heb. they knew not, &c. Chap. 13. 25.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young lion roared † against him.

† Heb. unto meeting him.

6 And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would

would have rent a kid, and *he had* nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

7 And he went down, and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well.

8 ¶ And after a time, he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and behold, *there was* a swarm of bees, and honey in the carcase of the lion.

9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.

10 ¶ So his father went down unto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so used the young men to do.

11 And it came to pass when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if you can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you thirty ‖ sheets, and thirty change of garments.

13 But if ye cannot declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets, and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, & out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samsons wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy fathers house with fire: have ye called us † to take that we have? *is it* not *so*?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?

17 And she wept before him ‖ the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: & she told the riddle to the children of her people.

18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter then honey? and what *is* stronger then a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their ‖ spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his fathers house.

‖ Or, apparel.

20 But Samsons wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samson is denied his wife. 3 He burneth the Philistines corn with foxes and fire-brands. 6 His wife and her father are burnt by the Philistines. 7 Samson smiteth them hip and thigh. 9 He is bound by the men of Judah, and delivered to the Philistines. 14 He killeth them with a jaw-bone. 18 God maketh the fountain En-hakkore for him in Lehi.

BUt it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat-harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.

2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer then she? † take her, I pray thee, in stead of her.

† Heb. *be her* for thine.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them, ‖ Now shall I be more blameless then the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

‖ Or, *Now shall I be blameless* as to the Philistines, though, &c.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took ‖ fire-brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire-brand in the midst between two tails.

‖ Or, torches.

5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let *them* go into the standing-corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing-corn, with the vineyards *and* olives.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson the son

ſon in law of the Timnite, becauſe he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philiſtines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samſon ſaid unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will ceaſe.

8 And he ſmote them hip and thigh with a great ſlaughter. And he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philiſtines went up, and pitched in Judah, and ſpread themſelves in Lehi.

10 And the men of Judah ſaid, Why are ye come up againſt us? And they anſwered, To bind Samſon are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.

† Heb. went down.

11 Then three thouſand men of Judah † went to the top of the rock Etam, and ſaid to Samſon, Knoweſt thou not that the Philiſtines *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou haſt done unto us? And he ſaid unto them, As they did unto me, ſo have I done unto them.

12 And they ſaid unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philiſtines. And Samſon ſaid unto them, Swear unto me that ye will not fall upon me your ſelves.

13 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, No: but we will bind thee faſt, and deliver thee into their hand: but ſurely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

14 ¶ *And* when he came unto Lehi, the Philiſtines ſhouted againſt him: and the ſpirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands † looſed from off his hands.

† Heb. were melted.

15 And he found a † new jaw-bone of an aſs, and put forth his hand and took it, and ſlew a thouſand men therewith.

† Heb. moſt.

16 And Samſon ſaid, With the jaw-bone of an aſs, † heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an aſs have I ſlain a thouſand men.

† Heb. an heap two heaps.

17 And it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking, that he caſt away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place ‖ Ramath-lehi.

‖ The lifting up of the jaw.

18 ¶ And he was ſore athirſt, and called on the LORD, and ſaid, Thou haſt given this great deliverance into the hand of thy ſervant: and now ſhall I die for thirſt, and fall into the hand of the uncircumciſed?

19 But God clave an hollow place that *was* in ‖ the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his ſpirit came again, and he revived. Wherefore he called the name thereof ‖ En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day.

‖ Or, jaw.

‖ The well of him that called.

20 And he judged Iſrael in the days of the Philiſtines twenty years.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samſon at Gaza eſcapeth, and carrieth away the gates of the city. 4 Delilah, corrupted by the Philiſtines, enticeth Samſon. 6 Thrice ſhe is deceived. 15 At laſt ſhe overcometh him. 21 The Philiſtines take him, and put out his eyes. 22 His ſtrength renewing, he pulleth down the houſe upon the Philiſtines, and dieth.

THen went Samſon to Gaza, and ſaw there † an harlot, & went in unto her,

† Heb. a woman.

2 *And it was told* the Gazites, ſaying, Samſon is come hither. And they compaſſed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were † quiet all the night, ſaying, In the morning when it is day we ſhall kill him.

† Heb. ſilent.

3 And Samſon lay till midnight, & aroſe at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two poſts, & went away with them, † bar and all, and put *them* upon his ſhoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

† Heb. with the bar.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs afterward, that he loved a woman ‖ in the valley of Sorek, whoſe name *was* Delilah.

‖ Or, by the brook.

5 And the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and ſaid unto her, Entice him, and ſee wherein his great ſtrength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail againſt him, that we may bind him to ‖ afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of ſilver.

‖ Or, humble.

6 And Delilah ſaid to Samſon, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mighteſt be bound to afflict thee.

7 And

7 And Samſon ſaid unto her, If they bind me with ſeven ‖ † green withs that were never dried, then ſhall I be weak, and be as † another man.

8 Then the lords of the Philiſtines brought up to her ſeven green withs which had not been dried, and ſhe bound him with them.

9 Now *there were* men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And ſhe ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he brake the withs, as a threed of tow is broken when it †toucheth the fire. So his ſtrength was not known.

10 And Delilah ſaid unto Samſon, Behold, thou haſt mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mighteſt be bound.

11 And he ſaid unto her, If they bind me faſt with new ropes † that never were occupied, then ſhall I be weak, and be as another man.

12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And *there were* liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a threed.

13 And Delilah ſaid unto Samſon, Hitherto thou haſt mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mighteſt be bound. And he ſaid unto her, If thou weaveſt the ſeven locks of my head with the web.

14 And ſhe faſtned *it* with the pin, and ſaid unto him, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he awaked out of his ſleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

15 ¶ And ſhe ſaid unto him, How canſt thou ſay, I love thee, when thine heart *is* not with me? Thou haſt mocked me theſe three times, and haſt not told me wherein thy great ſtrength *lieth*.

16 And it came to paſs, when ſhe preſſed him daily with her words, and urged him, *ſo* that his ſoul was †vexed unto death;

17 That he told her all his heart, and ſaid unto her, [a] There hath not come a raſour upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mothers womb: if I be ſhaven, then my ſtrength will go from me, and I ſhall become weak, and be like any *other* man.

18 And when Delilah ſaw that he had told her all his heart, ſhe ſent and called for the lords of the Philiſtines, ſaying, Come up this once, for he hath ſhewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philiſtines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.

19 And ſhe made him ſleep upon her knees: and ſhe called for a man, and ſhe cauſed him to ſhave off the ſeven locks of his head; and ſhe began to afflict him, and his ſtrength went from him.

20 And ſhe ſaid, The Philiſtines *be* upon thee, Samſon. And he awoke out of his ſleep, and ſaid, I will go out as at other times before, and ſhake my ſelf. And he wiſt not that the LORD was departed from him.

21 ¶ But the Philiſtines took him, and † put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of braſs; & he did grinde in the priſon-houſe.

22 Howbeit, the hair of his head began to grow again, ‖ after he was ſhaven.

23 Then the lords of the Philiſtines gathered them together, for to offer a great ſacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoyce: for they ſaid, Our God hath delivered Samſon our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people ſaw him, they praiſed their god: for they ſaid, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the deſtroyer of our countrey, †which ſlew many of us.

25 And it came to paſs when their hearts were merry, that they ſaid, Call for Samſon, that he may make us ſport. And they called for Samſon out of the priſon-houſe; and he made them † ſport. And they ſet him between the pillars.

26 And Samſon ſaid unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the houſe ſtandeth, that I may lean upon them.

27 Now the houſe was full of men and women: and all the lords of the Philiſtines

† Heb. he edout.

‖ Or, as when he was ſhaven.

† Heb. and who multiplyed our ſlain.

† Heb. before them.

were there: and *there were* upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, onely this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and ‖ on which it was born up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

‖ Or, *he leaned on them.*

30 And Samson said, Let † me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were mo then *they* which he slew in his life.

† Heb. *my soul.*

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came down and took him, and brought *him* up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Of the money that Micah first stole, then restored, his mother maketh images, 5 and he ornaments for them. 7 He hireth a Levite to be his priest.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name *was* Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

3 And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD, from my hand, for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother: and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an [a] ephod, and [b] teraphim, and † consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 [c] In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who *was* a Levite, and he sojourned there.

8 And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find *a place*: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, † as he journeyed.

9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I *am* a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find *a place*.

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and ‖ † a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

‖ Heb. *double.*

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man, and the young man was unto him as one of his sons.

12 And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to *my* priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Danites send five men to seek out an inheritance. 3 At the house of Micah they consult with Jonathan, and are encouraged in their way. 7 They search Laish, and bring back news of good hope. 11 Six hundred men are sent to surprise it. 14 In the way they rob Micah of his priest and his consecrate things. 27 They win Laish, and call it Dan. 30 They set up idolatry, wherein Jonathan inherited the priesthood.

IN [a] those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days [b] the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in: for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel.

2 And

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their coasts, †men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land. Who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in this *place*? and what hast thou here?

4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his priest.

5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous.

6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye go.

7 ¶ Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no † magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing: and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and behold, it *is* very good: and *are* ye still? be not slothful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land.

10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands: a place where *there is* no want of any thing that *is* in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol six hundred men, † appointed with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan, unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath jearim.

13 And they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, & came unto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the house of Micah, and † saluted him.

† Heb. asked him of peace.

16 And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children of Dan, stood by the entring of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spy out the land, went up, *and* came in thither, *and* took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entring of the gate, with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of war.

18 And these went into Micahs house, and fetched the carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image. Then said ỹ priest unto them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, & be to us a father and a priest: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the priests heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattel, and the carriage before them.

22 ¶ *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micahs house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan.

23 And they cryed unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said

unto Micah, What aileth thee, † that thou comest with such a company?

† Heb. what thou art gathered together.

24 And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what is this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest † angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

† Heb. bitter of soul.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

27 And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people *that were* at quiet, and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire.

28 And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it *was* in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the [c] city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first.

[c] Josh. 19. 47.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons, were priests to the tribe of Dan, until the day of the captivity of the land.

31 And they set them up Micahs graven image, which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *A Levite goeth to Beth-lehem to fetch home his wife.* 16 *An old man entertaineth him at Gibeah.* 22 *The Gibeathites abuse his concubine to death.* 29 *He divideth her into twelve pieces, to send them to the twelve tribes.*

[a] Chap. 17. 6. & 18. 1. & 21. 25.

AND it came to pass in those days, [a] when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him † a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah

† Heb. a woman a concubine, or a wife a concubine.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her fathers house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there ‖ † four whole moneths.

‖ Or, a year and four moneths.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her to speak † friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses. And she brought him into her fathers house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoyced to meet him.

† Heart.

4 And his father in law, the damsels father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsels father said unto his son in law, † Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way.

† Strengthen.

6 And they sat down and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsels father had said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry.

7 And when the man rose up to depart, his father in law urged him: therefore he lodged there again.

8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: and the damsels father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried † untill after noon, and they did eat both of them.

† Heb. untill they let the day decline.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he and his concubine and his servant, his father in law, the damsels father, said unto him, Behold, now the day † draweth towards evening, I pray you, tarry all night: behold, † the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go † home.

† Heb. to go.

† Heb. the day is weak to decline. † Heb. to go.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came † over against Jebus, which *is* Jerusalem: and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him.

† Heb. before.

11 *And* when they *were* by Jebus, the day was far spent, and the servant said unto

unto his maſter, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebuſites, and lodge in it.

12 And his maſter ſaid unto him, We will not turn aſide hither into the city of a ſtranger, that *is* not of the children of Iſrael; we will paſs over to Gibeah.

13 And he ſaid unto his ſervant, Come, and let us draw near to one of theſe places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they paſſed on and went their way; and the ſun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aſide thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah. And when he went in, he ſat him down in a ſtreet of the city: for *there was* no man that took them into his houſe to lodging.

16 ¶ And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even, which *was* alſo of mount Ephraim; and he ſojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjamites.

17 And when he had lift up his eyes, he ſaw a wayfaring man in the ſtreet of the city: and the old man ſaid, Whither goeſt thou? and whence comeſt thou?

18 And he ſaid unto him, We *are* paſſing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the ſide of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the houſe of the LORD; and there *is* no man ẏ † receiveth me to houſe.

19 Yet there is both ſtraw and provender for our aſſes; and there is bread and wine alſo for me and for thy hand-maid, and for the young man *which is* with thy ſervants: *there is* no want of any thing.

20 And the old man ſaid, Peace *be* with thee; howſoever, *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; [b] onely lodge not in the ſtreet.

21 So he brought him into his houſe, and gave provender unto the aſſes: and they waſhed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 ¶ *Now* as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain ſons of Belial, beſet the houſe round about, *and* beat at the door, and ſpake to the maſter of the houſe, the old man, ſaying, Bring forth the man that came into thine houſe, that we may know him.

23 And [d] the man, the maſter of the houſe, went out unto them, and ſaid unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*, I pray you, do not *ſo* wickedly; ſeeing that this man is come into mine houſe, do not this folly.

24 Behold, *here is* my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what ſeemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not † ſo vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: ſo the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abuſed her all the night untill the morning: and when the day began to ſpring, they let her go.

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the mans houſe, where her lord *was*, till it was light.

27 And her lord roſe up in the morning, and opened the doors of the houſe, and went out to go his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the houſe, and her hands *were* upon the threſhold.

28 And he ſaid unto her, Up, and let us be going. But none anſwered. Then the man took her *up* upon an aſs, and the man roſe up, and gat him unto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his houſe, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, *together* with her bones, into twelve pieces, and ſent her into all the coaſts of Iſrael.

30 And it was ſo, that all that ſaw it ſaid, There was no ſuch deed done nor ſeen from the day that the children of Iſrael came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: conſider of it, take advice, & ſpeak *your minds*.

CHAP. XX.

1 *The Levite in a general aſſembly declareth his wrong.* 8 *The decree of the aſſembly.* 12 *The Benjamites being cited, make head againſt the Iſraelites.* 18 *The Iſraelites in two battels loſe fourty thouſand.* 26 *They deſtroy by a ſtratagem all the Benjamites, except ſix hundred.*

THen all the children of Iſrael went out, and the congregation was gathered

[d] Gen. 19. 6.

† Heb. the matter of this folly.

thered together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh.

2 And the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh. Then said the children of Israel, Tell *us*, how was this wickedness?

† Heb. the man the Levite. 4 And † the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night, *and* thought to have slain me: *and* my concubine have they † forced, that she is dead.

† Heb. humbled.

6 And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

7 Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel, give here your advice and counsel.

8 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of us* go to his tent, neither will we any *of us* turn into his house.

9 But now, this *shall be* the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *We will go up* by lot against it:

10 And we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

† Heb. fellows. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, † knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness *is* this that is done among you?

13 Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities, unto Gibeah, to go out to battel against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbred at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seven hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men [a] left-handed; every one could sling stones at an hair-*breadth*, and not miss.

[a] Or, shut of the right hand.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbred four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were* men of war.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and [b] asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first.

[b] Heb. enquired.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, & encamped against Gibeah.

20 And the men of Israel went out to battel against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselves in aray to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty and two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselves, and set their battel again in aray in the place where they put themselves in aray the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD untill even, and asked counsell of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up again to battel against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him)

24 And

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men: all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel and all the people went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day untill even, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,

28 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battel against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up: for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

29 And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in aray against Gibeah as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began † to smite of the people, *and* kill as at other times, in the high-ways, of which one goeth up to || the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the high-ways.

33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in aray at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the medows of Gibeah.

34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battel was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten. For the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait || drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.

38 Now there was an appointed || sign between the men of Israel † and the liers in wait, that they should make a great † flame with smoke to rise up out of ỹ city.

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battel, Benjamin began † to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us as *in* the first battel.

40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, † the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.

41 And when the men of Israel turned again, ỹ men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil † was come upon them.

42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battel overtook them: and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 *Thus* they enclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down || with ease † over against Gibeah toward the sun rising.

44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men: all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in ỹ high-ways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

|| Or, *made a long* sound with the trumpets.
|| Or, *time.*
† Heb. *with.*
† Heb. *elevation*
† Heb. *to smite the wounded.*
† Heb. *the whole consumption.*
† Heb. *touched them.*
|| Or, *from Menuchah, &c.*
† Heb. *unto over against.*

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword: all these *were* men of valour.

47 [c] But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, & abode in ŷ rock Rimmon four moneths.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that † came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that † they came to.

[c] Chap. 21. 13.

† Heb. was found. † Heb. were found.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The people bewail the desolation of Benjamin. 8 By the destruction of Jabesh-gilead they provide them four hundred wives. 16 They advise them to surprise the virgins that dance at Shiloh.

NOw the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till even before God, and lift up their voices, and wept sore;

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the LORD? for they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

7 How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 ¶ And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD? And behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, *there were* none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go & smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this *is* the thing that ye shall do, [a] Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that † hath lien by man.

[a] Num. 31. 17. Deut. 20. 13. † Heb. knowing the lying of man.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred † young virgins that had known no man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent *some* † to speak to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to ‖ call peaceably unto them.

† Heb. and they were in the rock. ‖ Or, proclaim peace.

14 And Benjamin came again at that time; & they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin?

17 And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit, we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin.

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh † yearly *in a place* which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, ‖ on the east side ‖ of the high-way that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.

† Heb. from year to year. ‖ Or, from the east side of the high-way.

20 Therefore they commanded the children

dren of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards:

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, || Be favourable unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this time, *that* you should be guilty.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took *them* wives according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught. And they went and returned unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence every man to his inheritance.

25 [b] In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

[b] Chap. 17. 6. & 18. 1. & 19. 1.

The book of RUTH:

CHAP. I.

1 *Elimelech, driven by famine into Moab, dieth there.* 4 *Mahlon and Chilion, having married wives of Moab, die also.* 6 *Naomi returning homeward,* 8 *dissuadeth her two daughters in law from going with her.* 14 *Orpah leaveth her, but Ruth with great constancy accompanieth her.* 19 *They two come to Beth-lehem, where they are gladly received.*

NOw it came to pass in the days when the judges † ruled, that there was [a] a famine in ỹ land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the countrey of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

2 And the name of the man *was* Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the countrey of Moab, and † continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died, and she was left, and her two sons.

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the countrey of Moab: for she had heard in the countrey of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her: and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.

8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, [b] Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

[b] See Josh. 24. 15.

9 The LORD grant you that you may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them. And they lift up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, || *if* I should have a husband also to night, and should also bear sons;

|| Or, *if I were with an husband.*

13 Would ye † tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters: for † it grieveth me much for your sakes, that [c] the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

† Heb. hope.

† Heb. *I have much bitterness.*

[c] Job 19. 21.

14 And they lift up their voice, and wept

wept again. And Orpah kiſſed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And ſhe ſaid, Behold, thy ſiſter in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: [a] return thou after thy ſiſter in law.

16 And Ruth ſaid, ‖ Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goeſt, I will go; and where thou lodgeſt, I will lodge: thy people *ſhall be* my people, and thy God my God.

17 Where thou dieſt, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do ſo to me, and more alſo, *if ought* but death part thee and me.

18 When ſhe ſaw that ſhe † was ſtedfaſtly minded to go with her, then ſhe left ſpeaking unto her.

19 ¶ So they two went untill they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to paſs when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they ſaid, *Is* this Naomi?

20 And ſhe ſaid unto them, Call me not ‖ Naomi, call me ‖ Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, ſeeing the LORD hath teſtified againſt me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabiteſs her daughter in law with her, which returned out of the countrey of Moab. And they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley-harveſt.

CHAP. II.

1 Ruth gleaneth in the field of Boaz. 4 Boaz taking knowledge of her, 8 ſheweth her great favour. 18 That which ſhe got, ſhe carrieth to Naomi.

AND Naomi had a kinſman of her huſbands, a mighty man of wealth, of ‖ the family of Elimelech; & his name *was* Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabiteſs ſaid unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whoſe ſight I ſhall find grace. And ſhe ſaid unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And ſhe went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her † hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ¶ And behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and ſaid unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they anſwered him, The LORD bleſs thee.

5 Then ſaid Boaz unto his ſervant that was ſet over the reapers, Whoſe damſel *is* this?

6 And the ſervant that was ſet over the reapers anſwered and ſaid, It *is* the Moabitiſh damſell that came back with Naomi out of the countrey of Moab:

7 And ſhe ſaid, I pray you, let me glean, and gather after the reapers amongſt the ſheaves. So ſhe came, and hath continued even from the morning untill now, that ſhe tarried a little in the houſe.

8 Then ſaid Boaz unto Ruth, Heareſt thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here faſt by my maidens.

9 *Let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they ſhall not touch thee? and when thou art athirſt, go unto the veſſels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn.

10 Then ſhe fell on her face, and bowed her ſelf to the ground, and ſaid unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou ſhouldeſt take knowledge of me, ſeeing I *am* a ſtranger?

11 And Boaz anſwered and ſaid unto her, It hath fully been ſhewed me all that thou haſt done unto thy mother in law ſince the death of thine husband: and how thou haſt left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou kneweſt not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompenſe thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Iſrael, under whoſe wings thou art come to truſt.

13 Then ſhe ſaid, ‖ Let me find favour in thy ſight, my lord, for that thou haſt comforted me, and for that thou haſt ſpoken † friendly unto thine hand-maid, though

[a] See Joſh. 24. 15, 19. 2 King. 2. 2. Luk. 24. 28.

‖ Or, Be not againſt me

† Heb. ſtrengthned her ſelf.

‖ That is, Pleaſant.

‖ That is, Bitter.

‖ Called Boaz. Mat. 1. 5

† Heb. hap happened.

‖ Or, ſpeak to the heart.

† Heb. ſpeak to the heart.

though I be not like unto one of thine hand-maidens.

14 And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vineger. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and † reproach her not.

† Heb. *shame her not.*

16 And let fall also *some* of the handfulls of purpose for her, and leave *them* that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field untill even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

18 ¶ And she took *it* up, and went into the city. And her mother in law saw what she had gleaned. And she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The mans name with whom I wrought to day *is* Boaz.

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, ‖ one of our next kinsmen.

‖ Or, *one that hath right to redeem.*

21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men untill they have ended all my harvest.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they ‖ meet thee not in any other field.

‖ Or, *fall upon thee.*

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley-harvest, and of wheat-harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

1 By Naomi her instruction, 5 Ruth lieth at Boaz his feet. 8 Boaz acknowledgeth the right of a kinsman. 14 He sendeth her away with six measures of barley.

THen Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing-floor.

3 Wash thy self therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: *but* make not thy self known unto the man untill he shall have done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and ‖ uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

‖ Or, *lift up the clothes that are on his feet.*

5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

6 ¶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bad her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

8 ¶ And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and ‖ turned himself: and behold, a woman lay at his feet.

‖ Or, *took hold on him.*

9 And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine hand-maid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine hand-maid; for thou *art* ‖ a near kinsman.

‖ Or, *one that hath right to redeem.*

10 And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end then at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the † city of my people doth know that thou *art* a vertuous woman.

† Heb. *gate.*

12 And now it is true that I *am thy* near

near kinſman: howbeit there is a kinſman nearer then I.

13 Tarry this night, and it ſhall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinſman, well, let him do the kinſmans part: but if he will not do the part of a kinſman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinſman to thee, *as* the LORD liveth: lie down untill the morning.

14 ¶ And ſhe lay at his feet untill the morning: and ſhe roſe up before one could know another. And he ſaid, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

‖ Or, sheet or, apron.

15 Alſo he ſaid, Bring the ‖ veil that *thou haſt* upon thee, and hold it. And when ſhe held it, he meaſured ſix *meaſures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and ſhe went into the city.

16 And when ſhe came to her mother in law, ſhe ſaid, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And ſhe told her all that the man had done to her.

17 And ſhe ſaid, Theſe ſix *meaſures* of barley gave he me; for he ſaid to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

18 Then ſaid ſhe, Sit ſtill, my daughter, untill thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in reſt untill he have finiſhed the thing this day.

CHAP. IV.

1 Boaz calleth into judgement the next kinſman. 6 He refuſeth the redemption according to the manner in Iſrael. 9 Boaz buyeth the inheritance. 10 He marrieth Ruth. 13 She beareth Obed the grandfather of David. 18 The generation of Pharez.

THen went Boaz up to the gate, and ſat him down there. And behold, the kinſman of whom Boaz ſpake came by; unto whom he ſaid, Ho, ſuch a one, turn aſide, ſit down here. And he turned aſide, and ſat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and ſaid, Sit ye down here. And they ſat down.

3 And he ſaid unto the kinſman, Naomi, that is come again out of the countrey of Moab, ſelleth a parcel of land which *was* our brother Elimelechs.

† Heb. I ſaid, I will reveal in thine ear.

4 And † I thought to advertiſe thee, ſaying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*: but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, *then* tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beſides thee, and I *am* after thee. And he ſaid, I will redeem *it*.

5 Then ſaid Boaz, What day thou buyeſt the field of the hand of Naomi, thou muſt buy *it* alſo of Ruth the Moabiteſs, the wife of the dead, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.

6 ¶ And the kinſman ſaid, I cannot redeem *it* for my ſelf, leſt I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thy ſelf; for I cannot redeem *it*.

a Deut. 25. 7.

7 [a] Now this *was the manner* in former time in Iſrael concerning redeeming, and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; A man plucked off his ſhoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a teſtimony in Iſrael.

8 Therefore the kinſman ſaid unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off his ſhoe.

9 ¶ And Boaz ſaid unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, Ye *are* witneſſes this day that I have bought all that *was* Elimelechs, and all that *was* Chilions and Mahlons, of the hand of Naomi.

10 Moreover, Ruth the Moabiteſs, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchaſed to be my wife, to raiſe up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: Ye *are* witneſſes this day.

11 And all the people that *were* in the gate, and the elders ſaid, *We are* witneſſes. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine houſe like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the houſe of Iſrael: and ‖ do thou worthily in Ephratah, and † be famous in Beth-lehem.

‖ Or, get riches, or, power. † Heb. proclaim by name. Gen. 48. 20. Ruth 4. 14.

12 And let thy houſe be like the houſe of Pharez, [b] whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the ſeed which the LORD ſhall give thee of this young woman.

b Gen. 38. 29. 1 Chron. 2. 4. Matth. 1. 3.

13 ¶ So Boaz took Ruth, and ſhe was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and ſhe bare a ſon.

14 And

14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed *be* the LORD which hath not † left thee this day without a ‖ kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.

15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and † a nourisher of † thine old age. For thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is [c] better to thee then seven sons, hath born him.

16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed. He *is* the father of Jesse, the father of David.

18 ¶ Now these are the generations of Pharez: [d] Pharez begat Hezron,

19 And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat ‖ Salmon,

21 And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed,

22 And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

[d] 1 Chr. 2. 4, &c. Mat. 1. 3.

‖ Or, Salmah.

The first book of SAMUEL, otherwise called, The first book of the KINGS.

CHAP. I.

1 Elkanah a Levite, having two wives, worshippeth yearly at Shiloh. 4 He cherisheth Hannah, though barren, and provoked by Peninnah. 9 Hannah in grief prayeth for a child. 12 Eli first rebuking her, afterwards blesseth her. 19 Hannah, having born Samuel, stayeth at home till he be weaned. 24 She presenteth him, according to her vow, to the LORD.

NOw there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of mount Ephraim, and his name *was* [a] Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite.

2 And he had two wives; the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

3 And this man went up out of his city [b] † yearly, to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, *were* there.

4 ¶ And when the time was *y* Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions.

5 But unto Hannah he gave ‖ a worthy portion: for he loved Hannah; but the LORD had shut up her womb;

6 And her adversary also † provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.

7 And *as* he did so year by year, ‖ † when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her: therefore she wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? *am* not I [c] better to thee then ten sons?

9 ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she *was* † in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine hand-maid, and remember me, and not forget thine hand-maid, but wilt give unto thine hand-maid † a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, & [d] there shall no rasour come upon his head.

12 And it came to pass as she † continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

14 And

† Heb. angred her.

‖ Or, from the time that she, &c. † Heb. from her going up.

[c] Ruth 4. 15.

† Heb. bitter of soul.

† Heb. seed of men.

[a] Numb. 6. 5. Judg. 13. 5.

† Heb. multiplied to pray.

14 And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I *am* a woman † of a sorrowfull spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

† Heb. hard of spirit.

16 Count not thine hand-maid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my ‖ complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.

‖ Or, meditation.

17 Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant *thee* thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine hand-maid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

19 ¶ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembred her.

† Heb. in revolution of days.

20 Wherefore it came to pass, † when the time was come about, after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name ‖ Samuel, *saying*, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

‖ That is, Asked of God.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow.

22 But Hannah went not up: for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up* untill the child be weaned, and *then* I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever.

23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry untill thou have weaned him; onely the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, & gave her son suck untill she weaned him.

24 ¶ And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child *was* young.

25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, O my lord, [e] *as* thy soul liveth, my lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD.

[e] Gen. 42. 15. ‖ Or, reserved him. ‖ Or, I have asked him of the LORD. ‖ Or, he hath lent him. I have asked him, granted by petition to the LORD.

27 For this child I prayed: and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of him.

28 Therefore also I have ‖ lent him to the LORD as long as he liveth; ‖ he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

1 Hannahs song in thankfulness. 12 The sin of Eli's sons. 18 Samuels ministery. 20 By Eli's blessing, Hannah is more fruitfull. 22 Eli reproveth his sons. 27 A prophesie against Eli's house.

AND Hannah prayed, and said, [a] My heart rejoyceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies: because I rejoyce in thy salvation.

[a] See Luke 1. 46, &c.

2 [b] *There is* none holy as the LORD: for *there is* none beside thee: neither *is there* any rock like our God.

[b] Deut. 32. 4. Psal. 18. 2. & 89. 6, 8.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; [c] let *not* † arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

[c] Mal. 3. 13. Jude 15. † Heb. hard.

4 The bowes of the mighty men *are* broken, and they that stumbled are girt with strength.

5 [d] *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread; and *they that were* hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and [e] she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

[d] Psal. 34. 10. Luke 1. 53. [e] Jer. 15. 9.

6 [f] The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, & bringeth up.

[f] Deut. 32. 39.

7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: [g] he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

[g] Psal. 75. 7.

8 He [h] raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the begger from the dunghill, [i] to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORDS, and he hath set the world upon them.

[h] Psal. 113. 7. [i] Job 36. 7.

9 [k] He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness: for by strength shall no man prevail.

[k] Psal. 91. 11.

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces: [l] out of heaven shall he

[l] Or, against them shall he thunder in heaven, &c.

he thunder upon them: the LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and [m] exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house: and the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.

12 ¶ Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

13 And the priests custom with the people *was*, *that* when any man offered sacrifice, the priests servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh hook of three teeth in his hand:

14 And he strook *it* into [n] the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the flesh-hook brought up, the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priests servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest: for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

16 And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat † presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

18 ¶ But Samuel ministred before the LORD, *being* a child, [o] girded with a linen ephod.

19 Moreover, his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

20 ¶ And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman, for the || loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bare three sons, and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 ¶ Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that † assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for || I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

24 Nay, my sons: for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORDS people || to transgress.

25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkned not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

26 And the child Samuel grew on, and was [p] in favour both with the LORD and also with men.

27 ¶ And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs house?

28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and [q] did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice & at mine offering [w]ch I have commanded *in my* habitation, & honourest thy sons above me, to make your selves fat [w]th the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed *that* thy house and the house of thy father should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and [r] they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, [s] the days come that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy fathers house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

32 And thou shalt see || an enemy *in my* habitation, in all *the* wealth which *God* shall give Israel: and there shall not be [t] an old man in thine house for ever.

33 And

[m] Psal. 89. 24.

[n] See Exod. 27. 3.

[o] Heb. *girt about.*

[p] Luke 2. 52.

[q] Deut. 12. 6. Psal. 66. 13, 15. Mal. 3. 8. Heb. *kick.*

[r] 1 Sam. 2. 30. Luke 10. 16. Heb. *vile.*

[s] Jer. 15. 9. Dan. 9. 26.

[t] Gen. 25. 23. Or, *reserved from.* Num. 12. 7. Heb. *burnt about.* Josh. 11. 20. Heb. *caused by Jehovah.* Or, *presumptuously against the* LORD. || Or, *he weaned.* Psal. 131. 2. Heb. *weaned.* Prov. 30. 16. Heb. *restrained.* Eli's sing, sons.

[u] See Exod. 29. 13, 22.

[v] Deut. 33. 8, 9. Psal. 65. 4. & 84. 4, 8. Mal. 3. 13. Judges 18. 19. Heb. *hard.*

[w] Psal. 34. 11. Luke 1. 53.

[x] Deut. 32. 36. Psal. 135. 14. Heb. 10. 30. Or, *promise.* Heb. *give.* Psal. 105. 15. Heb. *Mine anointed.* Psal. 91. 14. 1 Chron. 16. 22.

† Heb. *assembled by troops.*

|| Or, *I hear evil words of you.*

|| Or, *to cry out*

[p] Prov. 3. 4. Luke 2. 52.

[q] Acts 2. 47. Rom. 14. 18.

[r] Levit. 10. 14. Numb. 18. 8.

[s] Mal. 2. 9.

[t] 1 King. 2. 27. Ezek. 44. 10. See Chap. 4. 11, 18, 20. & 14. 3, & 22. 18. &c. || Or, *the affliction of the tabernacle for all the wealth which God would have given Israel.* † See Zech. 8. 4.

33 And the man of thine *whom* I ſhall not cut off from mine altar, *ſhall be* to conſume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increaſe of thine houſe ſhall die † in the flower of their age.

† Heb. men.

34 And this *ſhall be* a ſign unto thee that ſhall come upon thy two ſons, on Hophni and Phinehas; [a] In one day they ſhall die both of them.

[a] Chap. 4. 11.

35 And I will raiſe me up a faithfull prieſt, *that* ſhall do according to *that* which *is* in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a ſure houſe; and he ſhall walk before mine Anointed for ever.

36 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* every one that is left in thine houſe ſhall come *and* crouch to him for a piece of ſilver and a morſel of bread, and ſhall ſay, † Put me, I pray thee, into || one of the prieſts offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

† Heb. Joyn. || Or, ſomewhat about the prieſthood.

CHAP. III.

1 How the word of the Lord was firſt revealed to Samuel. 11 God telleth Samuel the deſtruction of Eli's houſe. 15 Samuel, though loth, telleth Eli the viſion. 19 Samuel groweth in credit.

AND the child Samuel miniſtred unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in thoſe days; *there was* no open viſion.

2 And it came to paſs at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not ſee;

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel was laid down *to ſleep*;

4 That the LORD called Samuel. And he anſwered, Here *am* I.

5 And he ran unto Eli, and ſaid, Here *am* I; for thou calledſt me. And he ſaid, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel aroſe, and went to Eli, and ſaid, Here *am* I; for thou didſt call me. And he anſwered, I called not, my ſon; lie down again.

7 || Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

|| Or, *Thus did Samuel before he knew the LORD, and before the word of the LORD was revealed unto him.*

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he aroſe, and went to Eli, and ſaid, Here *am* I; for thou didſt call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore Eli ſaid unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it ſhall be, if he call thee, that thou ſhalt ſay, Speak, LORD; for thy ſervant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and ſtood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel anſwered, Speak; for thy ſervant heareth.

11 ¶ And the LORD ſaid to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Iſrael, at which both the ears of [a] every one that heareth it ſhall tingle.

[a] 2 King. 21. 12. Jer. 19. 3.

12 In that day I will perform againſt Eli [b] all *things* which I have ſpoken concerning his houſe: † when I begin, I will alſo make an end.

[b] Chap. 2. 30. † Heb. Begin and make an end.

13 || [c] For I have told him, that I will judge his houſe for ever, for the iniquity which he knoweth: becauſe his ſons made themſelves vile, & he reſtrained them not.

[c] Heb. 12. 25. || Or, And.

14 And therefore I have ſworn unto the houſe of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's houſe ſhall not be purged with ſacrifice nor offering for ever.

15 ¶ And Samuel lay untill the morning, and opened the doors of the houſe of the LORD. And Samuel feared to ſhew Eli the viſion.

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and ſaid, Samuel my ſon. And he anſwered, Here *am* I.

17 And he ſaid, What *is* the thing that *the LORD* hath ſaid unto thee? I pray thee, hide *it* not from me. God do ſo to thee, and † more alſo, if thou hide *any* || thing from me of all the things that he ſaid unto thee.

† Heb. Add. || Or, word.

18 And Samuel told him † every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he ſaid, It *is* the LORD: let him do what ſeemeth him good.

† Heb. every word.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Iſrael from Dan even to Beer-

Beer-ſheba knew that Samuel *was* ||eſtabliſhed *to be* a prophet of the LORD.

21 And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himſelf to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

1 The Iſraelites are overcome by the Philiſtines at Eben-ezer. 3 They fetch the ark, to the terrour of the Philiſtines. 10 They are ſmitten again, the ark taken, Hophni and Phinehas ſlain. 12 Eli at the news, falling backward, breaketh his neck. 19 Phinehas wife, diſcouraged in her travail with I-chabod, dieth.

AND the word of Samuel ||† came to all Iſrael. Now Iſrael went out againſt the Philiſtines to battel, and pitched beſide [a] Eben-ezer: and the Philiſtines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philiſtines put themſelves in aray againſt Iſrael. And *when* †they joyned battel, Iſrael was ſmitten before the Philiſtines: and they ſlew of †the army in the field about four thouſand men.

3 ¶ And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Iſrael ſaid, Wherefore hath the LORD ſmitten us to day before the Philiſtines: Let us †fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that when it cometh among us, it may ſave us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people ſent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hoſts, which dwelleth *between* [b] the cherubims: and the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there, with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Iſrael ſhouted with a great ſhout, ſo that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philiſtines heard the noiſe of the ſhout, they ſaid, What *meaneth* the noiſe of this great ſhout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they underſtood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp.

7 And the Philiſtines were afraid: for they ſaid, God is come into the camp. And they ſaid, Wo unto us; for there hath not been ſuch a thing †heretofore.

8 Wo unto us: who ſhall deliver us out of the hand of theſe mighty Gods? theſe *are* the Gods that ſmote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderneſs.

9 Be ſtrong, and quit your ſelves like men, O ye Philiſtines, that ye be not ſervants unto the Hebrews, [c] as they have been to you: † quit your ſelves like men, and fight.

10 ¶ And the Philiſtines fought, and [d] Iſrael was ſmitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great ſlaughter; for there fell of Iſrael thirty thouſand footmen.

11 And [e] the ark of God was taken; and [f] the two ſons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, †were ſlain.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the ſame day with his clothes rent, and [g] with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli ſat upon [h] a ſeat by the way-ſide, watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told *it*, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noiſe of the crying, he ſaid, What *meaneth* the noiſe of this tumult? And the man came in haſtily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli *was* ninety and eight years old; and [i] his eyes †were dim, that he could not ſee.

16 And the man ſaid unto Eli, I *am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he ſaid, What †is there done, my ſon?

17 And the meſſenger anſwered and ſaid, Iſrael is fled before the Philiſtines, and there hath been alſo a great ſlaughter among the people, and thy two ſons alſo, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken.

18 And it came to paſs when he made mention of the ark of God, that [k] he fell from off the ſeat backward by the ſide of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Iſrael fourty years.

19 ¶ And

19 ¶ And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with child *near* ‖ to be delivered: and when ſhe heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, ſhe bowed her ſelf and travailed; for her pains † came upon her.

‖ Or, *to cry out.*

† Heb. *were turned.*

20 And about the time of her death, the women that ſtood by her ſaid unto her, Fear not; for thou haſt born a ſon. But ſhe anſwered not, † neither did ſhe regard *it.*

† Heb. *ſet not her heart.*

21 And ſhe named the child ‖ [k] I-chabod, ſaying, The glory is departed from Iſrael. Becauſe the ark of God was taken, and becauſe of her father in law and her husband.

‖ That is, *Where is the glory?* or, *There is no glory.*

22 And ſhe ſaid, The glory is departed from Iſrael: for the ark of God is taken.

[k] Chap. 14. 3.

CHAP. V.

1 The Philiſtines having brought the ark into Aſhdod, ſet it in the houſe of Dagon. 3 Dagon is ſmitten down and cut in pieces, and they of Aſhdod ſmitten with emerods. 8 So God dealeth with them of Gath, when the ark is brought thither: 10 and ſo with them of Ekron, when it is brought thither.

AND the Philiſtines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Aſhdod.

2 When the Philiſtines took the ark of God, they brought it into the houſe of Dagon, and ſet it by Dagon.

3 ¶ And when they of Aſhdod aroſe early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and ſet him in his place again.

4 And when they aroſe early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* faln upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD: and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threſhold; onely ‖ *the ſtump of* Dagon was left to him.

‖ Or, *the fiſhy part.*

5 Therefore neither the prieſts of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagons houſe, tread on the threſhold of Dagon in Aſhdod unto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Aſhdod, and he deſtroyed them, and ſmote them with [a] emerods, *even* Aſhdod and the coaſts thereof.

[a] Pſal. 78. 66.

7 And when the men of Aſhdod ſaw that *it was* ſo, they ſaid, The ark of the God of Iſrael ſhall not abide with us: for his hand is ſore upon us, and upon Dagon our god.

8 They ſent therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philiſtines unto them, and ſaid, What ſhall we do with the ark of the God of Iſrael? And they anſwered, Let the ark of the God of Iſrael be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Iſrael about *thither.*

9 And it was *ſo*, that after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was againſt the city with a very great deſtruction: and he ſmote the men of the city both ſmall and great, and they had emerods in their ſecret parts.

10 Therefore they ſent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to paſs as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, ſaying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Iſrael to us, to ſlay us and our people.

11 So they ſent and gathered together all the lords of the Philiſtines, and ſaid, Send away the ark of the God of Iſrael, and let it go again to his own place, that it ſlay us not, & our people. For there was a deadly deſtruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not, were ſmitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAP. VI.

1 After ſeven moneths the Philiſtines take counſel how to ſend back the ark. 10 They bring it on a new cart with an offering unto Beth-ſhemeſh. 19 The people are ſmitten for looking into the ark. 21 They ſend to them of Kirjath-jearim to fetch it.

AND the ark of the LORD was in the countrey of the Philiſtines ſeven moneths.

2 And the Philiſtines called for the prieſts and the diviners, ſaying, What ſhall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we ſhall ſend it to his place.

3 And they ſaid, If ye ſend away the ark of the God of Iſrael, ſend it not empty; but in any wiſe return him a treſpaſs-offering: then ye ſhall be healed, and it ſhall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you.

4 Then

4 Then ſaid they, What *ſhall be* the treſpaſs-offering wch we ſhall return to him? They anſwered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philiſtines: for one plague *was* on † you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye ſhall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that [a] marr the land; and ye ſhall give glory unto the God of Iſrael: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, [b] as the Egyptians & Pharaoh hardned their hearts? when he had wrought ‖ wonderfully among them, [c] did they not let † the people go, and they departed?

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them:

8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him *for* a treſpaſs-offering, in a coffer by the ſide thereof; and ſend it away, that it may go.

9 And ſee, if it goeth up by the way of his own coaſt to Beth-ſhemeſh, *then* ‖ he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we ſhall know that *it is* not his hand *that* ſmote us; it *was* a chance *that* hapned to us.

10 ¶ And the men did ſo: and took two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and ſhut up their calves at home:

11 And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods.

12 And the kine took the ſtraight way to the way of Beth-ſhemeſh, *and* went along the high-way, lowing as they went, and turned not aſide to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philiſtines went after them unto the border of Beth-ſhemeſh.

13 And *they of* Beth-ſhemeſh *were* reaping their wheat-harveſt in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and ſaw the ark, and rejoyced to ſee *it*.

14 And the cart came into the field of Joſhua a Beth-ſhemite, and ſtood there, where *there was* a great ſtone: And they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great ſtone: & the men of Beth-ſhemeſh offered burnt-offerings, & ſacrificed ſacrifices the ſame day unto the LORD.

16 And when the five lords of the Philiſtines had ſeen *it*, they returned to Ekron the ſame day.

17 And theſe *are* the golden emerods which the Philiſtines returned *for* a treſpaſs-offering unto the LORD; for Aſhdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one:

18 And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philiſtines *belonging* to the five lords, *both* of fenced cities and of countrey-villages, even unto the ‖ great *ſtone of* Abel, whereon they ſet down the ark of the LORD: *which ſtone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joſhua the Beth-ſhemite.

‖ Or, great ſtone.

19 ¶ And he ſmote the men of Beth-ſhemeſh, becauſe they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he ſmote of the people fifty thouſand and threeſcore and ten men. And the people lamented, becauſe the LORD had ſmitten *many* of the people with a great ſlaughter.

20 And ŷ men of Beth-ſhemeſh ſaid, Who is able to ſtand before this holy LORD God? and to whom ſhall he go up from us?

21 ¶ And they ſent meſſengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, ſaying, The Philiſtines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

CHAP. VII.

1 *They of Kirjath-jearim bring the ark into the houſe of Abinadab, and ſanctifie Eleazar his ſon to keep it.* 2 *After twenty years* 3 *the Iſraelites, by Samuels means, ſolemnly repent at Mizpeh.* 9 *While Samuel prayeth and ſacrificeth, the Lord diſcomfiteth the Philiſtines by thunder at Eben-ezer.* 13 *The Philiſtines are ſubdued.* 15 *Samuel peaceably and religiouſly judgeth Iſrael.*

AND the men of Kirjath jearim came, and fetcht up the ark of the LORD, [a] Pſal. 132. 6.

and brought it into the house of [b] Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* [c] put away the strange gods and [d] Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and [e] serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away [f] Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, † Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 ¶ And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt-offering wholly unto the LORD: and [g] Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD || heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to battel against Israel: but the LORD thundred with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them, and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until *they came* under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it || Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

13 ¶ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath, and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year † in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places.

17 And his return *was* to Ramah: for there *was* his house: and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By occasion of the ill government of Samuels sons, the Israelites ask a king. 6 Samuel, praying in grief, is comforted by God. 10 He telleth the manner of a King. 19 God willeth Samuel to yield unto the importunity of the people.

AND it came to pass when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 Now the name of his first-born was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and [a] took bribes, and perverted judgement.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now [b] make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 ¶ But the thing † displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all

[b] 2 Sam. 6. 4.

[c] Josh. 24. 14, 23. [d] Judges 2. 13.

[e] Deut. 6. 13. Matth. 4. 10. Luk. 4. 8.

[f] Judges 2. 11.

† Heb. *Be not silent from us from crying.*

[g] Psal. 99. 6.

|| Or, *answered.*

[a] Deut. 16. 19.

[b] Hos. 13. 10. Acts 13. 21.

† Heb. *was evil.*

all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but [c] they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods; so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore || hearken unto their voice: || howbeit, yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: [d] He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, & *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, & to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

14 And [e] he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive-yards, *even* the best *of them*, and give *them* to his servants.

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his † officers, and to his servants.

16 And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

19 ¶ Nevertheless, the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay, but we will have a king over us;

20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battels.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

CHAP. IX.

1 Saul despairing to find his fathers asses, 6 by the counsel of his servant, 11 and direction of young maidens, 15 according to Gods revelation, 18 cometh to Samuel. 19 Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast. 25 Samuel, after secret communication, bringeth Saul on his way.

NOw there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* [a] Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, || a Benjamite, a mighty man of || power.

2 And he had a son whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person then he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher then any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish, Sauls father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

4 And he passed through mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalisha; but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of Shalim; and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites; but they found *them* not.

5 *And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us.

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man: all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go.

7 Then said Saul to his servant, But behold, *if* we go, [b] what shall we bring the man? for the bread † is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present to

[a] Chap. 14. 51. 1 Chron. 8. 33.
|| Or, *the son of a man of Jemini.*
|| Or, *substance.*
[b] See 1 King. 14. 3.
† Heb. *is gone out of, &c.*

bring to the man of God: what † have we?

† Heb. is with us.

8 And the ſervant anſwered Saul again, and ſaid, Behold, † I have here at hand the fourth part of a ſhekel of ſilver: *that* will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

† Heb. there is found in my hand.

9 (Beforetime in Iſrael, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he ſpake, Come, and let us go to the ſeer: for *he that is* now *called* a Prophet, was beforetime called a Seer.)

10 Then ſaid Saul to his ſervant, † Well ſaid; come, let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God *was*.

† Heb. Thy word is good.

11 ¶ *And* as they went up † the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and ſaid unto them, Is the ſeer here?

† Heb. in the aſcent of the city.

12 And they anſwered them, and ſaid, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haſte now: for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a ‖ ſacrifice of the people to day in the high place.

‖ Or, *ſtuff.*

13 Aſſoon as ye be come into the city, ye ſhall ſtraightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat untill he come, becauſe he doth bleſs the ſacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about † this time ye ſhall find him.

† Heb. to day.

14 And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, Samuel came out againſt them for to go up to the high place.

15 ¶ [c] Now the LORD had † told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, ſaying,

[c] Chap. 15. 1. Acts 13. 21.

† Heb. uncovered his ear to Samuel.

16 To morrow about this time I will ſend thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou ſhalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Iſrael, that he may ſave my people out of the hand of the Philiſtines: for I have looked upon my people, becauſe their cry is come unto me.

17 And when Samuel ſaw Saul, the LORD ſaid unto him, Behold the man whom I ſpake to thee of: this ſame ſhall † reign over my people.

† Heb. reſtrain.

18 Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and ſaid, Tell me, I pray thee, where the ſeers houſe *is*.

19 And Samuel anſwered Saul, and ſaid, I *am* the ſeer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye ſhall eat with me to day: and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

20 And as for thine aſſes that were loſt † three days ago, ſet not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the deſire of Iſrael? *is it* not on thee, and on all thy fathers houſe?

† Heb. to day three days.

21 And Saul anſwered and ſaid, *Am* not I [d] a Benjamite, of the ſmalleſt of the tribes of Iſrael? and my family the leaſt of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then ſpeakeſt thou † ſo to me?

[d] Pſal. 68. 27.

† Heb. according to this word.

22 And Samuel took Saul, and his ſervant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them ſit in the chiefeſt place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty perſons.

23 And Samuel ſaid unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I ſaid unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the ſhoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and ſet *it* before Saul. And *Samuel* ſaid, Behold, that which is ‖ left, ſet *it* before thee, *and* eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee, *ſince* I ſaid, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

‖ Or, *reſerved.*

25 ¶ And when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed with Saul upon the top of the houſe.

† Heb. to ſpread the matter to ſpeak, &c.

26 And they aroſe early: and it came to paſs about the ſpring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the houſe, ſaying, Up, that I may ſend thee away. And Saul aroſe, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

† Heb. to day.

27 *And* as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel ſaid to Saul, Bid the ſervant paſs on before us, (and he paſſed on) but ſtand thou ſtill † a while, that I may ſhew thee the word of God.

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CHAP. X.

1 Samuel anointeth Saul. 2 He confirmeth him by prediction of three signs. 9 Sauls heart is changed, and he prophesieth. 14 He concealeth the matter of the kingdom from his uncle. 17 Saul is chosen at Mizpeh by lot. 26 The different affections of his subjects.

THen Samuel took a vial of oyl, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance?

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by [a] Rachels sepulchre in the border of Benjamin, at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and lo, thy father hath left † the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?

3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will † salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.

5 After that, thou shalt come to the hill of God, [b] where *is* the garison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place, with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them, and they shall prophesie.

6 And the spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesie with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

7 And † let it be when these signs are come unto thee, † *that* thou do as occasion shall serve thee; for God *is* with thee.

8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal, and behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: [c] seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

9 ¶ And it was *so*, that when he had turned his † back to go from Samuel, God † gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

11 And it came to pass when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said † one to another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? [d] *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

12 And one † of the same place answered and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ And Sauls uncle said unto him, and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

16 And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you.

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations: and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present your selves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, [e] the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of

† Heb. shoulder. † Heb. united.

† Heb. a man to his neighbour.

[a] Chap. 19. 24. † Heb. from thence.

[e] Josh. 7. 14, 16.

Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the ſon of Kiſh was taken: and when they ſought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further if the man ſhould yet come thither. And the LORD anſwered, Behold, he hath hid himſelf among the ſtuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence. And when he ſtood among the people, he was higher then any of the people from his ſhoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel ſaid to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath choſen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people ſhouted, and ſaid, † God ſave the king.

† Heb. Let the king live.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel ſent all the people away, every man to his houſe.

26 ¶ And Saul alſo went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whoſe hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial ſaid, How ſhall this man ſave us? And they deſpiſed him, and brought him no preſents. But ‖ he held his peace.

‖ Or, he was as though he had been deaf.

CHAP. XI.

1 Nahaſh offereth them of Jabeſh-gilead a reproachfull condition. 4 They ſend meſſengers, and are delivered by Saul. 12 Saul thereby is confirmed, and his kingdom renewed.

THen Nahaſh the Ammonite came up, and encamped againſt Jabeſh-gilead. And all the men of Jabeſh ſaid unto Nahaſh, Make a covenant with us, and we will ſerve thee.

2 And Nahaſh the Ammonite anſwered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thruſt out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Iſrael.

† Heb. Forbear us.

3 And the elders of Jabeſh ſaid unto him, † Give us ſeven days reſpite, that we may ſend meſſengers unto all the coaſts of Iſrael: and then, if *there be* no man to ſave us, we will come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the meſſengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people. And all the people lift up their voices, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul ſaid, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jabeſh.

6 And the ſpirit of God came upon Saul when he heard thoſe tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and ſent *them* throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael by the hands of meſſengers, ſaying, Whoſoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, ſo ſhall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out † with one conſent.

† Heb. as one man.

8 And when he numbred them in Bezek, the children of Iſrael were three hundred thouſand, and the men of Judah thirty thouſand.

9 And they ſaid unto the meſſengers that came, Thus ſhall ye ſay unto the men of Jabeſh-gilead, To morrow by *that time* the ſun be hot, ye ſhall have ‖ help. And the meſſengers came and ſhewed *it* to the men of Jabeſh; and they were glad.

‖ Or, deliverance.

10 Therefore the men of Jabeſh ſaid, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye ſhall do with us all that ſeemeth good unto you.

11 And it was *ſo* on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the midſt of the hoſt in the morning watch, and ſlew the Ammonites untill the heat of the day: and it came to paſs, that they which remained were ſcattered, ſo that two of them were not left together.

12 ¶ And the people ſaid unto Samuel, [b] Who *is* he that ſaid, Shall Saul reign over us? [c] bring the men, that we may put them to death.

[b] Chap. 10. 27. [c] See Luke 19. 27.

13 And Saul ſaid, [d] There ſhall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought ſalvation in Iſrael.

[d] Exod. 14. 13. Pſal. 22. 31.

14 Then ſaid Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And

[e] Judges 21. 2.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoyced greatly.

CHAP. XII.

1 Samuel testifieth his integrity. 6 He reproveth the people of ingratitude. 16 He terrifieth them with thunder in harvest-time. 20 He comforteth them in Gods mercy.

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkned unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

2 And now behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and gray-headed; and behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

3 Behold, [a]here I *am*: witness against me before the LORD, and before his anointed: [b]whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* † bribe ‖ to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And he said unto them, The LORD *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

6 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that ‖ advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the † righteous acts of the LORD which he did † to you and to your fathers.

8 [c]When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers [d]cried unto the LORD, then the LORD [e]sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgat the LORD their God, [f]he sold them into the hand of Sisera captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of [g]the Philistines, and into the hand of the king [h]of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

11 And the LORD sent [i]Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and [k]Jephthah, and [l]Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, [m]ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us; when the LORD your God *was* your king.

13 Now therefore, behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired: and behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebell against the †commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye, and also the king that reigneth over you, † continue following the LORD your God.

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebell against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 *Is it* not wheat-harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain: that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great which ye have done in the sight of the LORD in as king you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added

[a] Ecclus. 46. 19.
[b] Numb. 16. 15. Acts 20. 33.
† Heb. testimony.
‖ Or, present.
‖ Or, made.
† Heb. righteousnesses, or, benefits.
† Heb. with.
[c] Gen. 46. 5, 6. Exod. 1. 13.
[d] Exod. 2. 23.
[e] Exod. 3. 10. & 4. 16.
[f] Judges 4. 2.
[g] Judg. 10. 7.
[h] Judg. 3. 12.
[i] Judg. 6. 4, 32.
[k] Judg. 11. 1.
[l] Chap. 7. 13.
[m] Chap. 8. 19.
† Heb. mouth.
† Heb. be after.

added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

20 ¶ And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21 And turn ye not aside: for then *should ye go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain.

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great names sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

† Heb. *from ceasing.* 23 Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD, † in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

24 Onely fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider || how great *things* he hath done for you.

|| Or, *what a great thing, &c.* 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Sauls selected band. 3 He calleth the Hebrews to Gilgal against the Philistines, whose garison Jonathan had smitten. 5 The Philistines great host. 6 The distress of the Israelites. 8 Saul, weary of staying for Samuel, sacrificeth. 11 Samuel reproveth him. 17 The three spoiling bands of the Philistines. 19 The policy of the Philistines, to suffer no smith in Israel.

† Heb. *The son of one year in his reigning.* SAul † reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel,

2 Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

[a] Chap. 10. 5. || Or, *the hill.* 3 And Jonathan smote [a] the garison of the Philistines that *was* in || Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear.

† Heb. *and stank.* 4 And all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garison of the Philistines, and *that* Israel also † was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which *is* on the sea-shore in multitude. And they came up, and pitched in Michmash, east-ward from Beth-aven.

† Heb. *found.* [a] Chap. 14. 2.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, for the people were distressed, then the people [b] did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

[b] Judg. 6. 2.

7 And *some of* the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people † followed him trembling.

† Heb. *trembling after him.* [c] Chap. 10. 8.

8 ¶ [c] And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering.

10 And it came to pass, that assoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might † salute him.

† Heb. *bless him.*

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves together to Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not † made supplication unto the LORD: I forced my self therefore, and offered a burnt-offering.

|| Or, *Standing camp.* † Heb. *I entreated the face.*

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: [d] the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

[d] Psal. 89. 20. Acts 13. 22. || Or, *where now a day.*

15 And

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal, unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbred the people *that were* †present with him, [c] about six hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash.

17 ¶ And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:

18 And another company turned the way *to* Beth-horon: and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears.

20 But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock.

21 Yet they had †a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and † to sharpen the goads.

22 So it came to pass in the day of battel, ỳ^t there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

23 And the ‖ garison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Jonathan, unwitting to his father, the priest, or the people, goeth and miraculously smiteth the Philistines garison. 15 A divine terrour maketh them beat themselves. 17 Saul, not staying the priests answer, setteth on them. 21 The captivated Hebrews and the hidden Israelites joyn against them. 24 Sauls undiscised adjuration hindreth the victory. 32 He restraineth the people from eating blood. 35 He buildeth an altar. 36 Jonathan, taken by lot, is saved by the people. 47 Sauls strength and family.

NOw ‖ it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines garison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah, under a pomegranate-tree which *is* in Migron: & the people that *were* with him *were* [a] about six hundred men;

3 And Ahiah the son of Ahitub, [b] I-chabods brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORDS priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 ¶ And between the passages by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines garison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The † forefront of the one *was* situate north-ward over against Michmash, and the other south-ward over against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the LORD [c] to save by many or by few.

7 And his armour-bearer said unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I *am* wth thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will discover our selves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, † Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for [d] the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and [e] this *shall be* a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garison answered Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And

[a] Chap. 13. 15.
[b] Chap. 4. 21.
† Heb. troubl.
[c] 2 Chr. 14. 11.
† Heb. be still.
[d] 1 Mac. 4. 30.
[e] See Gen. 24. 14.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer ſlew after him.

14 And that firſt ſlaughter which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made was about twenty men, within as it were ‖ an half-acre of land, *which* a yoke *of oxen might plow.*

‖ Or, *half a furrow of an acre of land.*

15 And there was trembling in the hoſt, in the field, and among all the people: the gariſon, and the ſpoilers, they alſo trembled; and the earth quaked. So it was † a very great trembling.

† Heb. *a trembling of God.* ¶ Gen. 35. 5.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down *one another.*

17 Then ſaid Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number now, and ſee who is gone from us. And when they had numbred, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer *were* not *there.*

18 And Saul ſaid unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at ỳ time with the children of Iſrael.

19 ¶ And it came to paſs while Saul talked unto the prieſt, that the ‖ noiſe that *was* in the hoſt of the Philiſtines went on and increaſed: and Saul ſaid unto the prieſt, Withdraw thine hand.

‖ Or, *tumult.*

20 And Saul and all the people that *were* with him † aſſembled themſelves, and they came to the battel: and behold, ‡ every mans ſword was againſt his fellow, *and there was* a very great diſcomfiture.

† Heb. *were cryed together.* ‡ Judges 7. 22. 2 Chro. 20. 23.

21 Moreover, the Hebrews *that* were with the Philiſtines before that time, which went up with them into the camp *from the countrey* round about, even they alſo *turned* to be with the Iſraelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewiſe all the men of Iſrael which [h] had hid themſelves in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philiſtines fled, even they alſo followed hard after them in the battel.

[h] Chap. 13. 6.

23 So the LORD ſaved Iſrael that day: and the battel paſſed over unto Beth-aven.

24 ¶ And the men of Iſrael were diſtreſſed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, ſaying, Curſed *be* the man that eateth *any* food untill evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So none of the people taſted *any* food.

25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood; & there was hony upon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipt it in an hony-comb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightned.

28 Then anſwered one of the people, and ſaid, Thy father ſtraitly charged the people with an oath, ſaying, Curſed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were ‖ faint.

‖ Or, weary.

29 Then ſaid Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: ſee, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightned, becauſe I taſted a little of this honey:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the ſpoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater ſlaughter among the Philiſtines?

31 And they ſmote the Philiſtines that day from Michmaſh to Ajjalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flew upon the ſpoil, and took ſheep, and oxen, and calves, and ſlew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* [i] with the bloud.

[i] Lev. 17. 10. & 19. 26. Deut. 12. 16. & 15. 23. 1 Sam. 14. 32, 33.

33 ¶ Then they told Saul, ſaying, Behold, the people ſin againſt the LORD, in that they eat with the bloud. And he ſaid, Ye have ‖ tranſgreſſed: roll a great ſtone unto me this day.

‖ Heb. *dealt treacherouſly.*

34 And Saul ſaid, Diſperſe your ſelves among the people, and ſay unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his ſheep, and ſlay *them* here, and eat, and ſin not againſt the LORD in eating with the bloud. And all the people brought

brought every man his ox † with him that night, and ſlew *them* there.

† Heb. in hand.

35 And Saul built an altar unto the LORD. † The ſame was the firſt altar that he built unto the LORD.

† He's. that altar he began to build unto the LORD.

36 ¶ And Saul ſaid, Let us go down after the Philiſtines by night, and ſpoil them untill the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they ſaid, Do whatſoever ſeemeth good unto thee. Then ſaid the prieſt, Let us draw near hither unto God.

37 And Saul asked counſel of God, Shall I go down after the Philiſtines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Iſrael? But he anſwered him not that day.

38 And Saul ſaid, Draw ye near hither all the †chief of the people: and know and ſee wherein this ſin hath been this day.

† Heb. corners, Judges 20. 2.

39 For *as* the LORD liveth, which ſaveth Iſrael, though it be in Jonathan my ſon, he ſhall ſurely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people that anſwered him.

40 Then ſaid he unto all Iſrael, Be ye on one ſide, and I and Jonathan my ſon will be on the other ſide. And the people ſaid unto Saul, Do what ſeemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul ſaid unto the LORD God of Iſrael, || Give a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people † eſcaped.

|| Or, Shew the right. † Heb. went forth.

42 And Saul ſaid, Caſt *lots* between me & Jonathan my ſon. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul ſaid to Jonathan, Tell me what thou haſt done. And Jonathan told him, and ſaid, I did but taſte a little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, *and* lo, I muſt die.

44 And Saul anſwered, [k]God do ſo, and more alſo: for thou ſhalt ſurely die, Jonathan.

[k] Ruth 1. 17.

45 And the people ſaid unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great ſalvation in Iſrael? God forbid: [l]as the LORD liveth, there ſhall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people reſcued Jonathan, that he died not.

[l] 2 Sam. 14. 11. 1 Kings 1. 52.

46 Then Saul went up from following the Philiſtines: and the Philiſtines went to their own place.

47 ¶ So Saul took the kingdom over Iſrael, and fought againſt all his enemies on every ſide, againſt Moab, and againſt the children of [m]Ammon, and againſt Edom, and againſt the kings of Zobah, and againſt the Philiſtines: and whitherſoever he turned himſelf, he vexed *them*.

[m] Chap. 11. 11.

48 And he || gathered an hoſt, and [n]ſmote the Amalekites, and delivered Iſrael out of the hands of them that ſpoiled them.

|| Or, wrought mightily. [n] Chap. 15. 2. [o] 1 Chr. 8. 33.

49 Now [o]the ſons of Saul were Jonathan, and Iſhui, and Malchi-ſhua: and the names of his two daughters *were theſe*; the name of the firſt-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal.

50 And the name of Sauls wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the captain of his hoſt *was* Abner the ſon of Ner, Sauls uncle.

51 And Kiſh *was* the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the ſon of [p]Abiel.

[p] Chap. 9. 1.

52 And there was ſore war againſt the Philiſtines all the days of Saul: and when Saul ſaw any ſtrong man, or any valiant man, [q] he took him unto him.

[q] Chap. 8. 11.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Samuel ſendeth Saul to deſtroy Amalek.* 6 *Saul favoureth the Kenites.* 8 *He ſpareth Agag and the beſt of the ſpoil.* 10 *Samuel denounceth unto Saul, commending and excuſing himſelf, Gods rejection of him for his diſobedience.* 24 *Sauls humiliation.* 32 *Samuel killeth Agag.* 34 *Samuel and Saul part.*

SAmuel alſo ſaid unto Saul, [a]The LORD ſent me to anoint thee *to be* king over his people, over Iſrael: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.

[a] Chap. 9. 16.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to Iſrael, [b]how he laid *wait* for him in the way when he came up from Egypt.

[b] Exod. 17. 8. Numb. 24. 20. Deut. 25. 17.

3 Now go, and ſmite Amalek, and utterly deſtroy all that they have, and ſpare them not; but ſlay both man and woman, infant and ſuckling, ox and ſheep, camel and aſs.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbred them in Telaim, two hundred

hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5 And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and ‖ laid wait in the valley.

‖ Or, *sought.*

6 ¶ And Saul said unto [c] the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for [d] ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

[c] Num. 24. 21. Judg. 1. 16.

[d] Exod. 18. 19. Numb. 10. 29.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah *until* thou comest to [e] Shur, that *is* over against Egypt.

[e] Gen. 16. 7.

8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and [f] utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

[f] See chap. 30. 1.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and ‖ of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

‖ Or, *of the second sort.*

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 § It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

[g] 2 Sam. 24. 16.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to [h] Carmel, and behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

[h] Josh. 15. 55.

13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until † they be consumed.

† Heb. *be consumed.*

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst flie upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, [i] Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, [k] to obey *is* better then sacrifice; *and* to hearken, then the fat of rams.

[i] Psal. 50. 8, &c. Hos. 6. 6. Mark 12. 33.

[k] Eccles. 5. 1. Hos. 6. 6. Matth. 9. 13. 12. 7.

23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of † witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

† Heb. *divination.*

24 ¶ And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

† Heb. *to lift up the hand.*

27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, [l] he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

[l] See 1 Kings 11. 30.

28 And

28 And Samuel said unto him, [m] The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better then thou.

29 And also the || Strength of Israel [n] will not lie, nor repent: for he *is* not a man, that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I have sinned; *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then said Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, [o] As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 ¶ Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to [p] Gibeah of Saul.

35 And [q] Samuel came no more to see Saul untill the day of his death: nevertheless, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuel, sent by God under pretence of a sacrifice, cometh to Beth-lehem. 6 His humane judgement is reproved. 11 He anointeth David. 19 Saul sendeth for David to quiet his evil spirit.

AND the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oyl, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer † with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his † coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctifie your selves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to pass when they were come, that he looked on [a] Eliab, and said, Surely the LORDS anointed *is* before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the † outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the [b] heart.

8 Then Jesse called [c] Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, [d] Send and fetch him: for we will not sit † down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withall † of a beautifull countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oyl, and [e] anointed him in the midst of his brethren. And [f] the spirit of the LORD came upon David, from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and [g] an evil spirit from the LORD || troubled him.

15 And Sauls servants said unto him, Behold

m Chap. 15. 27, 28. & 28. 17. Hos. 13. 11.
n Or, Victory of Israel. Num. 23. 19. 1 Sam. 15. 29. Tit. 1. 2.
† Heb. obey the voice.
o Exod. 17. 11. Neh. 4. 14.
p 1 Chap. 11. 4.
q See chap. 19. 22, 24.
† Heb. in thine hand.
† Heb. meeting.
a 1 Chr. 27. 18. *Elihu.*
† Heb. eyes.
b 1 Chr. 28. 9. Psal. 7. 9 Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. and 20. 12.
c Chap. 17. 13.
d 2 Sam. 7. 8. Psal. 78. 70.
† Heb. *ruddy.*
† Heb. *fair of eyes.*
e Psal. 89. 20.
f See Num. 27. 18.
g Chap. 19. 9.
|| Or, *terrified.*

Behold now, an evil ſpirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy ſervants *which are* before thee, to ſeek out a man *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it ſhall come to paſs when the evil ſpirit from God is upon thee, that he ſhall play with his hand, and thou ſhalt be well.

17 And Saul ſaid unto his ſervants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me.

18 Then anſwered one of the ſervants, and ſaid, Behold, I have ſeen a ſon of Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in ‖ matters, and a comely perſon, and the LORD *is* with him.

‖ Or, *ſpeech.*

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul ſent meſſengers unto Jeſſe, and ſaid, Send me David thy ſon, which *is* with the ſheep.

20 And Jeſſe took an aſs *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and ſent *them* by David his ſon unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and ſtood before him: and he loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer.

22 And Saul ſent to Jeſſe, ſaying, Let David, I pray thee, ſtand before me: for he hath found favour in my ſight.

23 And it came to paſs, when the *evil* ſpirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreſhed, and was well, and the evil ſpirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The armies of the Iſraelites and Philiſtines being ready to battel, 4 Goliath cometh proudly forth to challenge a combat. 12 David, ſent by his father to viſit his brethren, taketh the challenge. 28 Eliab chideth him. 30 He is brought to Saul. 32 He ſheweth the reaſon of his confidence. 38 Without armour, armed by faith, he ſlayeth the giant. 55 Saul taketh notice of David.

NOw the Philiſtines gathered together their armies to battel, and were gathered together at [a] Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in ‖ Ephes-dammim.

[a] Joſh. 15. 35.

‖ Or, *the coaſt of Dammim.*

2 And Saul and the men of Iſrael were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and † ſet the battel in aray against the Philiſtines.

† Heb. *ranged the battel.*

3 And the Philiſtines ſtood on a mountain on the one ſide, and Iſrael ſtood on a mountain on the other ſide: and *there was* a valley between them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philiſtines, named Goliath, of Gath, whoſe height *was* ſix cubits and a ſpan.

5 And *he had* an helmet of braſs upon his head, and he *was* † armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thouſand ſhekels of braſs.

† Heb. *clothed.*

6 And *he had* greaves of braſs upon his legs, and a ‖ target of braſs between his ſhoulders.

‖ Or, *gorget.*

7 And the ſtaff of his ſpear *was* like a weavers beam; and his ſpears head *weighed* ſix hundred ſhekels of iron: and one bearing a ſhield went before him.

8 And he ſtood and cried unto the armies of Iſrael, and ſaid unto them, Why are ye come out to ſet *your* battel in aray? *Am* not I a Philiſtine, and you ſervants to Saul? chooſe you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

9 If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your ſervants: but if I prevail againſt him, and kill him, then ſhall ye be our ſervants, and ſerve us.

10 And the Philiſtine ſaid, I defie the armies of Iſrael this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Iſrael heard thoſe words of the Philiſtine, they were diſmayed and greatly afraid.

12 ¶ Now David *was* [b] the ſon of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah whoſe name *was* Jeſſe, and he had eight ſons: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul.

[b] Chap. 16. 1.

13 And the three eldeſt ſons of Jeſſe went, *and* followed Saul to the battel: and the names of his three ſons that went to the battel, *were* Eliab the firſt-born, and next unto him, Abinadab, and the third, Shammah.

14 And David *was* the youngeſt: and the three eldeſt followed Saul.

15 But

15 But David went, and returned from Saul, to feed his fathers sheep at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself fourty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren.

18 And carry these ten † cheeses unto the †captain of *their* thousand, & look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 ¶ And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the ‖ trench as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battel.

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battel in aray, army against army.

22 And David left † his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and † saluted his brethren.

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, & spake according to the same words: and David heard *them*.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled † from him, and were sore afraid.

25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defie Israel is he come up. And it shall be *that* the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and [c] will give him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in Israel.

26 And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defie the armies of the living God?

27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliabs anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battel.

29 And David said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause?

30 ¶ And he turned from him towards another, and spake after the same † manner. And the people answered him again after the former manner. † Heb. word.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul. And he † sent for him. † Heb. took him.

32 ¶ And David said to Saul, Let no mans heart fail because of him: thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine, to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his fathers sheep, & there came a lion, and a bear, and took a ‖ lamb out of the flock: Or, kid.

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 ¶ And Saul † armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head, also he armed him with a coat of mail. † Heb. clothed David with his clothes.

39 And David girded his ſword upon his armour, and he aſſayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David ſaid unto Saul, I cannot go with theſe: for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

40 And he took his ſtaff in his hand, and choſe him five ſmooth ſtones out of the ‖ brook, and put them in a ſhepherds †bag which he had, even in a ſcrip; and his ſling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philiſtine.

‖ Or, valley. † Heb. veſſel.

41 And the Philiſtine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the ſhield *went* before him.

42 And when the Philiſtine looked about and ſaw David, he diſdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Philiſtine ſaid unto David, *Am* I a dog, that thou comeſt to me with ſtaves? And the Philiſtine curſed David by his gods.

44 And the Philiſtine ſaid to David, Come to me, and I will give thy fleſh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beaſts of the field.

45 Then ſaid David to the Philiſtine, Thou comeſt to me with a ſword, and with a ſpear, and with a ſhield; but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hoſts, the God of the armies of Iſrael, whom thou haſt defied.

† Heb. *ſhut thee up.*

46 This day will the LORD †deliver thee into mine hand, and I will ſmite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcaſes of the hoſt of the Philiſtines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beaſts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Iſrael.

47 And all this aſſembly ſhall know that the LORD ſaveth not with ſword and ſpear: for the battel *is* the LORDS, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to paſs when the Philiſtine aroſe, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David haſted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philiſtine.

49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a ſtone, and ſlang *it*, and ſmote the Philiſtine in his forehead, that the ſtone ſunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

50 So [d] David prevailed over the Philiſtine with a ſling and with a ſtone, and ſmote the Philiſtine and ſlew him; but *there was* no ſword in the hand of David.

[d] Heb. ſtrengthened himſelf.

51 Therefore David ran and ſtood upon the Philiſtine, and took his ſword, and drew it out of the ſheath thereof, and ſlew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philiſtines ſaw their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Iſrael and of Judah aroſe, and ſhouted, and purſued the Philiſtines, untill thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philiſtines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

53 And the children of Iſrael returned from chaſing after the Philiſtines, and they ſpoiled their tents.

54 And David took the head of the Philiſtine, and brought it to Jeruſalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ And when Saul ſaw David go forth againſt the Philiſtine, he ſaid unto Abner the captain of the hoſt, Abner, whoſe ſon *is* this youth? And Abner ſaid, *As* thy ſoul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king ſaid, Enquire thou whoſe ſon the ſtripling *is*.

57 And as David returned from the ſlaughter of ỹ Philiſtine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philiſtine in his hand.

58 And Saul ſaid to him, Whoſe ſon *art* thou, *thou* young man? And David anſwered, *I am* the ſon of thy ſervant Jeſſe the Beth-lehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jonathan loveth David. 5 Saul envieth his praiſe, 10 ſeeketh to kill him in his fury, 12 feareth him for his good ſucceſs, 17 offereth him his daughters for a ſnare. 22 David perſwaded to be the kings ſon in law, giveth two hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines for Michals dowry. 28 Sauls hatred, and Davids glory increaſeth.

AND it came to paſs when he had made an end of ſpeaking unto Saul, that the

the ſoul of Jonathan was knit with the ſoul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own ſoul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his fathers houſe.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, becauſe he loved him as his own ſoul.

4 And Jonathan ſtript himſelf of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his ſword, and to his bowe, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And David went out whitherſoever Saul ſent him, *and* ‖ behaved himſelf wiſely: and Saul ſet him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the ſight of all the people, and alſo in the ſight of Sauls ſervants.

6 And it came to paſs as they came when David was returned from the ſlaughter of the ‖ Philiſtine, that the women came out of all cities of Iſrael, ſinging and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with † inſtruments of muſick.

7 And the women anſwered *one another* as they played, and ſaid, [a] Saul hath ſlain his thouſands, and David his ten thouſands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the ſaying † diſpleaſed him; and he ſaid, They have aſcribed unto David ten thouſands, and to me they have aſcribed *but* thouſands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, that [b] the evil ſpirit from God came upon Saul, and he propheſied in the midſt of the houſe: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Sauls hand.

11 And Saul caſt the javelin; for he ſaid, I will ſmite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his preſence twice.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of David, becauſe the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him *his* captain over a thouſand; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And David ‖ behaved himſelf wiſely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul ſaw that he behaved himſelf very wiſely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Iſrael and Judah loved David, becauſe he went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul ſaid to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: onely be thou † valiant for me, and fight the LORDS battels. For Saul ſaid, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philiſtines be upon him.

18 And David ſaid unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my fathers family in Iſrael, that I ſhould be ſon in law to the king?

19 But it came to paſs at the time when Merab Sauls daughter ſhould have been given to David, that ſhe was given unto [c] Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

20 And Michal Sauls daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing † pleaſed him.

21 And Saul ſaid, I will give him her, that ſhe may be a ſnare to him, and that the hand of the Philiſtines may be againſt him. Wherefore Saul ſaid to David, Thou ſhalt [d] this day be my ſon in law in *the one of* the twain.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his ſervants, *ſaying*, Commune with David ſecretly, and ſay, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his ſervants love thee: now therefore be the kings ſon in law.

23 And Sauls ſervants ſpake thoſe words in the ears of David. And David ſaid, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a kings ſon in law, ſeeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly eſteemed?

24 And the ſervants of Saul told him, ſaying, † On this manner ſpake David.

25 And Saul ſaid, Thus ſhall ye ſay to David, The king deſireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines,

‖ Or, proſpered.

† Heb. a ſon of valour.

† Heb. was right in his eyes.

[d] See v. 25.

† Heb. According to theſe words.

stines, to be avenged of the kings enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the kings son in law: and the days were not † expired.

† Heb. fulfilled.

27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the kings son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Sauls daughter loved him.

29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became Davids enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass after they went forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely then all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much † set by.

† Heb. precious.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jonathan discloseth his fathers purpose to kill David. 4 He perswadeth his father to reconciliation. 8 By reason of Davids good success in a new war, Sauls malitious rage breaketh out against him. 12 Michal deceiveth her father with an image in Davids bed. 18 David cometh to Samuel in Naioth. 20 Sauls messengers sent to take David, 22 and Saul himself, prophesie.

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

2 But Jonathan Sauls son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy self until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thy self:

3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David: because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good.

5 For he did put his [a] life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoyce: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent bloud, to slay David without a cause?

[a] Judg. 9. 17. & 12. 3. & Chap. 28. 21. Psal. 119. 109.

6 And Saul hearkned unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, *As* the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as † in times past.

† Heb. yesterday, and the day before.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from † him.

† Heb. from his face. & Chap. 18. 11.

9 And [b] the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with *his* hand.

[b] Judg. 9. 23. Chap. 16. 14. & 18. 10.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipt away out of Sauls presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 [c] Saul also sent messengers unto Davids house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Davids wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

[c] Psal. 59. title.

12 ¶ So Michal let David down through a window: and he went and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He *is* sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats *hair* for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou

thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 ¶ So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stript off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and † lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, [d] *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

CHAP. XX.

1 David consulteth with Jonathan for his safety. 11 Jonathan and David renew their covenant by oath. 18 Jonathans token to David. 24 Saul, missing David, seeketh to kill Jonathan. 35 Jonathan lovingly taketh his leave of David.

AND David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt not die: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will † shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not *so*.

3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved. But truly *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a step between me and death.

4 Then said Jonathan unto David, ‖ Whatsoever thy soul † desireth, I will even do *it* for thee.

5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new-moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third *day* at even.

6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked *leave* of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for *there is* a yearly ‖ sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, *It is* well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for [e] thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

12 And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have † sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or* the third *day*, and behold, *if there be* good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and † shew it thee;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan. But if it please my father *to do* thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in

‖ Or, Say what is thy mind, and I will do, &c.

† Heb. speaketh or thinketh.

‖ Or, feast.

[e] Chap. 18. 3. & 23. 18.

† Heb. searched.

† Heb. uncover thine ear.

peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not onely while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But *also* thou shalt not cut off [b] thy kindness from my house for ever; no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jonathan † made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, Let the LORD even require *it* at the hand of Davids enemies.

17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, || because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jonathan said to David, [c] To morrow *is* the new-moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be † empty.

19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down || † quickly, and come to [d] the place where thou didst hide thy self † when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone || Ezel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and † no hurt; *as* the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And *as touching* [e] the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD *be* between thee and me for ever.

24 ¶ So David hid himself in the field: and when the new-moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

25 And the king sat upon his seat as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Sauls side, and Davids place was empty.

26 Nevertheless, Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Some thing hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

27 And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the moneth, that Davids place was empty. And Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David carnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to Beth-lehem:

29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee: for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the kings table.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, || † Thou son of the perverse rebellious *woman*, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mothers nakedness?

31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me: for he † shall surely die.

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, & did eat no meat the second day of the moneth: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him.

36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot. *And* as the lad ran, he shot an arrow † beyond him.

37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, *Is* not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make

[b] 1 Sam. 20.3.

† Heb. cut.

|| Or, by his love towards him. [c] v. 5. † Heb. missed.

|| Or, diligently. † Heb. greatly. ‡ Heb. in the day of the business.

|| Or, that sheweth the way.

† Heb. not any thing.

[d] verse 14, 15.

|| Or, Thou perverse rebel. † Heb. Son of perverseness.

† Heb. is not to die.

Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathans lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: onely Jonathan and David knew the matter.

40 And Jonathan gave his † artillery unto † his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

41 ¶ *And* assoon as the lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, untill David exceeded.

42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, || forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose, and departed. And Jonathan went into the city.

CHAP. XXI.

1 David at Nob obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread. 7 Doeg was present. 8 David taketh Goliaths sword. 10 David at Gath feigneth himself mad.

THen came David to Nob, to [a] Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? give *me* five *loaves of* bread in mine hand, or what there is † present.

4 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common bread under mine hand, but there is [b] hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.

5 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women *have been* kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a manner common, || yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

6 So the priest [c] gave him hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread there, but the shew-bread that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name *was* [d] Doeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the herd-men that *belonged* to Saul.

8 ¶ And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the kings business required haste.

9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in [e] the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapt in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take *it*: for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it me.

10 ¶ And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to || Achish the king of Gath.

11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, *Is* not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, [f] Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And [g] he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and || scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, you see the man || is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me?

15 Have I need of mad-men, that ye have brought this *fellow* to play the mad-man in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

|| Or, especially, when this day there is other sanctified in the vessel.

[a] Mark 2. 25. Luke 6. 3.

[d] Psal. 52. title.

[e] Chap. 17. 2, 50.

|| Or, Abimelech. Psal. 34. title.

[f] Chap. 18. 7. & 29. 5. Eccles. 47. 6.

[g] Psal. 34. title.

|| Or, made marks.

|| Or, playeth the mad-man.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Comparies resort unto David at Adullam. 3 At Mizpeh he commendeth his parents unto the king of Moab. 5 Admonished by Gad, he cometh to Hareth. 6 Saul, going to pursue him, complaineth of his servants unfaithfulness. 9 Doeg accuseth Ahimelech. 11 Saul commandeth to kill the priests. 17 The footmen refusing, Doeg executeth it. 20 Abiathar escaping bringeth David the news.

[a] Psal. 57. title, & 142. title.

DAvid therefore departed thence, and [a] escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren & all his fathers house heard *it*, they went down thither to him.

† He had a creditor. † Heb. bitter of soul.

2 And every one *that was* in distress, and every one that † *was* in debt, and every one *that was* † discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 ¶ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.

[b] 2 Sam. 24. 11. 1 Chr. 21. 9. 2 Chr. 29. 25.

5 ¶ And the prophet [b] Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

‖ Or, grove in a high place.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that *were* with him, (Now Saul abode in Gibeah under a ‖ tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him)

† Heb. uncovereth mine ear.

7 Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites, Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields & vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, & captains of hundreds;

8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that † sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

[a] Psal. 52. title.

9 ¶ Then answered [c] Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of [d] Ahitub.

[d] 1 Chr. 18. 16. [c] 1 Chr. 21. 6.

10 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and [e] gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest the son of Ahitub, and all his fathers house, the priests that *were* in Nob. And they came all of them to the king.

† He. Ehiah.

12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, † Here I *am*, my lord.

13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who *is so* faithfull among all thy servants as David, which is the kings son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

† He. turneth.

15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me. Let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, † less or more.

16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

* Or, guard. † Heb. runners.

17 ¶ And the king said unto the ‖ † footmen that stood about him, Turn and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD.

[c] Chap. 21. 7.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and [f] slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And

20 ¶ And one of the ſons of Ahimelech the ſon of Ahitub, named Abiathar, eſcaped and fled after David.

21 And Abiathar ſhewed David that Saul had ſlain the LORDS prieſts.

22 And David ſaid unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he would ſurely tell Saul. I have occaſioned *the death* of all the perſons of thy fathers houſe.

23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that ſeeketh my life ſeeketh thy life: but with me thou *ſhalt be* in ſafeguard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David, enquiring of the Lord by Abiathar, reſcueth Keilah. 7 God ſhewing him the coming of Saul, and the treachery of the Keilites, he eſcapeth from Keilah. 14 In Ziph Jonathan cometh and comforteth him. 19 The Ziphites diſcover him to Saul. 25 At Maon he is reſcued from Saul by the invaſion of the Philiſtines. 29 He dwelleth at En-gedi.

THen they told David, ſaying, Behold, the Philiſtines fight againſt Keilah, and they rob the threſhing-floors.

2 Therefore David enquired of the LORD, ſaying, Shall I go and ſmite theſe Philiſtines? And the LORD ſaid unto David, Go, and ſmite the Philiſtines, and ſave Keilah.

3 And Davids men ſaid unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah againſt the armies of the Philiſtines?

4 Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD anſwered him and ſaid, Ariſe, go down to Keilah: for I will deliver the Philiſtines into thine hand.

5 So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philiſtines, and brought away their cattel, and ſmote them with a great ſlaughter. So David ſaved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to paſs when Abiathar the ſon of Ahimelech [a] fled to David to Keilah, *that* he came down *with* an ephod in his hand.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul ſaid, God hath delivered him into mine hand: for he is ſhut in by entring into a town that hath gates and bars.

8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to beſiege David and his men.

9 ¶ And David knew that Saul ſecretly practiſed miſchief againſt him; and [b] he ſaid to Abiathar the prieſt, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then ſaid David, O LORD God of Iſrael, thy ſervant hath certainly heard that Saul ſeeketh to come to Keilah, to deſtroy the city for my ſake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy ſervant hath heard? O LORD God of Iſrael, I beſeech thee, tell thy ſervant. And the LORD ſaid, He will come down.

12 Then ſaid David, Will the men of Keilah † deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD ſaid, They will deliver *thee* up.

13 ¶ Then David and his men, *which were* about ſix hundred, aroſe and departed out of Keilah, and went whither ſoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was eſcaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderneſs in ſtrong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderneſs of Ziph. And Saul ſought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

15 And David ſaw that Saul was come out to ſeek his life. And David *was* in the wilderneſs of Ziph in a wood.

16 And Jonathan Sauls ſon aroſe, and went to David into the wood, and ſtrengthned his hand in God.

17 And he ſaid unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father ſhall not find thee; and thou ſhalt be king over Iſrael, and I ſhall be next unto thee: and [c] that alſo Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a covenant before the LORD. And David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his houſe.

19 ¶ Then [d] came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, ſaying, Doth not David hide himſelf with us in ſtrong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* † on the ſouth of || Jeſhimon?

20 Now

[a] Chap. 22. 20.
[b] Num. 27. 21.
† Heb. ſhut up.
[c] Chap. 24. 20.
[d] Pſal. 54. tit.
† Heb. on the right hand.
|| Or. the wilderneſs.

20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; & our part *shall be* to deliver him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD; for ye have compassion on me.

22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his † haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilly.

† Heb. foot shall be.

23 See therefore and take knowledge of all ŷ lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah.

24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 ¶ But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistines have † invaded the land.

† Heb. spread themselves upon, &c.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place ‖ Sela-hammahlekoth.

‖ That is, The rock of division.

29 ¶ And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 David in a cave at En-gedi, having cut off Sauls skirt, spareth his life. 8 He sheweth thereby his innocency. 16 Saul, acknowledging his fault, taketh an oath of David, and departeth.

AND it came to pass when Saul was returned from † following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David *is* in the wilderness of En-gedi.

† Heb. after.

2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

3 And he came to the sheep-coats by the way, where *was* a cave, and [a] Saul went in to cover his feet: and [b] David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

[a] Psal. 142. title. [b] Psal. 57. title. & 142. title.

4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of † Sauls robe privily.

† Heb. that which was Saul's.

5 And it came to to pass afterward, that [c] Davids heart smote him, because he had cut off Sauls skirt.

[c] 2 Sam. 24. 10.

6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master the LORDS anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

7 So David † stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

† Heb. clave.

8 David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

9 ¶ And David said to Saul, [d] Wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?

[d] Psal. 141.

10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee; but *mine eye* spared thee: and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the LORDS anointed.

11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, & killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee: yet thou huntest my soul, to take it.

12 The

12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the antients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after [c] a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and † deliver me out of thine hand.

16 ¶ And it came to pass when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lift up his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous then I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had † delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? Wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

20 And now behold, [f] I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my fathers house.

22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuel dieth. 2 David in Paran sendeth to Nabal. 10 Provoked by Nabals churlishness, he mindeth to destroy him. 14 Abigail, understanding thereof, 18 taketh a present, 23 and by her wisdom 32 pacifieth David. 36 Nabal, hearing thereof, dieth. 39 David taketh Abigail and Ahinoam to be his wives. 44 Michal is given to Phalti.

AND [a] Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together & lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And *there was* a man in Maon, whose || possessions *were* in Carmel; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife, Abigail: and she *was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 ¶ And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep.

5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and † greet him in my name.

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we † hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand, unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when Davids young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and † ceased.

10 ¶ And Nabal answered Davids servants, and said, Who *is* David? and who *is* the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my † flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men whom I know not whence they *be*?

12 So Davids young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And

|| Or, *business.*

† Heb. *ask him in my name of peace.*

† Heb. *shamed.*

† Heb. *rested.*

† Heb. *slaughter.*

13 And David said unto his men, Gird you on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

14 ¶ But one of the young men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he †railed on them.

† Heb. flew upon them.
† Heb. shamed.

15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not † hurt, neither missed we any thing as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do: for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial that *a man* cannot speak to him.

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred ‖ clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

‖ Or, lumps.

19 And she said unto her servants, Go on before me, behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them.

21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.

22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed her self to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity *be*: and let thine hand-maid, I pray thee, speak in thine † audience, and hear the words of thine hand-maid.

† Heb. ears.

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, † regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal: for as his name *is*, so *is* he, Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: but I thine hand-maid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

† Heb. lay it to heart.

26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from † avenging thy self with thine own hand: now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal.

† Heb. saving by.

27 And now this ‖ blessing which thine hand-maid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that † follow my lord.

‖ Or, present.
† Heb. walk at the feet, &c.

28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine hand-maid. For the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battels of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out † *as out* of the middle of a sling.

† Heb. in the midst of the bason of a sling.

30 And it shall come to pass when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel;

31 That this shall be † no grief unto thee, nor offense of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine hand-maid.

† Heb. no staggering nor stumbling of heart.

32 ¶ And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me.

33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging my self with mine own hand.

34 For

34 For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal, by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So David received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkned to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal; and behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king: and Nabals heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And she arose, and bowed her self on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine hand-maid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went † after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam [t] of Jezreel; & they were also both of them his wives.

44 ¶ But Saul had given [s] Michal his daughter, Davids wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Saul by the discovery of the Ziphites cometh to Hachilah against David.* 4 *David, coming into the trench, stayeth Abishai from killing Saul, but taketh his spear and cruse.* 13 *David reproveth Abner,* 18 *and exhorteth Saul.* 21 *Saul acknowledgeth his sin.*

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, [a] Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah *which is* before Jeshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and [b] Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host. And Saul lay in the || trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai [c] the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night. And behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath † delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time.

9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORDS anointed, and be guiltless?

10 David

[a] Chap. 23. 19. Psal. 54. tit.

[b] Chap. 14. 50. & 17. 55.

|| Or, midst of his carriages.

[c] 1 Chr. 2. 16.

† Heb. delivered up.

10 David said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him: or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battel, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Sauls bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

13 ¶ Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:

14 And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered & said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a valiant man? and who *is* like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As* the LORD liveth, ye *are* † worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master the LORDS anointed. And now see where the kings spear *is*, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

† Heb. *sons of death.*

17 And Saul knew Davids voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let him † accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day from † abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go serve other gods.

† Heb. *smell.*

† Heb. *cleaving.*

20 Now therefore, let not my bloud fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seek [d] a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

[d] Chap. 24. 14.

21 ¶ Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was pretious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And David answered and said, Behold the kings spear; and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Saul, hearing David to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him. 5 David beggeth Ziklag of Achish. 8 He invading other countreys, perswadeth Achish he fought against Judah.

AND David said in his heart, I shall now † perish one day by the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me then that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.

† Heb. *be consumed.*

† Heb. *to fall.*

2 And David arose, and he passed over, with the six hundred men that *were* with him, unto Achish the son of Maoch king of Gath.

3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even* David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess Nabals wife.

4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 ¶ And

5 ¶ And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the countrey, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?

6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore [c] Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And † the time that David dwelt in the countrey of the Philistines was † a full year and four moneths.

8 ¶ And David and his men went up and invaded the Geshurites, and the || Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.

10 And Achish said, || Whither have ye made a rode to day? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.

11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistines.

12 And Achish beleeved David, saying, He hath made his people Israel † utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Achish putteth confidence in David. 3 Saul having destroyed the witches, 4 and now in his fear forsaken of God, 7 seeketh to a witch. 9 The witch, encouraged by Saul, raiseth up Samuel. 15 Saul, hearing his ruine, fainteth. 21 The woman with his servants refresh him with meat.

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly that thou shalt go out with me to battel, thou and thy men.

2 And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 ¶ Now [a] Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away [b] those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

4 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 ¶ Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night. And he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* up whom I shall name unto thee.

9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou *art* Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid:

[a] Chap. 25. 1.

[b] Levit. 19. 31.

afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

† Heb. *What is his form?*

14 And he said unto her, † What form *is* he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that is *was* Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed: for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither †by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

† Heb. *by the hand of prophets*

16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done ‖ to him [b] as he spake by † me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, *even* to David.

‖ Or, *for himself.*
[b] Chap. 15.28.
† Heb. *mine hand.*

18 [c] Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

[c] Chap. 15.9.

19 Moreover, the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shall* thou and thy sons *be* with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

† Heb. *made haste and fell with the fulness of his stature.*

20 Then Saul † fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day nor all the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine hand maid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkned unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkned unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calf in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:

25 And she brought *it* before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 David, marching with the Philistines, 3 is disallowed by their princes. 6 Achish dismisseth him, with commendations of his fidelity.

NOw the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which *is* in Jezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *do* these Hebrews *here*? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this David the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day?

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, [a] Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battel, lest in the battel he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? *should it* not *be* with the heads of these men?

[a] Chap. 29.4.

5 *Is* not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances saying, [b] Saul slew his thousands, & David his ten thousands?

[b] Chap. 18.7. & 21.11.

6 ¶ Then Achish called David, and said unto him, Surely, *as* the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and

and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless, †the lords favour thee not.

7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou † displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 ¶ And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant, so long as I have been † with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battel.

10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning, with thy masters servants that are come with thee: and assoon as ye be up early in the morning, & have light, depart.

11 So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The Amalekites spoil Ziklag. 7 David, asking counsel, is encouraged by God to pursue them. 11 By the means of a revived Egyptian he is brought to the enemies, and recovereth all the spoil. 22 Davids law to divide the spoil equally between them that fight and them that keep the stuff. 26 He sendeth presents to his friends.

AND it came to pass when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire;

2 And had taken the women captives that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So David and his men came to the city, and behold, *it was* burnt with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters were taken captives.

4 Then David and the people that *were* with him lift up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And Davids two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him; because the soul of all the people was † grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

† Heb. *bitter.*

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest Ahimelechs son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

8 And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water.

12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters *of raisins*. And [a] when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread nor drunk *any* water three days and three nights.

[a] So Judg. 5. 19. 1 Chap. 14. 27.

13 And David said unto him, To whom *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite: and my master left me, because three days agone I fell sick.

14 We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Cherethites, & upon *the coast* which *belongeth* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burnt Ziklag with fire.

15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* ſpread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, becauſe of all the great ſpoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philiſtines, and out of the land of Judah.

17 And David ſmote them from the twilight even unto the evening of † the next day: and there eſcaped not a man of them, ſave four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

† Heb. *their morrow.*

18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David reſcued his two wives.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither ſmall nor great, neither ſons nor daughters, neither ſpoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them. David recovered all.

20 And David took all the flocks and the herds: *which* they drave before thoſe *other* cattel, and ſaid, This *is* Davids ſpoil.

21 ¶ And David came to the two hundred men which were ſo faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made alſo to abide at the brook Beſor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him. And when David came near to the people, he || ſaluted them.

|| Or, *aſked them how they did.*

22 Then anſwered all the wicked men, and *men* of Belial, of † thoſe that went with David, and ſaid, Becauſe they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the ſpoil that we have recovered, ſave to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.

† Heb. *men.*

23 Then ſaid David, Ye ſhall not do ſo, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preſerved us, and delivered the company that came againſt us into our hand.

24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but [b] as his part *is* that goeth down to the battel, ſo *ſhall* his part *be* that tarrieth by the ſtuff: they ſhall part alike.

[b] See Numb. 31. 27. 2 Macc. 8. 28.

25 And it was *ſo* from that day † forward, that he made it a ſtatute and an ordinance for Iſrael unto this day.

† Heb. *and forward.*

26 ¶ And when David came to Ziklag, he ſent of the ſpoil unto the elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, ſaying, Behold a † preſent for you of the ſpoil of the enemies of the LORD;

† Heb. *bleſſing.*

27 To *them* which *were* in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in ſouth-Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in Jattir,

28 And to *them* which *were* in Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in Eſhtemoa,

29 And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chor-aſhan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach,

31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himſelf and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Saul having loſt his army, and his ſons being ſlain, he and his armour-bearer kill themſelves. 7 The Philiſtines poſſeſs the forſaken towns of the Iſraelites. 8 They triumph over the dead carcaſes. 11 They of Jabeſh-gilead, recovering the bodies by night, burn them at Jabeſh, and mournfully bury their bones.

NOw [a] the Philiſtines fought againſt Iſrael: and the men of Iſrael fled from before the Philiſtines, and fell down || ſlain in mount Gilboa.

[a] 2 Sam. 21. 17.

|| Or, *wounded.*

2 And the Philiſtines followed hard upon Saul and upon his ſons; and the Philiſtines ſlew [b] Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchiſhua, Sauls ſons.

[b] 1 Chron. 8. 33.

3 And the battel went ſore againſt Saul, and the † archers †hit him; and he was ſore wounded of the archers.

† Heb. *men of the bow.* †Heb. *found him.*

4 Then ſaid Saul unto his armour-bearer, Draw thy ſword, & thruſt me through therewith; leſt theſe uncircumciſed come and thruſt me through, and || abuſe me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was ſore afraid. Therefore Saul took a ſword, and fell upon it.

|| Heb. *make ſport of me, &c.*

5 And when his armour-bearer ſaw that Saul was dead, he fell likewiſe upon his ſword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three ſons, and his armour bearer, and all his men that ſame day together.

7 ¶ And

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, & *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came & dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, & sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it* in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastned his body to the wall of Beth-shan.

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard ‖ of that which the Philistines had done to Saul;

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh, and [c] burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and [d] buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

‖ Or, *concerning him.*

[c] Jer. 34. 5.

[d] 2 Sam. 2. 4, 5. & 21. 12, 13.

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CHAP. I.

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the overthrow, and accused himself of Sauls death, is slain. 17 David lamenteth Saul and Jonathan with a song.

NOw it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from [a] the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

2 It came even to pass on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and *so* it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.

4 And David said unto him, † How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battel, and many of the people also are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead?

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear: and lo, the chariots and horse men followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, † Here *am* I.

8 And he said unto me, Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.

9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for ‖ anguish is come upon me, because my life *is* yet whole in me.

10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and [b] rent them, and likewise all the men that *were* with him.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword.

13 ¶ And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite.

[a] 1 Sam. 30. 17.

† Heb. *Stand upon me.*

‖ Or, *my coat of mail, or, my embroidered work, both which were worn by Kings.*

[b] Chap. 3. 31. & 13. 31.

14 And David said unto him, [c] How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORDS anointed?

15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

16 And David said unto him, Thy blood *be* upon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORDS anointed.

17 ¶ And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son,

18 (Also he bade them teach the children of Judah *the use of* the bowe: behold, *it is* written [d] in the book ‖ of Jasher)

19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

20 [c] Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon: lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoyce, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had* not *been* anointed with oyl.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bowe of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and ‖ pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter then eagles, they were stronger then lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battel! O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderfull, passing the love of women.

27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAP. II.

1 *David by Gods direction, with his company, goeth up to Hebron, where he is made king of Judah.* 5 *He commendeth them of Jabesh-gilead for their kindness to Saul.* 8 *Abner maketh Ish-bosheth king of Israel.* 12 *A mortal skirmish between twelve of Abners and twelve of Joabs men.* 18 *Asahel is slain.* 25 *At Abners motion Joab soundeth a retreat.* 32 *Asahels burial.*

AND it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

3 And his men [y] *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 [a] And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That [b] the men of Jabesh-gilead *were they* that buried Saul.

5 ¶ And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.

6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthned, and † be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 ¶ But Abner the son of Ner, captain of † Sauls host, took ‖ Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim.

9 And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

10 Ish-bosheth Sauls son *was* fourty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David.

11 And the † time that David was king

* Psal. 105. 15

[d] Josh. 10. 13. ‖ Or, *of the upright.*

[c] Micah 1. 10.

‖ Or, *sweet.*

[a] 1 Sam. 31. 4. [b] 1 Sam. 31. 11.

* Chap. 10. 10.

king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six moneths.

12 ¶ And Abner the son of Ner and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David went out, and met † together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool.

† Heb. met together. † Jer. 41. 12.

14 And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David.

16 And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellows side: so they fell down together. Wherefore that place was called ‖ Helkath-hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon.

‖ That is, The field of strong men.

17 And there was a very sore battel that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

18 ¶ And there were three sons of Zeruiah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light † of foot † as a wild roe.

† Heb. of his feet. † Heb. as one of the roes that is in the field.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left † from following Abner.

† Heb. from after Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? & he answered, I *am*.

21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, & take thee his ‖ armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him.

‖ Or, spoil.

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside. Wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him [d] under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still.

[d] Chap. 2. 10.

24 Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren?

27 And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then † in the morning the people had ‖ gone up every one from following his brother.

† Heb. from the morning. ‖ Or, gone away.

28 So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Davids servants nineteen men, and Asahel.

31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin and of Abners men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died.

32 ¶ And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was* in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

CHAP. III.

1 *During the war David still waxeth stronger.* 2 *Six sons born to him in Hebron.* 6 *Abner displeased with Ish-bosheth,* 12 *revolteth to David.* 13 *David requireth a condition, to bring him his wife Michal.* 17 *Abner, having communed with the Israelites, is feasted by David, and dismissed.* 22 *Joab returning from battel, is displeased with the king, and killeth Abner.* 28 *David curseth Joab,* 31 *and mourneth for Abner.*

NOw there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David.

vid. But David waxed ſtronger and ſtronger, and the houſe of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

a 1 Chr. 3. 1. 2 ¶ And a unto David were ſons born in Hebron: And his firſt-born was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreeliteſs;

‖ Or, Daniel. a Chr. 3. 1. 3 And his ſecond, ‖ Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Abſalom the ſon of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geſhur,

4 And the fourth, Adonijah the ſon of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the ſon of Abital:

5 And the ſixth, Ithream, by Eglah Davids wife. Theſe were born to David in Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came to paſs while there was war between the houſe of Saul and the houſe of David, that Abner made himſelf ſtrong for the houſe of Saul.

b Chap. 21. 8. 7 And Saul had a concubine whoſe name *was* b Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: & *Iſh-boſheth* ſaid to Abner, Wherefore haſt thou gone in unto my fathers concubine?

c Deut. 23. 18. 1 Sam. 24. 15. 8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Iſh-boſheth, and ſaid, *Am* I c a dogs head, which againſt Judah do ſhew kindneſs this day unto the houſe of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargeſt me to day with a fault concerning this woman?

d Ruth 1. 17. 9 d So do God to Abner, and more alſo, except as the LORD hath ſworn to David, even ſo I do to him;

10 To tranſlate the kingdom from the houſe of Saul, and to ſet up the throne of David over Iſrael and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-ſheba.

11 And he could not anſwer Abner a word again, becauſe he feared him.

12 ¶ And Abner ſent meſſengers to David on his behalf, ſaying, Whoſe *is* the land? ſaying *alſo*, Make thy league with me, and behold, my hand *ſhall be* with thee, to bring about all Iſrael unto thee.

13 ¶ And he ſaid, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, † that is, Thou ſhalt not ſee my face, except thou firſt bring Michal Sauls daughter when thou comeſt to ſee my face.

† Heb. ſaying.

14 And David ſent meſſengers to Iſh-boſheth Sauls ſon, ſaying, Deliver *me* my wife Michal, which I eſpouſed to me e for an hundred foreſkins of the Philiſtines.

e 1 Sam. 18. 25, 27.

15 And Iſh-boſheth ſent, and took her from *her* husband, *even* from f Phaltiel the ſon of Laiſh.

f 1 Sam. 25. 44. Heb. Paltiel.

16 And her husband went with her † along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then ſaid Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned.

† Heb. going and weeping.

17 ¶ And Abner had communication with the elders of Iſrael, ſaying, Ye ſought for David † in times paſt *to be* king over you.

† Heb. yeſterday and the day before.

18 Now then do *it*: for the LORD hath ſpoken of David, ſaying, By the hand of my ſervant David I will ſave my people Iſrael out of the hand of the Philiſtines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner alſo ſpake in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner went alſo to ſpeak in the ears of David in Hebron, all that ſeemed good to Iſrael, and that ſeemed good to the whole houſe of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner, and the men that *were* with him, a feaſt.

21 And Abner ſaid unto David, I will ariſe, and go, and will gather all Iſrael unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, & that thou mayeſt reign over all that thine heart deſireth. And David ſent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the ſervants of David and Joab came from *purſuing* a troop, and brought in a great ſpoil with them. But Abner *was* not with David in Hebron; for he had ſent him away, and he was gone in peace.

23 When Joab and all the hoſt that *was* with him were come, they told Joab, ſaying, Abner the ſon of Ner came to the king, and he hath ſent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Joab came to the king, and ſaid, What haſt thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why *is* it *that* thou haſt ſent him away, and he is quite gone?

25 Thou

25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab [g] took him aside in the gate to speak with him [‖] quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of [h] Asahel his brother.

28 ¶ And afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the †blood of Abner the son of Ner.

29 Let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his fathers house; and let there not †fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother [i] Asahel at Gibeon in the battel.

31 ¶ And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, [k] Rent your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the † bier.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lift up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; & all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands *were* not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: as a man falleth before † wicked men, *so* fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him.

35 And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread or ought else till the sun be down.

36 And all the people took notice *of it*, and it † pleased them: as whatsoever the king did, pleased all the people.

37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner.

38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I *am* this day † weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah [l] *be* too hard for me. [m] The LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

CHAP. IV.

1 The Israelites being troubled at the death of Abner, 2 Baanah and Rechab slay Ish-bosheth, and bring his head to Hebron. 9 David causeth them to be slain, and Ish-bosheths head to be buried.

AND when Sauls son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 And Sauls son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one *was* Baanah, and the name of the † other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin. For [a] Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin.

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there untill this day.

4 And Jonathan Sauls son had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* [‖] Mephibosheth.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon.

6 And they came thither into ỹ midst of ỹ house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat: & they smote him under ỹ fifth *rib*: and Rechab & Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bed chamber, and they smote him and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, & said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought

g 1 Kin. 2. 5, 32.
‖ Or, quietly apart. a Chap. 2. 23.
† Heb. bloods.
h Chap. 2. 23.
† Heb. fail not.
i Chap. 2. 23.
k Josh. 7. 6.
† Heb. bier.
† Heb. wicked men of wickednesses.
† Heb. tender.
l Chap. 19. 7.
m See chap. 19. 13. 1 King. 2. 5, 6, 33, 34.
† Heb. second.
a Josh. 18. 25.
‖ Or, Meribbaal. 1 Chr. 9. 34. & 8. 34.

thy life: and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, & of his seed.

9 ¶ And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, *As* the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity,

10 When [b] one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, † thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, ‖ who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings.

11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the [c] sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

[b] Chap. 3. 27. 4. 5. † Heb. *he was in his own eyes as a bringer, &c.* ‖ Or, *which was the reward I gave him for his tidings.*

[c] Chap. 3. 32.

CHAP. V.

1 *The tribes come to Hebron to anoint David king over all Israel.* 4 *Davids age.* 6 *He taking Zion from the Jebusites, dwelleth in it.* 11 *Hiram sendeth to David.* 13 *Eleven sons are born to him in Jerusalem.* 17 *David directed by God smiteth the Philistines at Baal-perazim;* 22 *and again, at the mulberry-trees.*

THEN [a] came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, [b] thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, [c] Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 ¶ David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned fourty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah [d] seven years and six moneths: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

[a] 1 Chr. 11. 1.

[b] 1 Sam. 18. 13.

[c] 1 Sam. 16. 1, 13. Ps. 78. 71.

[d] Chap. 2. 11.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem, unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: ‖ thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless, David took the strong hold of Zion: the same *is* the city of David.

8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, [e] *he shall be chief and captain.* ‖ Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

9 So David dwelt in the fort, and called it The city of David. And David built round about, from Millo and inward.

10 And David † went on, and grew great, & the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

11 ¶ And [f] Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and † masons: and they built David an house.

12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 ¶ And [g] David took *him* mo concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David.

14 And [h] these *be* the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; ‖ Shammuah, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon,

15 Ibhar also, and ‖ Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

16 And Elishama, & Eliada, & Eliphalet.

17 ¶ [i] But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard *of it*, and went down to the hold.

18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand?

And

And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

20 And David came to [k] Baal-perazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place ||Baal-perazim.

21 And there they left their images, and David and his men [l] ||burnt them.

22 ¶ And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up: *but* fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against ẏ mulberry-trees.

24 And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

25 And David did so as the LORD had commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

1 David fetcheth the ark from Kirjath-jearim on a new cart. 6 Uzzah is smitten at Perez-uzzah. 11 God blesseth Obed-edom for the ark. 12 David bringing the ark into Zion with sacrifices, danceth before it, for which Michal despiseth him. 17 He placeth it in a tabernacle with great joy and feasting. 20 Michal, reproving David for his religious joy, is childless to her death.

AGain, David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

2 And [a] David arose, and went with all the people that *were* with him, from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, ||whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims.

3 And they † set the ark of God [b] upon a new cart, and brought it out of [c] the house of Abinadab that *was* in ||Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio the sons of Abinadab drave the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, † accompanying the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark.

5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments made of* fir-wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 ¶ And [d] when they came to Nachons threshing-floor, Uzzah [e] put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it: for the oxen ||shook *it*.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for *his* ||error; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And David was displeased, because the LORD had † made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place ||Perez-uzzah to this day.

9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?

10 So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three moneths: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

12 ¶ And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. [f] So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness.

13 And it was *so*, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed § oxen and fatlings.

14 And David [h] danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod.

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Sauls daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before

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[k] 2 Sam. 5. 18.

[l] Or, *leave*, 1 Chr. 14. 12. Or, *burnt*, Deut. 7. 5. 25. 12. 3. Psal. 106. 28. Jer. 43. 12. Hos. 2. 8. Amos 5. 26. Mic. 1. 7. Nah. 1. 14.

[a] 1 Chr. 13. 5, 6. Or, *Kirjath-jearim*, which is the same, even the name of the LORD that dwelleth, &c. Heb. *to bring up from thence*, &c. Heb. *whose name is called*, &c. Or, *Elphaal*, 1 Chr. 8. 11. Heb. *Baalah*. Heb. *to bring up from thence*, &c. Heb. *whose name is called*, &c. Heb. *Baalah*. 1 Chr. 13. 6. Heb. *Kirjath-baal*. Josh. 15. 9, 60. 18. 14. Heb. *Baalah*. Josh. 15. 29. Heb. *Baalah*. 1 Chr. 4. 33. Heb. *Baal*. Josh. 15. 11. Heb. *Baalah*. Josh. 19. 44. Heb. *Baalath*. 1 Kings 9. 18. 2 Chr. 8. 6. Heb. *Baalath*. Josh. 13. 3. Heb. *Ekron*. Josh. 19. 29. Heb. *Achzib*. Josh. 19. 46. Heb. *Japho*. Josh. 19. 46. Heb. *Joppa*. 1 Sam. 7. 1. 2 Sam. 6. 2. 1 Sam. 7. 1. Or, *the hill*. Heb. *Gibeah*.

[b] See Num. 4. 15.

[c] 1 Sam. 7. 1. 2 Sam. 6. 3. Or, *the hill*. Heb. *Gibeah*.

[d] 1 Chr. 13. 9.

[e] See Num. 4. 15.

|| Or, *stumbled*.

|| Or, *rashness*.

† Heb. *broken*.

||That is, *The breach of Uzzah*.

§ See 1 Chr. 15. 26.

[h] See Exod. 15. 20.

[f] 1 Chr. 15. 25.

fore the LORD; and ſhe deſpiſed him in her heart.

1 Chr. 16. 1.

17 ¶ And [i] they brought in the ark of the LORD, & ſet it in his place, in the midſt of the tabernacle that David had [†] pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD.

† Heb. ſtretched.

18 And aſſoon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, [k] he bleſſed the people in the name of the LORD of hoſts.

k 1 Chr. 16. 2.

19 And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Iſrael, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece *of fleſh*, and a flagon *of wine*. So all the people departed every one to his houſe.

20 ¶ Then David returned to bleſs his houſhold. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and ſaid, How glorious was the king of Iſrael to day, who uncovered himſelf to day in the eyes of the hand-maids of his ſervants, as one of ỹ vain fellows [‖] ſhamelesly uncovereth himſelf!

‖ Or, openly.

21 And David ſaid unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which choſe me before thy father, and before all his houſe, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Iſrael: therefore will I play before the LORD.

‖ Or, of the hand-maids of my ſervants.

22 And I will yet be more vile then thus, and will be baſe in mine own ſight: and [‖] of the maid ſervants which thou haſt ſpoken of, of them ſhall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child untill the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

1 Nathan firſt approving the purpoſe of David to build God an houſe, 4 after by the word of God forbiddeth him. 12 He promiſeth him benefits and bleſſings in his ſeed. 18 Davids prayer and thanksgiving.

1 Chr. 17. 1.

AND it came to paſs, [a] when the king ſat in his houſe, and the LORD had given him reſt round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king ſaid unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an houſe of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

3 And Nathan ſaid to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart: for the LORD *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, ſaying,

5 Go and tell my [†] ſervant David, Thus ſaith the LORD, [b] Shalt thou build me an houſe for me to dwell in?

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* houſe, ſince the time that I brought up the children of Iſrael out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all the children of Iſrael, ſpake I a word with [‖] any of the tribes of Iſrael, whom I commanded to feed my people Iſrael, ſaying, Why build ye not me an houſe of cedar?

8 Now therefore, ſo ſhalt thou ſay unto my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, [d] I took thee from the ſheep-cote, [†] from following the ſheep, to be ruler over my people, over Iſrael.

9 And I was with thee whitherſoever thou wenteſt, and have cut off all thine enemies [†] out of thy ſight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

10 Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Iſrael, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more: neither ſhall the children of wickedneſs afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as ſince the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Iſrael, and have cauſed thee to reſt from all thine enemies. Alſo the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an houſe.

12 ¶ And [e] when thy days be fulfilled, and thou ſhalt ſleep with thy fathers, I will ſet up thy ſeed after thee, which ſhall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will eſtabliſh his kingdom.

13 [f] He ſhall build an houſe for my name, and I will ſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 [g] I will be his father, and he ſhall be my

my ſon. [h] If he commit iniquity, I will chaſten him with the rod of men, and with the ſtripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy ſhall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine houſe and thy kingdom ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever before thee: thy throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed for ever.

17 According to all theſe words and according to all this viſion ſo did Nathan ſpeak unto David.

18 ¶ Then went king David in, and ſat before the LORD, and he ſaid, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my houſe, that thou haſt brought me hitherto?

19 And this was yet a ſmall thing in thy ſight, O Lord GOD; but thou haſt ſpoken alſo of thy ſervants houſe for a great while to come. And *is* this the † manner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can David ſay more unto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knoweſt thy ſervant.

21 For thy words ſake, and according to thine own heart haſt thou done all theſe great things, to make thy ſervant know *them*.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for [i] *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beſide thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

23 And [k] what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *even* like Iſrael, whom God went to redeem for a people to himſelf, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedſt to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods?

24 For thou haſt confirmed to thy ſelf thy people Iſrael *to be* a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſervant, and concerning his houſe, eſtabliſh *it* for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, ſaying, The LORD of hoſts *is* the God over Iſrael: and let the houſe of thy ſervant David be eſtabliſhed before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hoſts, God of Iſrael, haſt † revealed to thy ſervant, ſaying, I will build thee an houſe: therefore hath thy ſervant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

28 And now O Lord GOD, thou *art* that God, and [l] thy words be true, and thou haſt promiſed this goodneſs unto thy ſervant.

29 Therefore now † let it pleaſe thee to bleſs the houſe of thy ſervant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, haſt ſpoken *it*: and with thy bleſſing let the houſe of thy ſervant be bleſſed for ever.

CHAP. VIII.

1 David ſubdueth the Philiſtines, and the Moabites. 3 He ſmiteth Hadadezer, and the Syrians. 9 Toi ſendeth Joram with preſents to bleſs him. 11 The preſents and the ſpoil David dedicateth to God. 14 He putteth gariſons in Edom. 16 Davids officers.

AND [a] after this it came to paſs that David ſmote the Philiſtines, and ſubdued them: and David took ‖ Methegammah out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

2 And [b] he ſmote Moab, and meaſured them with a line, caſting them down to the ground; even with two lines meaſured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *ſo* the Moabites became Davids ſervants, *and* brought gifts.

3 ¶ David ſmote alſo ‖ Hadadezer the ſon of Rehob king of [c] Zobah, as he went to recover his border at ŷ river Euphrates.

4 And David took ‖ from him a thouſand ‖ *chariots*, and ſeven hundred horſemen, and twenty thouſand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot-*horſes*, but reſerved of them *for* an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damaſcus came to ſuccour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David ſlew of the Syrians two and twenty thouſand men.

6 Then David put gariſons in Syria of Damaſcus: and the Syrians became ſervants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

7 And David took the ſhields of gold that

[h] 2 Sam. 7. 14.
† Heb. *be thou pleaſed & bleſs.*
[i] Exod. 15. 11. Deut. 3. 24. & 4. 35. & 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 2. Pſal. 86. 8. Iſa. 45. 5, 6, 14, 21, 22. & 46. 9. Jer. 10. 6, 7.
[k] Deut. 4. 7, 8, 34. Pſal. 147. 19, 20.
† Heb. *opened the ear.*
[l] John 17. 17.
[a] 1 Chr. 18. 1, &c.
‖ Or, *The bridle of Ammah.*
[b] Num. 24. 17.
‖ Or, *Hadarezer.*
[c] Pſ. 60. title.
‖ Or, *of his.*
‖ As 1 Chr. 18. 4.

that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from ‖Betah and from ‖Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9 ¶ When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

10 Then Toi sent [d] Joram his son unto king David, to † salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer † had wars with Toi. And *Joram* † brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:

11 Which also king David [e] did dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicate of all nations which he subdued;

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer son of Rehob king of Zobah.

13 And David gat *him* a name when he returned from † smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, [f] *being* eighteen thousand *men*.

14 ¶ And he put garisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garisons, and all they of Edom became Davids servants. And the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel, and David executed judgement and justice unto all his people.

16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* [h] over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* ‖ recorder;

17 And [i] Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Seraiah *was* the ‖ scribe;

18 [k] And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was over* both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; & Davids sons were ‖ chief rulers.

CHAP. IX.

1 *David by Ziba sendeth for Mephibosheth.* 7 *For Jonathans sake he entertaineth him at his table, and restoreth him all that was Sauls.* 9 *He maketh Ziba his farmer.*

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathans sake?

2 And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* [a] Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is he*.

3 And the king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew [b] the kindness of God unto him? and Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is* [c] lame on *his* feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of [d] Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.

5 ¶ Then king David sent, and fet him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo debar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant.

7 ¶ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy fathers sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What *is* thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead [e] dog as I *am*?

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba Sauls servant, and said unto him, [f] I have given unto thy masters son all that pertained to Saul, and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore and thy sons and thy servants shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy masters son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy masters son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table, as one of ŷ kings sons.

12 And Mephibosheth had a young son whose name *was* Micha. And all that dwelt

§ Or, *Tibhath*.
‖ Or, *Cun*.
[d] 1 Chr. 18. 10. *Hadoram*
† Heb. *ask him of peace*.
‖ Heb. *was a man of wars with*.
† Heb. *in his hand were*.
[e] 1 Chr. 18. 11. & 26. 26.
† Heb. *his smiting*.
[f] See 1 Chr. 18. 12. Psal. 60. tit.
[g] Num. 24. 18.
[h] Chap. 8. 8.
‖ Or, *remembrancer*, or *writer of chronicles*.
[i] 1 Chr. 24. 3.
‖ Or, *secretary*.
[k] 1 Chr. 18. 17.
‖ Or, *princes*.

dwelt in the houſe of Ziba *were* ſervants unto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jeruſalem: for he did eat continually at the kings table; and was lame on both his feet.

CHAP. X.

1 Davids meſſengers ſent to comfort Hanun the ſon of Nahaſh are villanouſly intreated. 6 The Ammonites, ſtrengthned by the Syrians, are overcome by Joab and Abiſhai. 15 Shobach, making a new ſupply of the Syrians at Helam, is ſlain by David.

AND it came to paſs after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

2 Then ſaid David, I will ſhew kindneſs unto Hanun the ſon of Nahaſh, as his father ſhewed kindneſs unto me. And David ſent to comfort him by the hand of his ſervants, for his father. And Davids ſervants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon ſaid unto Hanun their lord, †Thinkeſt thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath ſent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* ſent his ſervants unto thee to ſearch the city, and to ſpie it out, and to overthrow *it*?

4 Wherefore Hanun took Davids ſervants, and ſhaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their buttocks, and ſent them away.

5 When they told *it* unto David, he ſent to meet them, becauſe ỹ men were greatly aſhamed. And ỹ king ſaid, Tarry at Jericho untill your beards be grown, & *then* return.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon ſaw that they ſtank before David, the children of Ammon ſent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thouſand footmen, and of king Maacah a thouſand men, and of Iſh-tob twelve thouſand men.

7 And when David heard of *it*, he ſent Joab, and all the hoſt of the mighty men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battel in aray at the entring in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob, and Iſh-tob, and Maacah *were* by themſelves in the field.

9 When Joab ſaw that the front of the battel was againſt him before and behind, he choſe of all the choice *men* of Iſrael, & put *them* in aray againſt the Syrians.

10 And the reſt of the people he delivered into the hand of Abiſhai his brother, that he might put *them* in aray againſt the children of Ammon.

11 And he ſaid, If the Syrians be too ſtrong for me, then thou ſhalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too ſtrong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which ſeemeth him good.

13 And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battel againſt the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon ſaw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they alſo before Abiſhai, and entred into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jeruſalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians ſaw that they were ſmitten before Iſrael, they gathered themſelves together.

16 And Hadarezer ſent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they came to Helam; and ‖ Shobach the captain of the hoſt of Hadarezer *went* before them.

‖ Or, *Shophach* 1 Chr. 19. 16.

17 And when it was told David, he gathered all Iſrael together, and paſſed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians ſet themſelves in aray againſt David, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Iſrael; and David ſlew *the men of* ſeven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and fourty thouſand horſemen, and ſmote Shobach the captain of their hoſt, who died there.

19 And when all the kings *that were* ſervants to Hadarezer ſaw that they were ſmitten before Iſrael, they made peace with Iſrael, and ſerved them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

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CHAP. XI.

1 While Joab beſiegeth Rabbah, David committeth adultery with Bath-ſheba. 6 Uriah ſent for by David to cover the adultery, will not go home, neither ſober nor drunken. 14 He carrieth to Joab the letter of his death. 18 Joab ſendeth the news thereof to David. 26 David taketh Bath-ſheba to wife.

AND it came to paſs, † after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battel*, that [a] David ſent Joab and his ſervants with him, and all Iſrael: and they deſtroyed the children of Ammon, and beſieged Rabbah. But David tarried ſtill at Jeruſalem.

† Heb. at the return of the year.
[a] 1 Chr. 20. 1.

2 ¶ And it came to paſs in an evening tide, that David aroſe from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the kings houſe: and from the roof he ſaw a woman waſhing her ſelf; and the woman *was* very beautifull to look upon.

3 And David ſent and enquired after the woman. And *one* ſaid, *Is* not this ‖ Bath-ſheba the daughter of ‖ Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

‖ Or, Bath-ſhua. 1 Chr. 3. 5.
‖ Or, Ammiel.

4 And David ſent meſſengers, and took her. And ſhe came in unto him, and [b] he lay with her, (‖ for ſhe was [c] purified from her uncleanneſs) & ſhe returned unto her houſe.

[b] Pſ. 51. title.
‖ Or, and when ſhe had purified her ſelf, &c. ſhe returned.
[c] Levit. 15. 19. & 18. 19.

5 And the woman conceived, and ſent and told David, and ſaid, I *am* with child.

6 ¶ And David ſent to Joab, *ſaying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab ſent Uriah to David.

† Heb. of the peace of, &c.

7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded *of him* † how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war proſpered.

8 And David ſaid to Uriah, Go down to thy houſe, and waſh thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the kings houſe, and there † followed him a meſs *of meat* from the king.

† Heb. went out after him.

9 But Uriah ſlept at the door of the kings houſe, with all the ſervants of his lord, and went not down to his houſe.

10 And when they had told David, ſaying, Uriah went not down unto his houſe, David ſaid unto Uriah, Cameſt thou not from *thy* journey? why *then* didſt thou not go down unto thine houſe?

11 And Uriah ſaid unto David, The ark, and Iſrael, and Judah abide in tents; and [d] my lord Joab and the ſervants of my lord are encamped in the open fields; ſhall I then go into mine houſe, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou liveſt, and *as* thy ſoul liveth, I will not do this thing.

[d] 1 Chr. 20. 1.

12 And David ſaid to Uriah, Tarry here to day alſo, and to morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jeruſalem, that day and the morrow.

13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the ſervants of his lord, but went not down to his houſe.

14 ¶ And it came to paſs in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and ſent *it* by the hand of Uriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, ſaying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the † hotteſt battel, and retire ye † from him, that he may be ſmitten, and die.

† Heb. ſtrong. † Heb. from after him.

16 And it came to paſs when Joab obſerved the city, that he aſſigned Uriah unto a place where he knew ỹ valiant men *were*.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell *ſome* of the people of the ſervants of David, and Uriah the Hittite died alſo.

18 ¶ Then Joab ſent, and told David all the things concerning the war;

19 And charged the meſſenger, ſaying, When thou haſt made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

20 And if ſo be that the kings wrath ariſe, and he ſay unto thee, Wherefore approached ye ſo nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would ſhoot from the wall?

21 Who ſmote [e] Abimelech the ſon of Jerubbeſheth? did not a woman caſt a piece of a milſtone upon him from the wall that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then ſay thou, Thy ſervant Uriah the Hittite is dead alſo.

[e] Judg. 9. 53.

22 ¶ So the meſſenger went, and came and ſhewed David all that Joab had ſent him for.

23 And the meſſenger ſaid unto David, Surely

Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entring of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of the kings servants be dead; and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing † displease thee: for the sword devoureth † one as well as another: make thy battel more strong against the city, & overthrow it; and encourage thou him.

26 ¶ And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, David sent, and fet her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done † displeased the LORD.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Nathans parable of the ew-lamb causeth David to be his own judge.* 7 *David, reproved by Nathan, confesseth his sin, and is pardoned.* 15 *David mourneth and prayeth for the child, while it lived.* 24 *Solomon is born, and named Jedidiah.* 26 *David taketh Rabbah, and tortureth the people thereof.*

AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And [a] he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds.

3 But the poor *man* had nothing save one little ew-lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own † meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter.

4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor mans lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And Davids anger was greatly kindled against the man; & he said to Nathan, *As* the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this *thing* ‖ shall surely die.

6 And he shall restore the lamb [b] fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

7 ¶ And Nathan said to David, Thou *art* the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I [c] anointed thee king over Israel, & I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul.

8 And I gave thee thy masters house, and thy masters wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah: and if *that had been* too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will [d] take thy wives before thine eyes, and give *them* unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

12 For thou didst *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.

13 And David said unto Nathan, [e] I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, [f] The LORD also hath put away thy sin: thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD strook the child that Uriahs wife bare unto David, and it was very sick.

16 David therefore besought God for the child, and David † fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.

17 And the elders of his house arose, and

‖ Or, *is worthy to die*

[b] Exod. 22. 1.

[c] 1 Sam. 16. 13.

[d] Deut. 28. 30. Chap. 16. 22.

[e] Ps. 32. 5. & 51. 4

[f] Eccles 47. 11.

† Heb. *fasted a fast.*

and went to him, to raiſe him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.

18 And it came to paſs on the ſeventh day that the child died. And the ſervants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they ſaid, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we ſpake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how will he then † vex himſelf, if we tell him that the child is dead?

† Heb *do hurt.*

19 But when David ſaw that his ſervants whiſpered, David perceived that the child was dead: therefore David ſaid unto his ſervants, Is the child dead? And they ſaid, He is dead.

20 Then David aroſe from the earth, & waſhed, and anointed *himſelf*, and changed his apparel, and came into the houſe of the LORD, and worſhipped: then he came to his own houſe; and when he required, they ſet bread before him, and he did eat.

21 Then ſaid his ſervants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou haſt done? Thou didſt faſt and weep for the child *while it was* alive; but when the child was dead, thou didſt riſe and eat bread.

22 And he ſaid, While the child was yet alive, I faſted and wept: [e] for I ſaid, Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?

e See 1 Cor. 7. 16. Jon. 3. 9.

23 But now he is dead, wherefore ſhould I faſt? can I bring him back again? I ſhall go to him, but he ſhall not return to me.

24 ¶ And David comforted Bathſheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and [h] ſhe bare a ſon, and [i] he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him:

h Mat. 1. 6.
i 1 Chr. 22. 9.

25 And he ſent by the hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah, becauſe of the LORD.

‖ That is, *Beloved of the Lord.*

26 ¶ And Joab fought againſt Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 And Joab ſent meſſengers to David, and ſaid, I have fought againſt Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore, gather the reſt of the people together, and encamp againſt the city, and take it: leſt I take the city, and † it be called after my name.

† Heb. *my name be called upon it.*

29 And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought againſt it, and took it.

30 [k] And he took their kings crown from off his head; the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold, with the precious ſtones: and it was *ſet* on David's head. And he brought forth the ſpoil of the city † in great abundance.

k 1 Chr. 20. 2.
† Heb. *very great.*

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* under ſaws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them paſs through the brik-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David & all the people returned unto Jeruſalem.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Amnon loving Tamar, by Jonadabs counſel feigning himſelf ſick, raviſheth her.* 15 *He hateth her, and ſhamefully turneth her away.* 19 *Abſalon entertaineth her, and concealeth his purpoſe.* 23 *At a ſheep-ſhearing, among all the kings ſons, he killeth Amnon.* 30 *David grieving at the news, is comforted by Jonadab.* 37 *Abſalom fleeth to Talmai at Geſhur.*

AND it came to paſs after this, that Abſalom the ſon of David had a fair ſiſter whoſe name *was* Tamar, and Amnon the ſon of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was ſo vexed that he fell ſick for his ſiſter Tamar: for ſhe *was* a virgin; and † Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her.

† Heb. *it was wonderful in the eyes of Amnon.*

3 But Amnon had a friend whoſe name *was* Jonadab, the ſon of Shimeah David's brother: & Jonadab *was* a very ſubtil man.

4 And he ſaid unto him, Why *art* thou, *being* the kings ſon, † lean † from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon ſaid unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Abſaloms ſiſter.

† Heb. *poor.* † Heb. *morning by morning.*

5 And Jonadab ſaid unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thy ſelf ſick. And when thy father cometh to ſee thee, ſay unto him, I pray thee, let my ſiſter Tamar come, and give me meat, and dreſs the meat in my ſight, that I may ſee *it*, and eat *it* at her hand.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay down, and made himſelf

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himself sick. And when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnons house, and dress him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnons house; and he was laid down. And she took ‖ flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she took a pan, and poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him.

10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when she had brought *them* unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not † force me: for [a] † no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly.

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king: for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit, he would not hearken unto her voice; but being stronger then she, forced her, and lay with her.

15 ¶ Then Amnon hated her † exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater then the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater then the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

17 Then he called his servant that ministred unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

18 And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the kings daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

19 ¶ And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he *is* thy brother; † regard not this thing. So Tamar remained † desolate in her brother Absaloms house.

21 ¶ But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 ¶ And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom [b] had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which *is* beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the kings sons.

24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants, go with thy servant.

25 And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the kings sons go with him.

28 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnons heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: ‖ have not I commanded you? be couragious, and be † valiant.

29 And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the kings sons arose, and every man † gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And it came to pass while they were in the way, that tidings came to Da-

† Heb. *set not thine heart.*

† Heb. *and desolate.*

[a] See Gen. 38. 13.

[b] 1 Sam. 25. 4.

‖ Or, *did you not, since I have commanded you?*

† Heb. *sons of valour.*

† Heb. *rose.*

vid, ſaying, Abſalom hath ſlain all the kings ſons, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king aroſe, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his ſervants ſtood by with their clothes rent.

32 And Jonadab the ſon of Shimeah Davids brother anſwered and ſaid, Let not my lord ſuppoſe *that* they have ſlain all the young men the kings ſons; for Amnon onely is dead: for by the † appointment of Abſalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his ſiſter Tamar.

† Heb. *mouth.* ‖ Or, *ſemed.*

33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the kings ſons are dead: for Amnon onely is dead.

34 But Abſalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lift up his eyes, and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-ſide behind him.

35 And Jonadab ſaid unto the king, Behold, the kings ſons come: † as thy ſervant ſaid, ſo it is.

† Heb. *according to the word of thy ſervant.*

36 And it came to paſs aſſoon as he had made an end of ſpeaking, that behold, the kings ſons came, and lift up their voice and wept. And the king alſo and all his ſervants wept † very ſore.

† Heb. *with a great weeping greatly.*

37 ¶ But Abſalom fled, and went to Talmai the ſon of ‖ Ammihud king of Geſhur. And *David* mourned for his ſon every day.

‖ Or, *Ammihur.*

38 So Abſalom fled, and went to Geſhur, and was there three years.

39 And *the ſoul of* king David ‖ longed to go forth unto Abſalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, ſeeing he was dead.

‖ Or, *was conſumed*

CHAP. XIV.

1 Joab, ſuborning a widow of Tekoah by a parable to ancline the kings heart to fetch home Abſalom, bringeth him to Jeruſalem. 25 Abſaloms beauty, hair, and children. 28 After two years Abſalom by Joab is brought into the kings preſence.

NOw Joab the ſon of Zeruiah perceived that the kings heart *was* toward Abſalom.

2 And Joab ſent to Tekoah, and fetcht thence a wiſe woman, and ſaid unto her, I pray thee, feign thy ſelf to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thy ſelf with oyl, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and ſpeak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah ſpake to the king, ſhe fell on her face to the ground, and did obeiſance, and ſaid, † Help, O king.

† Heb. *ſave.*

5 And the king ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, I *am* indeed a widow woman & mine husband is dead.

6 And thy hand maid had two ſons, and they two ſtrove together in the field, and *there was* † none to part them, but the one ſmote the other, and ſlew him.

† Heb. *no deliverer between them.*

7 And behold, the whole family is riſen againſt thine hand maid, and they ſaid, Deliver him that ſmote his brother, that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he ſlew; and we will deſtroy the heir alſo: & ſo they ſhall quench my coal which is left, & ſhall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder † upon the earth.

† Heb. *upon the face of the earth.*

8 And the king ſaid unto the woman, Go to thine houſe, and I will give charge concerning thee.

9 And the woman of Tekoah ſaid unto the king, My lord O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my fathers houſe: and the king and his throne *be* guiltleſs.

10 And the king ſaid, Whoſoever ſaith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he ſhall not touch thee any more.

11 Then ſaid ſhe, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, † that thou wouldeſt not ſuffer the revengers of bloud to deſtroy any more, leſt they deſtroy my ſon. And he ſaid, [a] *As* the LORD liveth, there ſhall not one hair of thy ſon fall to the earth.

† Heb. *that the multiplying of the revengers of bloud deſtroy no more.*

12 Then the woman ſaid, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, ſpeak *on* word unto my lord the king. And he ſaid, Say on.

13 And the woman ſaid, Wherefore then haſt thou thought ſuch a thing againſt the people of God? for the king doth ſpeak this

† Heb. *by this.*

this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: ‖ neither doth God respect *any* person; yet doth he devise means that his banished be not expelled from him.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy hand maid said, I will now speak unto ỹ king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his hand maid.

16 For the king will hear to deliver his hand-maid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God:

17 Then thine hand-maid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be † comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king † to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

19 And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, *As* thy soul liveth, my lord O king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine hand-maid:

20 To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and †thanked the king. And Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of ‖ his servant.

‖ Or, thy

23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the kings face.

25 ¶ † But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

† Heb. *And as Absalom there was not a beautifull man in all Israel to praise greatly.*

26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at every years end that he polled *it*: because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the kings weight.

27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the kings face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joabs field is † near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absaloms servants set the field on fire.

† Heb. *near my place.*

31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom unto *his* house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?

32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the kings face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me.

33 So Joab came to the king, and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

CHAP. XV.

1 Absalom by fair speeches and courtesies stealeth the hearts of Israel. 7 Under pretense of a vow he obtaineth leave to go to Hebron. 10 He maketh there a great conspiracy. 13 David upon the news fleeth from Jerusalem. 19 Ittai will not leave him. 24 Zadok and Abiathar are sent back with the ark. 30 David and his company go up mount Olivet weeping. 31 David curseth Ahithophels counsel. 32 Hushai is sent back with instructions.

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom [a] prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

[a] 1 Kin. 1. 5.

2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was *so*, that when any man that had a controversie † came to the king for judgement, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.

† Heb. *to come.*

3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man ‖ *deputed* of the king to hear thee.

‖ Or, *none will hear thee from the king downward.*

4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice.

5 And it was *so*, that when any man came nigh *to him* to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgement. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after fourty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, *that were* called: and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, Davids counsellour, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee: for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and † bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the kings servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord ỹ king shall † appoint.

16 And [b] the king went forth, and all his household † after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

18 And all his servants passed on beside him: and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 ¶ Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, & abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day † make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go, and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him.

23 And

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over. The king also himself passed over the brook ‖ Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And lo, Zadok also *was there*, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me *both* it, and his habitation.

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, *here am* I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, *Art not* thou a [c] seer? return into the city in peace, and [d] your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certifie me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem; and they tarried there.

30 ¶ And David went up by the ascent of *mount* Olivet, † and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went bare-foot. And all the people that *was* with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up.

31 ¶ And *one* told David, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the conspiratours with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, that *when* David was come to the top *of the mount*, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him, with his coat rent, and earth upon his head:

33 Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me.

34 But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; *as* I *have been* thy fathers servant hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel.

35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, *that* what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the kings house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

36 Behold, *they have* there [e] with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadoks *son*, and Jonathan Abiathars *son*: and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear.

37 So Hushai Davids friend came into the city, & Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ziba by presents and false suggestions obtaineth his masters inheritance. 5 At Bahurim Shimei curseth David. 9 David with patience abstaineth and restraineth others from revenge. 15 Hushai insinuateth himself into Absaloms counsel. 20 Ahithophels counsel.

AND when David was a little past the top *of* [a] *the hill*, behold, [b] Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer-fruits, and a bottle of wine.

2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the kings household to ride on; and the bread and summer-fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

3 And the king said, And where *is* thy masters son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, † I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in thy sight, my lord O king.

5 ¶ And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei the son of Gera:

[c] 1 Sam. 9. 9. 2 Sam. 15. 27. 2 Chron. 16. 7. 10.

[d] 2 Sam. 15. 36.

[e] Ver. 27.

[a] 2 Chap. 15. 30. Chap. 16. 2.

[b] 2 Sam. 9. 2.

† Heb. I do obeysance,

‖ Or, still came forth and cursed.

he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

6 And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left.

† Heb. man of bloud.

7 And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou † bloudy man, and thou man of Belial:

8 The LORD hath returned upon thee all the bloud of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and † behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloudy man.

† Heb. behold thou in thy evil.

9 ¶ Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this [c] dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.

[c] 1 Sam. 24. 14. Chap. 9. 8.

10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may* this Benjamite *do it?* let him alone, and let him curse: for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the LORD will look on mine ‖ † affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day.

‖ Or, ears. † Heb. eye.

13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on ẏ hills side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and † cast dust.

† Heb. dusted him with dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

15 ¶ And Absalom and all the people the men of Israel came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to pass when Hushai the Archite, Davids friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, † God save the king, God save the king.

† Heb. Let the king live.

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide.

19 And again, whom should I serve? *should* I not *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy fathers presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy fathers concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom [d] went in unto his fathers concubines, in the sight of all Israel.

[d] Deut. 22. 30.

23 And the counsel of Ahithophel which he counselled in those days *was* as if a man had enquired at the † oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

† Heb. word.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Ahithophels counsel is overthrown by Hushai's, according to Gods appointment. 15 Secret intelligence is sent unto David. 23 Ahithophel hangeth himself. 25 Amasa is made captain. 27 David at Mahanaim is furnished with provision.

MOreover, Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night.

2 And I will come upon him while he *is* weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king onely.

3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned: *so* all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying † pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

† Heb. was good in the eyes of.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise † what he saith.

† Heb. what is in his mouth.

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom,

lom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his † saying? if not; speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath † given *is* not good at this time.

8 For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* † chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be † overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom.

10 And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and † that thou go to battel in thine own person.

12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him, and of all the men that *are* with him, there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, untill there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better then the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had † appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 ¶ Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel: for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them: and they went and told king David.

18 Nevertheless, a lad saw them, and told Absalom, But they went both of them away quickly, and came to a mans house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down.

19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the wells mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known.

20 And when Absaloms servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not † followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to his city, and † put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

† Heb. done.

† Heb. gave charge concerning his house.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 ¶ And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host in stead of Joab. Which Amasa

was a mans son whose name *was* Ithra an Israelite, that went in to [b] Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joabs mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to pass when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and [c] Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and [d] Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and ‖ basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched *corn*, and beans, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*,

29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine for David, and for the people that *were* with him, to eat. For they said, The people *is* hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *David, viewing the armies in their march, giveth them charge of Absalom.* 6 *The Israelites are sore smitten in the wood of Ephraim.* 9 *Absalom, hanging in an oak, is slain by Joab, and cast into a pit.* 18 *Absaloms place.* 19 *Ahimaaz and Cushi bring tidings to David.* 33 *David mourneth for Absalom.*

AND David numbred the people that *were* with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah Joabs brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you my self also.

3 But [a] the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not † care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now *thou art* † worth ten thousand of us: therefore now *it is* better that thou † succour us out of the city.

4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands.

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, *Deal* gently for my sake with the young man, *even* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battel was in the wood of Ephraim;

7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the countrey: and the wood † devoured more people that day then the sword devoured.

9 ¶ And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that *was* under him went away.

10 And a certain man saw *it*, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten *shekels* of silver, and a girdle.

12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should † receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in mine hand, *yet* would I not put forth mine hand against the kings son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, † Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom.

13 Otherwise, I should have wrought falshood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, & thou thy self wouldst have set thy self against *me*.

14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus † with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he *was* yet alive in the † midst of the oak.

15 And ten young men that bare Joabs armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And

[b] 1 Chr. 2. 16, 17.

[c] Chap. 9. 5.
[d] Chap. 19. 31. 1 Kings 2. 7.
‖ Or, cups.

[a] Chap. 21. 17.
† Heb. set their heart on us.
† Heb. are ten thousand of us.
† Heb. be to succour.

† Heb. smiten.

† Heb. receive.
† Heb. keep.

† Heb. before.
† Heb. heart.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: For Joab held back the people.

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

18 ¶ Now Absalom in his life-time had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in [b] the kings dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name. And it is called unto this day, Absaloms place.

19 ¶ Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath † avenged him of his enemies.

20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not † bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the kings son is dead.

21 Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But † howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing ẏ thou hast no tidings ‖ ready?

23 But howsoever, *saidst*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cushi.

24 And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lift up his eyes, and looked, and behold, a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, † Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, ‖ † All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath † delivered up the men that lift up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, † Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the kings servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And behold, Cushi came, and Cushi said, † Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee.

32 And the king said unto Cushi, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do *thee* hurt, be as that young man *is*.

33 ¶ And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom: would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Joab causeth the king to cease his mourning. 9 The Israelites are earnest to bring the king back. 11 David sendeth to the priests to incite them of Judah. 18 Shimei is pardoned. 24 Mephibosheth excused. 32 Barzillai dismissed, Chimham his son is taken into the kings family. 41 The Israelites expostulate with Judah for bringing home the king without them.

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 And the † victory that day was *turned* into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son.

3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battel.

4 But

‖ Or, Peace be to thee. † Heb. Peace. † Heb. shut up. † Heb. Is there peace?

† Heb. Tidings is brought.

† Heb. salvation, or deliverance.

4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son.

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines;

† Heb. thy loving, &c ‡ Heb. that princes or servants are not to thee.

6 † In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day † that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

† Heb. to the heart of thy servants.

7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak † comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee then all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now.

8 Then the king rose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king. For Israel had fled every man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battel. Now therefore why † speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

† Heb. are ye silent.

11 ¶ And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, *even* to his house.

12 Ye *are* my brethren, ye *are* my bones and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king?

13 And say ye to Amasa, *Art* thou not [a] of my bone and of my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab.

[a] Chap. 17. 25.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, [b] even as *the heart of* one man, so that they sent *this word* unto the king, Return thou and all thy servants.

[b] Judg. 20. 1.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.

16 ¶ And [c] Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David.

[c] Chap. 16. 5. 1 King. 2. 8.

17 And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and [d] Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him: and they went over Jordan before the king.

[d] Chap. 16. 1, &c.

18 And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the kings household, and to do † what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king as he was come over Jordan;

† Heb. the good in his eyes.

19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember [e] that which thy servant did perversly the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

[e] Chap. 16. 5.

20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORDS anointed?

22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? [f] Shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel?

[f] 1 Sam. 11. 13.

23 Therefore [g] ỹ king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

[g] 1 Kin. 2. 8, 9. 37, 46.

24 ¶ And [h] Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither

[h] Chap. 9. 6.

ther dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed untill the day he came *again* in peace.

25 And it came to pass when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And he answered, My lord O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant *is* lame.

27 And [i] he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* [k] as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes.

28 For all *of* my fathers house were but † dead men before my lord the king: yet [l] didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king?

29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

31 ¶ And [m] Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, & went over Jordan with [y] king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and [n] he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he *was* a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, † How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing-men and singing-women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king, and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt † require of me, *that* will I do for thee. † Heb. choose.

39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. And all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

41 ¶ And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king and his household, and all Davids men with him, over Jordan?

42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king *is* near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the kings *cost?* or hath he given us any gift?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David then ye: why then did ye † despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer then the words of the men of Israel. † Heb. set us at light.

CHAP. XX.

1 *By occasion of the quarrel Sheba maketh a party in Israel.* 3 *Davids ten concubines are shut up in perpetual prison.* 4 *Amasa, made captain over Judah, is slain by Joab.* 14 *Joab pursueth Sheba unto Abel.* 16 *A wise woman saveth the city by Sheba's head.* 23 *Davids officers.*

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name *was* Sheba the son

son of Bichri, a Benjamite; and he blew a trumpet, and said, [a] We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women *his* [b] concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in † ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were † shut up unto the day of their death, † living in widowhood.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, † Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

5 So Amasa went to assemble *the men of* Judah: but he tarried longer then the set time which he had appointed him.

6 And David said, to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm then *did* Absalom: take thou [c] thy lords servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and † escape us.

7 And there went out after him Joabs men, and the [d] Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

8 When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joabs garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastned upon his loyns in the sheath thereof, and as he went forth it fell out.

9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him.

10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joabs hand: so [e] he smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and † struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.

11 And one of Joabs men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in bloud in the mids of the high-way. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the high-way into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still.

13 When he was removed out of the high-way, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 ¶ And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and ‖ it stood in the trench: & all the people that *were* with Joab † battered the wall, to throw it down.

16 ¶ Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee.

17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, I *am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine hand-maid. And he answered, I do hear.

18 Then she spake, saying, ‖ They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*.

19 I *am one of them that are* peaccable *and* faithfull in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD?

20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

21 The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri † by name, hath lift up his hand against king, *even* against David. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall.

22 Then the woman went unto all the people

[a] 2 King. 12. 16.

[b] Chap. 15. 16. & 16. 21, 22.

† Heb. *a house of ward.* † Heb. *bound.* † Heb. *in widowhood of life.* † Heb. *Call.*

[c] Chap. 19. 11.

† Heb. *deliver himself from our eyes.*

[d] 1 Sam. 30. 16.

[e] 2 King. 2. 5.

† Heb. *doubled not his stroke.*

‖ Or, *it stood against the side of the trench.* † Heb. *warred to throw down.*

‖ Or, *They plainly spake in old time, saying.*

† Heb. *by his name.*

people [f] in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they † retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

23 ¶ Now [g] Joab *was* over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites, and over the Pelethites:

24 And Adoram *was* over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* ‖ recorder:

25 And Sheva *was* scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests:

26 And Ira also the Jairite was ‖ a chief ruler about David.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The three years famine for the Gibeonites ceaseth by hanging seven of Sauls sons. 10 Rizpahs kindness unto the dead. 12 David buryeth the bones of Saul and Jonathan in his fathers sepulchre. 15 Four battels against the Philistines, wherein four valiants of David slay four giants.

THen there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year: and David † enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloudy house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them, (Now the Gibeonites *were* not of the children of Israel, but [a] of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them, in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah)

3 Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and where with shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, ‖ We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, *that* will I do for you.

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed us, and that ‖ devised against us *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,

6 Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, ‖ *whom* the LORD did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*.

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of [b] the LORDS oath that *was* between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni, & Mephibosheth; and the five sons of ‖ Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she † brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:

9 And he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites; and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley-harvest.

10 ¶ And [c] Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest untill water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night.

11 And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah the concubine of Saul had done.

12 ¶ And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the [d] Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa.

13 And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the countrey of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that, God was entreated for the land.

15 ¶ Moreover, the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down,

[f] Or, *chosen of the LORD*.

[b] 1 Sam. 18. 3. & 20. 8, 15, 42. & 23. 18.

‖ Or, *Michals sister*

† Heb. *bare to Adriel*.

[c] Chap. 3. 7.

[d] 1 Sam. 31. 19.

down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. And David waxed faint.

16 And Ishbi-benob, which *was* of the sons of ‖ the giant, the weight of whose † spear *weighed* three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to have slain David.

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then [a] the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battel, that thou quench not the † light of Israel.

18 [b] And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battel with the Philistines at Gob: then [c] Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of ‖ the giant.

19 And there was again a battel in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan [d] the son of Jaare-oregim a Bethlehemite slew [e] *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weavers beam.

20 And there was yet a battel in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to ‖ the giant.

21 And when he ‖ defied Israel, Jonathan the son of [f] Shimea the brother of David slew him.

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXII.

A psalm of thanksgiving for Gods powerfull deliverance, and manifold blessings.

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song, in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul:

2 And he said, [a] The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer,

3 The God of my rock: in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high towre, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the ‖ waves of death compassed me; the floods of † ungodly men made me afraid.

6 The ‖ sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry *did enter* into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations of heaven moved and shook because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke † out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did flie: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him, † dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundred from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the chanels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of ‖ many waters.

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

22 For

‖ Or, *Raphah.* † Heb. *the staff of the spear.*

[a] Chap. 18. 3.

† Heb. *candle*, or *lamp.*

[b] 1 Chr. 20. 4. [c] 1 Chr. 11. 29.

‖ Or, *Raphah.*

[d] See 1 Chr. 20. 5.

‖ Or, *Raphah.* ‖ Or, *reproached.*

[e] 1 Sam. 16. 9.

[a] Psal. 18. 2, &c.

† Heb. *waters of waters.*

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his judgements *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them.

24 I was also upright † before him, and have kept my self from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to my cleanness †in his eye-sight

26 With the mercifull thou wilt shew thy self mercifull, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thy self upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thy self pure, and with the froward thou wilt || shew thy self unsavoury.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down.

29 For thou *art* my || lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have || run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* || tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God?

33 God *is* my strength *and* power: and he † maketh my way perfect.

34 He † maketh my feet like hinds *feet:* and setteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands † to war: so *y* a bowe of steel is broken by mine arms.

36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath † made me great.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my † feet did not slip.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

39 And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.

40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battel: them that rose up against me, hast thou † subdued under me.

41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but *there was* none to save: *even* unto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, *and* did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen: a people *which* I knew not, shall serve me.

45 † Strangers shall || † submit themselves unto me: assoon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.

46 Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.

47 The LORD liveth, and blessed *be* my Rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.

48 It *is* God that † avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me,

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among [b] the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

51 *He is* the towre of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and [c] to his seed for evermore.

† Heb. *Sons of the stranger.*

|| Or, *yield feigned obedience*

† Heb. *lie.*

† Heb. *giveth avengements for me.*

[b] Rom. 15. 9.

[c] Chap. 7. 12.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 David in his last words professeth his faith in Gods promises to be beyond sense or experience. 6 The different state of the wicked. 8 A catalogue of Davids mighty men.

NOw these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said, [a] the Rock of Israel spake to me, || He that ruleth over men *must be* just, ruling in the fear of God:

4 And [b] *he shall be* as the light of the morning,

[a] Deut. 32. 4.

|| Or, *Be thou ruler, &c*

[b] Judg. 5. 31. Psal. 89. 36. Prov. 4. 18. Hos. 6. 3.

morning, *when* the ſun riſeth, *even* a morning without clouds; *as* the tender graſs *ſpringing* out of the earth by clear ſhining after rain.

5 Although my houſe *be* not ſo with God; yet [c] he hath made with me an everlaſting covenant, ordered in all *things* and ſure: for *this is* all my ſalvation, and all *my* deſire, although he make *it* not to grow.

[c] Chap. 7. 15, 16.

6 ¶ But *the ſons* of Belial *ſhall be* all of them as thorns thruſt away, becauſe they cannot be taken with hands.

7 But the man *that* ſhall touch them muſt be † fenced with iron and the ſtaff of a ſpear: and they ſhall be utterly burnt with fire in the *ſame* place.

† Heb. *filled.*

8 ¶ Theſe *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had. ‖ The Tachmonite that ſat in the ſeat, chief among the captains; the ſame *was* Adino the Eznite: ‖ *he lift up his ſpear* againſt eight hundred, † whom he ſlew at one time.

‖ Or, *Joſheb-baſſhebet the Tachmonite head of the three.* ‖ See 1 Chron. 11. 11, &c. 27. 2. † Heb. *ſlain.*

9 And after him *was* [d] Eleazar the ſon of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philiſtines *that* were there gathered together to battel, and the men of Iſrael were gone away.

[d] 1 Chr. 11. 12, & 27. 4.

10 He aroſe, and ſmote the Philiſtines untill his hand was weary, & his hand clave unto the ſword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him onely to ſpoil.

11 And after him *was* [e] Shammah the ſon of Agee the Hararite. And the Philiſtines were gathered together ‖ into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philiſtines.

[e] 1 Chr. 11. 27.

‖ Or, *for foraging.*

12 But he ſtood in the midſt of ỹ ground, and defended it, and ſlew the Philiſtines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

13 And ‖ three of the thirty chief went down and came to David in the harveſt-time unto [f] the cave of Adullam. And the troop of the Philiſtines pitched in [g] the valley of Rephaim.

‖ Or, *the three captains over the thirty.* [f] 1 Sam. 22. 1. & Chap. 5. 18.

14 And David *was* then in an hold, and the gariſon of the Philiſtines *was* then in Beth lehem.

15 And David longed, and ſaid, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem which *is* by the gate.

16 And the three mighty men brake through the hoſt of the Philiſtines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nevertheleſs he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

17 And he ſaid, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I ſhould do this: *is not this* the bloud of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? Therefore he would not drink it. Theſe things did theſe three mighty men.

18 And [h] Abiſhai the brother of Joab, the ſon of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lift up his ſpear againſt three hundred, † *and* ſlew *them*, and had the name among three.

[h] 1 Chr. 2. 16.

19 Was he not moſt honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit, he attained not unto the *firſt* three.

20 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, the ſon of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts, he ſlew two † lion-like men of Moab: he went down alſo and ſlew a lion in the midſt of a pit in time of ſnow.

21 And he ſlew an Egyptian, † a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a ſpear in his hand; but he went down to him with a ſtaff, and plucked the ſpear out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlew him with his own ſpear.

22 Theſe *things* did Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men.

23 He was ‖ more honourable then the thirty, but he attained not to the *firſt* three. And David ſet him over his ‖ † guard.

‖ Or, *more honour.* ‖ Or, *counſel.*

24 [i] Aſahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the ſon of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

[i] 1 Sam. 22. 1. & Chap. 5. 18.

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

26 Helez the [k] Paltite, Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite,

[k] Or, Pelonite.

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Huſhathite,

28 Zalmon

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the son of Baanah a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the ||brooks of Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite; of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armour-bearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 David, tempted by Satan, forceth Joab to number the people. 5 The captains in nine moneths and twenty days bring the muster of thirteen hundred thousand fighting men. 10 David, having three plagues propounded by Gad, repenteth, and chooseth the three days pestilence. 15 After the death of threescore and ten thousand, David by repentance, preventeth the destruction of Jerusalem. 18 David by Gads direction purchaseth Araunahs threshing-floor; where having sacrificed, the plague stayeth.

AND again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel; and ||he moved David against them, to say, Go number Israel and Judah.

2 For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which *was* with him ||Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see *it*: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding, the kings word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the host. And Joab & the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the ||river of Gad, and toward Jazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the ||land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon,

7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba.

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine moneths and twenty days.

9 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And Davids heart smote him, after that he had numbred ỹ people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: & now I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

11 For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet [a] Gad, Davids [b] seer, saying,

12 Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things*; choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee.

13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall [c] seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three moneths before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days pestilence in thy land? Now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me.

14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* ||great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon

Iſrael from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-ſheba ſeventy thouſand men.

16 And when the angel ſtretched out his hand upon Jeruſalem to deſtroy it, [d] the LORD repented him of the evil, and ſaid to the angel that deſtroyed the people, It is enough: ſtay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threſhing-place of [e] Araunah the Jebuſite.

17 And David ſpake unto the LORD when he ſaw the angel that ſmote the people, and ſaid, Lo, I have ſinned, and I have done wickedly: but theſe ſheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, be againſt me, and againſt my fathers houſe.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to David, and ſaid unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threſhing-floor of Araunah the Jebuſite.

19 And David, according to the ſaying of Gad, went up as [ỹ] LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and ſaw the king and his ſervants coming on toward him. And Araunah went out, and bowed himſelf before the king on his face upon the ground.

21 And Araunah ſaid, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his ſervant? And David ſaid, To buy the threſhing-floor of thee to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be ſtayed from the people.

22 And Araunah ſaid unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *ſeemeth* good unto him: behold, *here be* oxen for burnt-ſacrifice, and threſhing-inſtruments and *other* inſtruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All theſe *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, give unto the king. And Araunah ſaid unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the king ſaid unto Araunah, Nay; but I will ſurely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth coſt me nothing. So [f] David bought the threſhing-floor and the oxen for fifty ſhekels of ſilver.

25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was ſtayed from Iſrael.

[d] 2 Sam. 24.16.

[e] 1 Chr. 21.18, 24, 30.

[f] See 1 Chr. 21.25.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Abiſhag cheriſheth David in his extreme age.* 5 *Adonijah, Davids darling, uſurpeth the kingdom.* 11 *By the counſel of Nathan,* 15 *Bath-ſheba moveth the king,* 22 *and Nathan ſecondeth her.* 28 *David reneweth his oath to Bath-ſheba.* 32 *Solomon by Davids appointment being anointed king by Zadok and Nathan, the people triumph.* 41 *Jonathan bringing theſe news, Adonijahs gueſts flee.* 50 *Adonijah, fleeing to the horns of the altar, upon his good behaviour is diſmiſſed by Solomon.*

NOw king David was old *and* † ſtricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat.

2 Wherefore his ſervants ſaid unto him, † Let there be ſought for my lord the king † a young virgin; and let her ſtand before the king, and let her † cheriſh him, and let her lie in thy boſom, that my lord the king may get heat.

3 So they ſought for a fair damſel throughout all the coaſts of Iſrael, and found Abiſhag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king.

4 And the damſel *was* very fair, and cheriſhed the king, and miniſtred to him: but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the ſon of Haggith exalted himſelf, ſaying, I will † be king: and [a] he prepared him chariots and horſemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not diſpleaſed him † at any time, in ſaying, Why haſt thou done

† Heb. entred into days.

† Heb. Let them ſeek.

† Heb. a damſel, a virgin.

† Heb. be a ſo- ſter nurſe to him.

† Heb. ſhut.

† Heb. warm to him?

† Heb. reign, 2 Sam. 15.1.

† Heb. from his days.

done so? And he also *was* a very goodly *man*; & [b]*his mother* bare him after Absalom.

7 And † he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they † following Adonijah, helped *him*.

8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and [c]Shimei, and Rei, and [d]the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah.

9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattel by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by ||En-rogel, and called all his brethren the kings sons, and all the men of Judah the kings servants.

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother he called not.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of [e] Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not?

12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon.

13 Go, and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine hand-maid, saying, [f] Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I will also come in after thee, and † confirm thy words.

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in unto the king, into the chamber. And the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministred unto the king.

16 And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, † What wouldest thou?

17 And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine hand-maid, *saying*, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne:

18 And now behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord O king, thou knowest *it* not.

19 And he hath slain oxen and fat cattel and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted † offenders.

22 ¶ And lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in.

23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king wth his face to ŷ ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?

25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fat cattel and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the kings sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, † God save king Adonijah.

26 But me, *even* me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed *it* unto thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 ¶ Then king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she came † into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, *As* the LORD liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then

a 2 Sam. 3.3,4. † Heb. his words were with Joab. † Heb. helped after Adonijah. c Chap. 4.18. d 2 Sam. 23.8.

|| Or, the well Rogel.

e 2 Sam. 3.4.

f 1 Chr. 22.9.

† Heb. fulfil.

† Heb. What wouldest thou to have?

† Heb. reign. 2 Sam. 15.

† Heb. from me days.

† Heb. sinners.

† Heb. Let king Adonijah live.

† Heb. before the king.

31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 ¶ And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon † mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.

† Heb. which belongeth to me. See Esth. 6. 8.

34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater then the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king Davids mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the priest took an horn of ‖ oyl out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

‖ Exod. 30. 23, 25, 32.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with ‖ pipes, and rejoyced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

‖ Or, flutes.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard *it* as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore *is* this noise of the city, being in an uproar?

42 And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. And Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for ‖ thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

‖ 1 Sam. 28. 27.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoycing, so that the city rang again. This *is* the noise that ye have heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom.

47 And moreover, the kings servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better then thy name, and make his throne greater then thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed.

48 And also thus said the king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*.

49 And all the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way.

50 ¶ And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, ‖ there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

‖ 1 Sam. 14. 45. 2 Sam. 14. 11. Acts 27. 34.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon. And Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

1 David, having given a charge to Solomon 3 of religiousness, 5 of Joab, 7 of Barzillai, 8 of Shimei, 10 dieth. 12 Solomon succeedeth. 13 Adonijah, moving Bath-sheba to sue unto Solomon for Abishag, is put to death. 26 Abiathar, having his life given him, is deprived of the priesthood. 28 Joab fleeing to the horns of the altar is there slain. 35 Benaiah is put in Joabs room, and Zadok in Abiathars. 36 Shimei confined to Jerusalem, by occasion of going thence to Gath, is put to death.

NOw the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thy self a man.

3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes and his commandments and his judgements and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest [a] prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thy self:

4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, [b] If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth, with all their heart and with all their soul, [c] there shall not † fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover, thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto [d] Abner the son of Ner, and unto [e] Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and † shed the bloud of war in peace, and put the bloud of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet.

6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

7 But shew kindness unto the sons of [f] Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so [g] they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And behold, *thou hast* with thee [h] Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, of Bahurim, which cursed me with a † grievous curse, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, [i] I will not put thee to death with the sword.

9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with bloud.

10 So [k] David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David.

11 And the days that David [l] reigned over Israel *were* fourty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 ¶ [m] Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 ¶ And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and *that* all Israel set their faces on me that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brothers: for [n] it was his from the LORD.

16 And now I ask one petition of thee, † deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on.

17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not say thee nay) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

19 ¶ Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the kings mother; and she sat on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee, *I pray thee*, say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shu-

[a] 1 Sam. 18.27.

[b] Deut. 28.9. Josh. 1.8. Psal. 132.12. 1 Sam. 2.35. 2 Sam. 7.12. 1 King. 8.25. & 9.4. Jer. 33.17. Ezek. 43.7.

[c] 1 King. 8.25. & 9.5.

† Heb. cut off.

[d] 2 Sam. 3.27.

[e] 2 Sam. 20.10.

† Heb. put.

[f] 2 Sam. 19.31. 1 King. 4.27. 2 Sam. 17.27.

[g] 1 Sam. 14.45. 2 Sam. 14.11. Acts 27. 34.

[h] 2 Sam. 16.5.

† Heb. heavy.

[i] 2 Sam. 19.23.

[k] Acts 2. 29. & 13. 36.

[l] 2 Sam. 5.4. 1 Chr. 29.26, 27.

[m] 1 Chr. 29.23. 2 Chr. 1.1.

[n] 1 Chr. 22.9 & 28.5.

† Heb. turn not away my face.

nammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he *is* mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, °God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.

24 Now therefore, *as* the LORD liveth, which hath established me, & set me on the throne of David my father, & who hath made me an house, as he ᵖ promised, Adonijah shall be put to death this day.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, that he died.

26 ¶ And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* † worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because ᵠ thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might ʳ fulfill the word of the LORD which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him,

30 And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king said unto him, ˢ Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the innocent blood which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not knowing *thereof*, *to wit*, ᵗ Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and ᵘ Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host of Judah.

33 Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and ˣ upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne shall there be peace for ever from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him. And he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host. And Zadok the priest did the king put in the room of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king sent and called for ʸ Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be *that* on the day thou goest out, and passest over ᶻ the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head.

38 And Shimei said unto the king, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon that Shimei had

° Ruth 1. 17.

ᵖ 2 Sam. 7. 12, 13.

† Heb. *a man of death.*

ᵠ 1 Sam. 22. 20. 2 Sam. 15. 24.

ʳ 1 Sam. 2. 31, 35.

ˢ Exod. 21. 14.

ᵗ 2 Sam. 3. 27.

ᵘ 2 Sam. 20. 10.

ˣ 2 Sam. 3. 28.

ʸ 2 Sam. 16. 5.

ᶻ 2 Sam. 15. 23.

had gone from Jeruſalem to Gath, and was come again.

42 And the king ſent and called for Shimei, & ſaid unto him, Did I not make thee to ſwear by the LORD, and proteſted unto thee, ſaying, Know for a certain *that* on the day thou goeſt out, and walkeſt abroad any whither, that thou ſhalt ſurely die? and thou ſaidſt unto me, The word *that* I have heard *is* good.

43 Why then haſt thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king ſaid moreover to Shimei, Thou knoweſt all the wickedneſs which thine heart is privy to, that thou didſt to David my father: therefore the LORD ſhall return thy wickedneſs upon thine own head.

45 And king Solomon *ſhall be* bleſſed, and the throne of David ſhall be eſtabliſhed before the LORD for ever.

46 So the king commanded Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, which went out and fell upon him, that he died. And the [a] kingdom was eſtabliſhed in the hand of Solomon.

CHAP. III.

1 Solomon marrieth Pharaohs daughter. 2 High places being in uſe, Solomon ſacrificeth at Gibeon. 5 Solomon at Gibeon, in the choice which God gave him, preferring wiſdom, obteineth wiſedom, riches, and honour. 16 Solomons judgement between the two harlots maketh him renowned.

AND [a] Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaohs daughter and brought her into the city of David, untill he had made an end of building his own houſe, and the houſe of the LORD, and [b] the wall of Jeruſalem round about.

2 Onely the people ſacrificed in high places, becauſe there was no houſe built unto the name of the LORD untill thoſe days.

3 And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the ſtatutes of David his father: onely he ſacrificed and burnt incenſe in high places.

4 And [c] the king went to Gibeon to ſacrifice there; for that *was* the great high place. A thouſand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.

5 ¶ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God ſaid, Aſk what I ſhall give thee.

6 And Solomon ſaid, Thou haſt ſhewed unto thy ſervant David my father great ‖ mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth and in righteouſneſs, and in uprightneſs of heart with thee, and thou haſt kept for him this great kindneſs, that thou haſt given him a ſon to ſit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

‖ Or, bounty.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou haſt made thy ſervant king in ſtead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* [d] to go out or come in.

[d] Num. 27.17.

8 And thy ſervant is in the midſt of thy people which thou haſt choſen, a great people, that cannot be numbred nor counted for multitude.

9 [e] Give therefore thy ſervant an † underſtanding heart, to judge thy people, *that* I may diſcern between good & bad: for who is able to judge this thy ſo great a people?

[e] 2 Chr. 1.10. † Heb. hearing.

10 And the ſpeech pleaſed the Lord, that Solomon had aſked this thing.

11 And God ſaid unto him, Becauſe thou haſt aſked this thing, and haſt not aſked for thy ſelf † long life, neither haſt aſked riches for thy ſelf, nor haſt aſked the life of thine enemies, but haſt aſked for thy ſelf underſtanding † to diſcern judgement;

† Heb. many days. † Heb. to hear.

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wiſe and an underſtanding heart, ſo that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee ſhall any ariſe like unto thee.

13 And I have alſo [f] given thee that which thou haſt not aſked, both riches, and honour: ſo that there ‖ ſhall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

[f] Matth. 6.33. ‖ Or, hath not been.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my ſtatutes and my commandments, [g] as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

[g] Chap. 15. 5.

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream. And he came to Jeruſalem, and ſtood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, & made a feaſt to all his ſervants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, and ſtood before him.

17 And the one woman ſaid, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one houſe; and I was delivered of a child with her in the houſe.

18 And it came to paſs the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered alſo: and we *were* together; *there was* no ſtranger with us in the houſe, ſave we two in the houſe.

19 And this womans child died in the night; becauſe ſhe overlaid it.

20 And ſhe aroſe at midnight, and took my ſon from beſide me, while thine handmaid ſlept, and laid it in her boſom, and laid her dead child in my boſom.

21 And when I roſe in the morning to give my child ſuck, behold, it was dead: but when I had conſidered it in the morning, behold, it was not my ſon which I did bear.

22 And the other woman ſaid, Nay; but the living *is* my ſon, and the dead *is* thy ſon. And this ſaid, No; but the dead *is* thy ſon, and the living *is* my ſon. Thus they ſpake before the king.

23 Then ſaid the king, The one ſaith, This *is* my ſon that liveth, and thy ſon *is* the dead: and the other ſaith, Nay; but thy ſon *is* the dead, & my ſon *is* the living.

24 And the king ſaid, Bring me a ſword. And they brought a ſword before ỹ king.

25 And the king ſaid, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.

26 Then ſpake the woman whoſe the living child *was* unto the king, (for [h] her bowels †yerned upon her ſon) and ſhe ſaid, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wiſe ſlay it. But the other ſaid, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide *it*.

27 Then the king anſwered and ſaid, Give her the living child, and in no wiſe ſlay it: ſhe *is* the mother thereof.

28 And all Iſrael heard of the judgement which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they ſaw that the wiſdom of God *was* †in him to do judgement.

[h] Hoſ. 11. 8.
† Heb. were hot.
† Heb. in the midſt of him.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Solomons princes,* 7 *his twelve officers for proviſion.* 20, 24 *The peace and largeneſs of his kingdom.* 22 *His daily proviſion.* 26 *His ſtables.* 29 *His wiſdom.*

SO king Solomon was king over all Iſrael.

2 And theſe *were* the princes which he had: Azariah the ſon of Zadok, the prieſt;

3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the ſons of Shiſha, || ſcribes; Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Ahilud, the || recorder.

4 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada *was* over the hoſt: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the prieſts.

5 And Azariah the ſon of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the ſon of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the kings friend.

6 And Ahiſhar *was* over the houſhold: and [a] Adoniram the ſon of Abda *was* over the || tribute.

7 ¶ And Solomon had twelve officers over all Iſrael, which provided victuals for the king and his houſhold: each man his monеth in a year made proviſion.

8 And theſe *are* their names. || The ſon of Hur, in mount Ephraim.

9 || The ſon of Dekar, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-ſhemeſh, and Elon-beth-hanan.

10 || The ſon of Heſed, in Aruboth: to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher.

11 || The ſon of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

12 Baana the ſon of Ahilud: *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-ſhean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth ſhean to Abel meholah, *even* unto *the place that is* beyond Jokneam.

13 || The ſon of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead: to him *pertained* the towns of Jair the ſon of Manaſſeh, which *are* in Gilead: to him *alſo pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Baſhan, threeſcore great cities with walls and braſen bars.

14 Ahinadab the ſon of Iddo *had* || Mahanaim.

15 Ahimaaz

[a] 1 Chap. 5. 14. Or, levy.

|| Or, the chief officer.
|| Or, ſcribes.
|| Or, remembrancer.
|| Or, Ben-deker.
|| Or, Ben-hur.
|| Or, Ben-abinadab.
|| Or, ſon in law.
|| Or, in Mahanaim.

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali: he also took Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

16 Baanah the son of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth:

17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar:

18 Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin.

19 Geber the son of Uri *was* in the countrey of Gilead, *in* the countrey of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and *he was* the onely officer which *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Judah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.

21 And [b] Solomon reigned over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

22 ¶ And Solomons † provision for one day, was thirty † measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal,

23 Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roe bucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl.

24 For he had dominion over all *the region* on this side the river, from Tiphsah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Judah and Israel dwelt † safely, [c] every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

26 ¶ And [d] Solomon had fourty thousand stalls of [e] horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomons table, every man in his moneth: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and ‖ dromedaries brought they unto the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

29 ¶ And [e] God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that *is* on the sea-shore.

30 And Solomons wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east-countrey, and all [f] the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For he was wiser then all men; then [g] Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, & Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And [h] he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar-tree that *is* in Lebanon even unto the hyssope that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 Hiram, sending to congratulate Solomon, is certified of his purpose to build the temple, and desired to furnish him with timber thereto. 7 Hiram blessing God for Solomon, and requesting food for his family, furnisheth him with trees. 13 The number of Solomons workmen and labourers.

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father. for [a] Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And [b] Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto ỹ name of the LORD his God, [c] for the wars which were about him on every side, untill the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary, nor evil occurrent.

5 And behold, I † purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, [d] as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon: and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants

vants according to all that thou ſhalt †appoint: for thou knoweſt that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

† Heb. ſay.

7 ¶ And it came to paſs, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoyced greatly, and ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wiſe ſon over this great people.

8 And Hiram ſent to Solomon, ſaying, I have † conſidered the things which thou ſenteſt to me for: *and* I will do all thy deſire concerning timber of cedar and concerning timber of fir.

† Heb. heard.

9 My ſervants ſhall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the ſea: and I will convey them by ſea in flotes unto [c] the place that thou ſhalt †appoint me, and will cauſe them to be diſcharged there, and thou ſhalt receive *them*: and thou ſhalt accompliſh my deſire in giving food for my houſhold.

[c] 2 Chr. 2. 16. † Heb. ſend.

10 So Hiram gave Solomon cedar-trees and fir-trees *according to* all his deſire.

11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thouſand † meaſures of wheat *for* food to his houſhold, and twenty meaſures of pure oyl: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year.

† Heb. cors.

12 And the LORD gave Solomon wiſdom, [f] as he promiſed him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

[f] Chap. 3. 12.

13 ¶ And king Solomon raiſed a †levy out of all Iſrael; and the levy was thirty thouſand men.

† Heb. tribute of men.

14 And he ſent them to Lebanon, ten thouſand a moneth by courſes: a moneth they were in Lebanon, *and* two moneths at home. And [g] Adoniram *was* over the levy.

[g] Chap. 4. 6.

15 And Solomon had threeſcore and ten thouſand that bare burdens, and fourſcore thouſand hewers in the mountains;

16 Beſides the chief of Solomons officers which *were* over the work, three thouſand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great ſtones, coſtly ſtones, *and* hewed ſtones, to lay the foundation of the houſe.

18 And Solomons builders and Hirams builders did hew *them*, and the ‖ ſtone-ſquarers: ſo they prepared timber and ſtones to build the houſe.

‖ Or, Gebalites as Ezek. 27. 9.

CHAP. VI.

1 The building of Solomons temple. 5 The chambers thereof. 11 Gods promiſe unto it. 15 The ceiling and adorning of it. 23 The cherubims. 31 The doors. 36 The court. 37 The time of building of it.

AND [a] it came to paſs in the four hundred and fourſcore year after the children of Iſrael were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomons reign over Iſrael, in the moneth Zif, which *is* the ſecond moneth, that he † began to build the houſe of the LORD.

[a] 2 Chr. 3. 1. † Heb. began.

2 And the houſe which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threeſcore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty *cubits*, and the height thereof thirty cubits.

3 And the porch before the temple of the houſe, twenty cubits *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the houſe; *and* ten cubits *was* the breadth thereof before the houſe.

4 And for the houſe he made ‖ windows of narrow lights.

‖ Or, windows broad within and narrow without.

5 ¶ And ‖ againſt the wall of the houſe he built † chambers round about, *againſt* the walls of the houſe round about, *both* of the temple and of the oracle: and he made † chambers round about.

‖ Or, over. † Heb. ribs.

6 The nethermoſt chamber *was* five cubits broad, and the middle *was* ſix cubits broad, and the third *was* ſeven cubits broad: for without *in the wall* of the houſe he made † narrowed reſts round about, that *the beams* ſhould not be faſtned in the walls of the houſe.

† Heb. narrowings of meaſure.

7 And the houſe, when it was in building, was built of ſtone made ready before it was brought thither: ſo that there was neither hammer nor ax *nor* any tool of iron heard in the houſe while it was in building.

8 The door for the middle chamber *was* in the right † ſide of the houſe: and they went up with winding ſtairs into the middle *chamber*, and out of the middle into the third.

† Heb. ſhoulder.

9 So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house || with beams and boards of cedar.

10 And *then* he built chambers against all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying,

12 *Concerning* this house which thou art in building, [b] if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgements, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee [c] which I spake unto David thy father.

13 And [d] I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house and the walls of the cieling: *and* he covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir.

16 And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*.

17 And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, was fourty cubits *long*.

18 And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with || knops and † open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen.

19 And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

20 And the oracle in the forepart *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with † pure gold; and *so* covered the altar *which was of* cedar.

21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, untill he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

23 ¶ And within the oracle he made two cherubims *of* || † olive-tree, *each* ten cubits high.

24 And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits.

25 And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size.

26 The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was it* of the other cherub.

27 And he set the cherubims within the inner house; and [e] || they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall: and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm-trees and † open flowers, within and without.

30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold within and without.

31 ¶ And for the entring of the oracle he made doors *of* olive-tree: the lintel *and* side-posts *were* || a fifth part *of the wall*.

32 The || two doors also *were of* olive-tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm-trees and † open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm-trees.

33 So also made he for the door of the temple posts *of* olive-tree || a fourth-part *of the wall*.

34 And the two doors *were of* fir-tree: the [f] two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding.

35 And he carved *thereon* cherubims and palm-trees and open flowers; and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work.

36 ¶ And

|| Or, *oyly*. † Heb. *trees of oyl*.

[e] Exod. 25.20. || Or, *the cherubims stretched forth their wings*.

† Heb. *openings of flowers*.

|| Or, *four-square*.

|| Or, *four-square*.

|| Or, *leaves of the doors*.

† Heb. *openings of flowers*.

[f] Ezek. 41.23.

36 ¶ And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed ſtone, and a row of cedar-beams.

37 ¶ In the fourth year was the foundation of the houſe of the LORD laid, in the moneth Zif.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the moneth Bul, which *is* the eighth moneth, was the houſe finiſhed || throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the faſhion of it. So was he ſeven years in building it.

|| Or, with all the appurtenances thereof, and with all the ordinances thereof.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The building of Salomons houſe*, 2 *of the houſe of Lebanon*, 6 *of the porch of pillars*, 7 *of the porch of judgement*, 8 *of the houſe for Pharaohs daughter.* 13 *Hirams work of the two pillars*, 23 *of the molten ſea*, 27 *of the ten baſes*, 38 *of the ten lavers*, 40 *and all the veſſels.*

BUt Solomon was building his own houſe [a] thirteen years, and he finiſhed all his houſe.

[a] Chap. 9. 10.

2 ¶ He built alſo the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar-pillars, with cedar-beams upon the pillars.

3 And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the † beams, that *lay* on fourty five pillars, fifteen in a row.

† Heb. ribs.

4 And *there were* windows in three rows, and † light *was* againſt light *in* three ranks.

† Heb. ſight againſt ſight.

5 And all the || doors and poſts *were* ſquare, with the windows: and light *was* againſt light in three ranks.

|| Or, ſpaces & pillars were ſquare in proſpect.

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* || before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* before them.

|| Or, according to them.

7 ¶ Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgement: and *it was* covered with cedar † from one ſide of the floor to the other.

|| Or, according to them.

† Heb. from floor to floor.

8 ¶ And his houſe where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made alſo an houſe for Pharaohs daughter, [b] whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto this porch.

[b] Chap. 3. 1.

9 All theſe *were of* coſtly ſtones, according to ỹ meaſures of hewed ſtones, ſawed with ſaws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and ſo on the outſide toward the great court.

10 And the foundation *was of* coſtly ſtones, *even* great ſtones, ſtones of ten cubits, and ſtones of eight cubits.

11 And above *were* coſtly ſtones, after the meaſures of hewed ſtones, and cedars.

12 And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed ſtones, and a row of cedar-beams, both for the inner court of the houſe of the LORD, and for the porch of the houſe.

13 ¶ And king Solomon ſent and fet Hiram out of Tyre.

14 [c] He *was* † a widows ſon of the tribe of Napthali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in braſs: and he was filled with wiſdom and underſtanding and cunning to work all works in braſs. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work.

[c] 2 Chr. 2. 14.

† Heb. the ſon of a woman.

15 For he † caſt [d] two pillars of braſs, of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits did compaſs either of them about.

† Heb. faſhioned.

[d] 2 King. 25. 17. & Chr. 3. 15. & Jer. 52. 21.

16 And he made two chapiters *of* molten braſs to ſet upon the tops of the pillars; the height of the one chapiter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapiter *was* five cubits:

17 *And* nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chain-work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; ſeven for the one chapiter, and ſeven for the other chapiter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and ſo did he for the other chapiter.

19 And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lilie-work in the porch, four cubits.

20 And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had* pomegranates alſo above, over againſt the belly which *was* by the net-work: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred,

hundred, in rows round about upon the other chapiter.

21 [c]And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof ‖ Boaz.

22 And upon the top of the pillars *was* lilie-work. So was the work of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made [f] a molten sea, ten cubits † from the one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

24 And under the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in a cubit, [5] compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in two rows when it was cast.

25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

26 And it *was* an hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brass: four cubits *was* the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it.

28 And the work of the bases *was* on this *manner*: They had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges:

29 And on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen, and cherubims: and upon the ledges *there was* a base above: and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of thin work.

30 And every base had four brasen wheels, and plates of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under the laver *were* undersetters molten at the side of every addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapiter and above *was* a cubit: but the mouth thereof *was* round *after* the work of the base, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings with their borders, four-square, not round.

32 And under the borders *were* four wheels: and the axle-trees of the wheels *were* † joyned to the base; and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a cubit. † Heb. in the base.

33 And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a chariot-wheel: their axle-trees and their naves and their felloes and their spokes *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* four undersetters to the four corners of one base: *and* the undersetters *were* of the very base it self.

35 And in the top of the base *was there* a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof and on the borders thereof he graved cherubims, lions, and palm-trees, according to the † proportion of every one, and additions round about. † Heb. naked-ness.

37 After this *manner* he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, *and* one cise.

38 ¶ Then made he ten lavers of brass: one laver contained fourty baths: *and* every laver was four cubits; *and* upon every one of the ten bases one laver.

39 And he put five bases on the right † side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house east-ward, over against the south. † Heb. shoulder.

40 ¶ And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, & the basons: So Hiram made and end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD.

41 The two pillars, and the *two* bowls of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and the two net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars;

42 And four hundred pomegranates for the two net-works, *even* two rows of pome-

pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapiters that *were* † upon the pillars;

43 And the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases;

44 And one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea;

45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons; and all these vessels which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* † bright brass.

46 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them † in the clay-ground, between Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed*, † because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass † found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold whereupon [h] the shew-bread *was*,

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold,

50 And the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the † censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place*, *and* for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD: And Solomon brought in the † things [i] which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The feast of the dedication of the temple. 12, 54 Solomons blessing. 22 Solomons prayer. 62 His sacrifice of peace-offerings.

THen [a] Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the † chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon, in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon, at the feast in the moneth Ethanim, which *is* the seventh moneth.

3 And all the elders of Israel came; and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Levites bring up.

5 And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep, and oxen, that could not be told nor numbred for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the † ends of the staves were seen out in the ‖ holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day.

9 [b] *There was* nothing in the ark [c] save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, ‖ when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud [d] filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ [e] Then spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell [f] in the thick darkness.

13 I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a setled place for thee to abide in for ever.

14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel.

And

† Heb. upon the face of the pillars.

† Heb. made bright, or secured.

† Heb. in the thickness of the ground.

† Heb. for the exceeding multitude.

† Heb. searched.

h Exod. 25 30.

† Heb. ash-pans.

† Heb. holy things of David.

i 2 Sam. 8. 11. 2 Chr. 5. 1.

a 2 Chr. 5. 2.

† Heb. Princes.

And all the congregation of Israel stood.

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying,

16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house that my name might be therein: but I chose [g] David to be over my people Israel.

17 And [h] it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.

19 Nevertheless, thou shalt not build the house: but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before [i] the altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, [k] LORD God of Israel, [l] *there is* no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, [m] who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart;

24 Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

25 Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, [n] † There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; † so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast walked before me.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But [o] will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, *even* toward the place of which thou hast said, [p] My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make || towards this place.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray || towards this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 ¶ If any man trespass against his neighbour, † and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:

32 Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness

33 ¶ [q] When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and [r] shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee || in this house:

34 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 ¶ [s] When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray towards this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,

o 2 Chr. 2. 6. Isa. 66. 1. 1 Jer. 23. 24. Acts 7. 49.

p Deut. 12. 11.

|| Or, in this place.

|| Or, in this place.

† Heb. and he require an oath of him.

q Lev. 26. 17. Deut. 28. 25.

r Lev. 26. 39. &c.

|| Or, towards.

s Lev. 26. 9. Deut. 28. 23.

Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ [c] If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpiller; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their ‖ cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness *there be*;

38 What prayer and supplication soever be *made* by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands towards this house:

39 Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *even* thou onely knowest the hearts of all the children of men)

40 [a] That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover, concerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far countrey for thy names sake;

42 (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm) when he shall come and pray towards this house:

43 Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and that they may know that † this house which I have builded is called by thy name.

44 ¶ If thy people go out to battel against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD † toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I have built for thy name:

45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ‖ cause.

46 If they sin against thee, (× for *there* is no man that sinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives [y] unto the land of the enemy, far or near;

47 *Yet* if they shall † bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, [z] We have sinned, and have done perversly, we have committed wickedness;

48 And *so* return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies which led them away captive, and [a] pray unto thee toward their land which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

49 Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their ‖ cause,

50 And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

51 For they *be* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, [b] from the mids of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, & unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all ŷ they call for unto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth *to be* thine inheritance, [c] as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

54 And it was *so*, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees, with his hands spread up to heaven.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel, with a loud voice, saying,

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given

[c] Lev. 26. 16, 26. Deut. 28. 21, 22 27, 38, 42.
‖ Or, *jurisdiction.*
[a] Psal. 130. 4.
† Heb. *thy name is called upon this house.*
† Heb. *the way of the city.*
‖ Or, *right*
[z] 2 Chr. 6. 36. Pro. 20. 9. Eccles 7. 20. Jam. 3. 2. 1 Joh. 1. 8, 10.
[y] Lev. 26. 16, 44. Deut. 28. 64.
† Heb. *bring back to the heart.* Deut. 30. 1.
[a] Dan. 6. 10.
‖ Or, *right*
[b] Deut. 4. 20. Jer. 11. 4.
[c] Exod. 19. 5.

ven rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: [d] there hath not † failed one word of all his good promise which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us:

58 That he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments & his statutes & his judgements, which he commanded our fathers.

59 And let these my words wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel † at all times, as the matter shall require:

60 That all the people of the earth may know that [e] the LORD *is* God, *and that there is* none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

62 ¶ And [f] the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

64 [g] The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings: because [h] the brasen altar, that *was* before the LORD, *was* too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entring in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days.

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they ‖ blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyfull and glad of heart, for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

CHAP. IX.

1 Gods covenant in a vision with Solomon. 10 The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram. 15 In Solomons works the Gentiles were his bond-men; the Israelites, honourable servants. 24 Pharaohs daughter removeth to her house. 25 Solomons yearly solemn sacrifices. 26 His navy fetcheth gold from Ophir.

AND [a] it came to pass when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, & the kings house, and all Solomons desire which he was pleased to do,

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, [b] as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon.

3 And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house which thou hast built, [c] to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my statutes and my judgements:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, [d] as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

6 [e] *But* if you shall at all turn from following me, you or your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed [f] for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be [g] a proverb and a by-word among all people:

8 And at this house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, [h] Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

9 And they shall answer, Because they for-

forsook the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them; therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

g 2 Chr. 8. 1.
h Chap. 6. 37, 38. & 7. 1.

10 ¶ And g it came to pass at the end of twenty years, h when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the kings house,

11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar-trees and fir-trees, and with gold, according to all his desire) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in ỹ land of Galilee.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they † pleased him not.

† Heb. were not right in his eyes.

13 And he said, What cities *are* these wch thou hast given me, my brother? And he called them ỹ land of ‖ Cabul unto this day.

‖ That is, Displeasing, or Dirty.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised, for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, & Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 *For* Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter, Solomons wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Bethhoron the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land,

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and † that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, & in all the land of his dominion.

† Heb. the desire of Solomon which he desired.

20 *And* all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children ‖ that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bond-service unto this day.

i Judg. 1. 21, 27, 29.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon m make no bond-men: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen.

m Lev. 25. 39, 46.

23 These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomons work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work.

24 ¶ But n Pharaohs daughter came up out of the city of David, unto o her house which *Solomon* had built for her: then did he build Millo.

n 1 Chr. 4. 18.
o Chap. 9. 24.

25 ¶ And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense † upon the altar that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

† Heb.

26 ¶ And p king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the † shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

p Chap. 9. 26.
† Heb.

27 And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fet from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.

1 The queen of Sheba admireth the wisdom of Solomon. 14 Solomons gold. 16 His targets. 18 The throne of ivory. 21 His vessels. 24 His presents. 26 His chariots and horse. 28 His tribute.

AND when the a queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

a Matt. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.

2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon told her all her † questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not.

† Heb. words.

4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomons wisdom, and the house that he had built,

5 And

5 And the meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſervants, and the †attendance of his miniſters and their apparel, and his ‖cup-bearers, and his aſcent by which he went up unto the houſe of the LORD; there was no more ſpirit in her.

6 And ſhe ſaid to the king, It was a true † report that I heard in mine own land of thy ‖acts and of thy wiſdom.

7 Howbeit, I beleeved not the words, untill I came, and mine eyes had ſeen *it*: and behold, the half was not told me: †thy wiſdom and proſperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

8 Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* theſe thy ſervants, which ſtand continually before thee, *and* that hear thy wiſdom.

9 Bleſſed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to ſet thee on the throne of Iſrael: becauſe the LORD loved Iſrael for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgement and juſtice.

10 And ſhe gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of ſpices very great ſtore, and precious ſtones. There came no more ſuch abundance of ſpices as theſe which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.

11 And the navy alſo of Hiram that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious ſtones.

12 And the king made of the almug trees ‖† pillars for the houſe of the LORD, & for the kings houſe, harps alſo and pſalteries for ſingers. There came no ſuch [b] almug trees, nor were ſeen unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her deſire whatſoever ſhe asked, beſides *that* which Solomon gave her † of his royal bounty. So ſhe turned and went to her own countrey, ſhe and her ſervants.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was ſix hundred threeſcore and ſix talents of gold,

15 Beſides *that he had* of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the ſpice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the ‖governours of the countrey.

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: ſix hundred *ſhekels* of gold went to one target.

17 And *he made* [c] three hundred ſhields *of* beaten gold: three pound of gold went to one ſhield. And the king put them in the [d] houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon.

18 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the beſt gold.

19 The throne had ſix ſteps, and the top of the throne *was* round † behind: and *there were* † ſtays on either ſide on the place of the ſeat, and two lions ſtood beſide the ſtays.

20 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other upon the ſix ſteps. There was not † the like made in any kingdom.

21 ¶ And all king Solomons drinking-veſſels *were of* gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon *were of* pure gold; ‖ none *were of* ſilver. It was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

22 For the king had at ſea a navy of Tharſhiſh, with the navy of Hiram. Once in three years came the navy of Tharſhiſh, bringing gold and ſilver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wiſdom.

24 ¶ And all the earth † ſought to Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and garments, and armour, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

26 ¶ [e] And Solomon gathered together chariots, and horſemen: and he had a thouſand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thouſand horſemen, whom he beſtowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jeruſalem.

27 And the king † made ſilver *to be* in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedars made he *to be* as the ſycomore-trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

* Chap. 14. 26.

a Chap. 7. 2.

† Heb. on the hinder part thereof. † Heb. hands.

† Heb. ſo.

‖ Or, there was no ſilver in them.

‖ Or, elephants teeth.

† Heb. ſought the face of.

* Chap. 4. 26. 2 Chr. 1. 14. & 9. 25.

† Heb. gave.

28 ¶ [f] †And Solomon had horſes brought out of Egypt, & linen yarn: the kings merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

29 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for ſix hundred *ſhekels* of ſilver, and an horſe for an hundred and fifty: and ſo for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out † by their means.

CHAP. XI.

1 Solomons wives and concubines. 4 In his old age they draw him to idolatry. 9 God threatneth him. 14 Solomons adverſaries were Hadad, who was entertained in Egypt; 23 Rezon, who reigned in Damaſcus; 26 and Jeroboam, to whom Ahijah prophecied. 41 Solomons acts, reign, and death; Rehoboam ſucceedeth him.

BUt [a] king Solomon loved [b] many ſtrange women, [c] together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, & Hittites;

2 Of the nations *concerning* which the LORD ſaid unto the children of Iſrael, [c] Ye ſhall not go in to them, neither ſhall they come in unto you: *for* ſurely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clave unto theſe in love.

3 And he had ſeven hundred wives, princeſſes, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.

4 For it came to paſs when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after [d] Aſhtoreth the goddeſs of the Zidonians, & after [e] Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6 And Solomon did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and † went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father.

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for [f] Chemoſh the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jeruſalem; and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewiſe did he for all his ſtrange wives, which burnt incenſe and ſacrificed unto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, becauſe his heart was turned from the LORD God of Iſrael, [g] which had appeared unto him twice,

10 And [h] had commanded him concerning this thing, that he ſhould not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

11 Wherefore the LORD ſaid unto Solomon, Foraſmuch as this † is done of thee, and thou haſt not kept my covenant and my ſtatutes which I have commanded thee, [i] I will ſurely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy ſervant.

12 Notwithſtanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy fathers ſake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy ſon.

13 Howbeit, I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy ſon, for David my ſervants ſake, and for Jeruſalems ſake which I have choſen.

14 ¶ And the LORD ſtirred up an adverſary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He *was* of the kings ſeed in Edom.

15 [k] For it came to paſs when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the hoſt was gone up to bury the ſlain, [l] after he had ſmitten every male in Edom;

16 (For ſix moneths did Joab remain there with all Iſrael, untill he had cut off every male in Edom)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his fathers ſervants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child.

18 And they aroſe out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an houſe, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

19 And Hadad found great favour in the ſight of Pharaoh, ſo that he gave him to wife the ſiſter of his own wife, the ſiſter of Tahpenes the queen.

20 And the ſiſter of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his ſon, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaohs houſe: and Genubath was in Pharaohs houſhold among the ſons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David ſlept with his fathers, and that Joab the

f 1 Chr. 1. 16. & 9. 28. † Heb. *And the going forth of the horſes which were Solomons.* † Heb. by their hand.

a Neh. 13. 26. b Deut. 17. 17. Eccles. 47. 19. β Or, *heſid* 1. c Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

d Judg. 2. 13. 2 Kings. 23. 13. e 1 Kings. 2. 13. † Heb. *fulfilled not after.*

f Num. 21. 29. Judg. 11. 24.

g Chap. 3. 5. & 9. 2. h Chap. 6. 12.

† Heb. *was not.*

i Chap. 12. 15.

k 2 Sam. 8. 13 & 10. 8.

l Heb. *until he had cut off.*

the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, † Let me depart, that I may go to mine own countrey.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own countrey? and he answered, † Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

23 ¶ And God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah.

24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, [m] when David slew them *of Zobah*. And they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 ¶ And [n] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, Solomons servant, whose mothers name *was* Zeruah, a widow woman, even he lift up *his* hand against the king.

27 And this *was* the cause that he lift up *his* hand against the king: [o] Solomon built Millo, *and* †repaired the breaches of the city of David his father.

28 And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he † was industrious, he made him ruler over all the † charge of the house of Joseph.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way: and he had clad himself with a new garment: and they two *were* alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, & rent it *in* twelve pieces.

31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for [q] thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee.

32 But he shall have one tribe for my servant Davids sake, and for Jerusalems sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.

33 Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in mine eyes, and *to keep* my statutes & my judgements, as *did* David his father.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servants sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes:

35 But [r] I will take the kingdom out of his sons hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.

36 And unto his son will I give one tribe, ỳ [s] David my servant may have a †light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the ‖ acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the †time ỳ Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* [t] fourty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father. And [u] Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

[a] Heb. I and me way.
[b] Heb. him.
[c] 1 Sam. 13. 8. & 16. 8.
[d] 1 Chr. 5. 26.
[e] 1 Chr. 11. 8. 2 Chr. 24. 27.
[f] Heb. doing of the work.
[g] See 1 Sam. 15. 27. & 28. 17.
[h] Chap. 3. 1. & 9. 24. & 16. 21.
[i] Heb. Be not so.
[k] Heb. Nothing is not.
[l] Chap. 12. 15.
[m] 2 Kin. 8. 19. Psa. 132. 17.
[n] Heb. lamp, or candle.
[o] Or, words, or things.
[p] Heb. days.
[q] 2 Chr. 9. 30.
[r] Matt. 1. 7. called Roboam

CHAP. XII.

1 The Israelites assembled at Shechem to crown Rehoboam, by Jeroboam make a suit of relaxation unto him. 6 Rehoboam refusing the old mens counsel, by the advice of young men, answereth them roughly. 16 Ten tribes revolting kill Adoram, and make Rehoboam to flee. 21 Rehoboam raising an army is forbidden by Shemaiah. 25 Jeroboam strengtheneth himself by cities, 26 and by the idolatry of the two calves.

a 2 Chr. 10. 1. AND a Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.

2 And it came to pass when Jeroboam b Chap. 11. 40. the son of Nebat, who was yet in b Egypt, heard *of it*, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt)

3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying,

c Chap. 4. 7. 4 Thy father made our c yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.

5 And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do you advise that I may answer this people?

7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and consulted with ỹ young men that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:

9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be thicker then my fathers loyns.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people † roughly, and forsook the old mens counsel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of ỹ young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkned not unto the people. For d the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying which the LORD e spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkned not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, f What portion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17 But g *as for* the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam † made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19 So Israel ‖ rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah h only.

21 ¶ And i when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah,

Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourſcore thouſand choſen men, which were warriours, to fight againſt the houſe of Iſrael, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon.

2 Chr. 11. 22 But * the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, ſaying,

23 Speak unto Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon king of Judah, and unto all the houſe of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, ſaying,

24 Thus ſaith the LORD, Ye ſhall not go up, nor fight againſt your brethren the children of Iſrael: return every man to his houſe: for this thing is from me. They hearkned therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam ſaid in his heart, Now ſhall the kingdom return to the houſe of David.

27 If this people go up to do ſacrifice in the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem, then ſhall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they ſhall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counſel, and made two calves *of* gold, and ſaid unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jeruſalem: † behold thy gods, O Iſrael, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

† Exod. 32. 4, 8.

29 And he ſet the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a ſin: for the people went *to worſhip* before the one *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an houſe of high places, and ᵐ made prieſts of the loweſt of the people, which were not of the ſons of Levi.

* Chap. 12. 31. Ezek. 44. 7.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feaſt in the eighth moneth, on the fifteenth day of the moneth, like unto the feaſt that *is* in Judah, and he ‖ offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, ‖ ſacrificing unto the calves that he had made: & he placed in Beth-el ỹ prieſts of the high places which he had made.

‖ Or, went up to the altar, &c.

‖ Or, to offer.

33 So he ‖ offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el, the fifteenth day of the eighth moneth, *even* in the moneth which he had deviſed of his own heart; and ordained a feaſt unto the children of Iſrael: and he offered upon the altar, † and burnt incenſe.

† Heb. to burn incenſe.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jeroboams hand, that offered violence to him that propheſied againſt his altar at Beth-el withereth, 6 and at the prayer of the prophet is reſtored. 7 The prophet, refuſing the kings entertainment, departeth from Beth-el. 11 An old prophet, ſeducing him, bringeth him back. 20 He is reproved by God, 23 ſlain by a lion, 26 buried by the old prophet, 31 who confirmeth his propheſie. 33 Jeroboams obſtinacy.

AND behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam ſtood by the altar ‖ to burn incenſe.

‖ Or, to offer.

2 And he cried againſt the altar in the word of the LORD, and ſaid, O altar, altar, thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, a child ſhall be born unto the houſe of David, * Joſiah by name; and upon thee ſhall he offer the prieſts of the high places that burn incenſe upon thee, and mens bones ſhall be burnt upon thee.

* 2 Kin. 23. 15, 16.

3 And he gave a ſign the ſame day, ſaying, This *is* the ſign which the LORD hath ſpoken; Behold, the altar ſhall be rent, and the aſhes that *are* upon it ſhall be poured out.

4 And it came to paſs when king Jeroboam heard the ſaying of the man of God, which had cried againſt the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, ſaying, Lay hold on him. And his hand which he put forth againſt him dried up, ſo that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar alſo was rent, and the aſhes poured out from the altar, according to the ſigne which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king anſwered and ſaid unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be reſtored me again. And the man of God beſought † the LORD, and

† Heb. the face of the LORD.

the kings hand was reſtored him again, and became as *it was* before.

7 And the king ſaid unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refreſh thy ſelf, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God ſaid unto ỹ king, [b] If thou wilt give me half thine houſe, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

[b] Ex. Numb. 22. 18. & 24. 13.

9 For ſo was it charged me by the word of the LORD, ſaying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the ſame way that thou cameſt.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his †ſons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had ſpoken unto the king, them they told alſo to their father.

† Heb. ſons.

12 And their father ſaid unto them, What way went he? For his ſons had ſeen what way the man of God went which came from Judah.

13 And he ſaid unto his ſons, Saddle me the aſs. So they ſaddled him the aſs; and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him ſitting under an oak: and he ſaid unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that cameſt from Judah? And he ſaid, I *am*.

15 Then he ſaid unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he ſaid, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place.

† Heb. a word was.

17 For † it was ſaid to me by the word of the LORD, Thou ſhalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou cameſt.

18 He ſaid unto him, I *am* a prophet alſo as thou *art*: and an angel ſpake unto me by the word of the LORD, ſaying, Bring him back with thee into thine houſe, that he may eat bread, and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his houſe, and drank water.

20 ¶ And it came to paſs as they ſat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Foraſmuch as thou haſt diſobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and haſt not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But cameſt back, and haſt eaten bread and drunk water in the place of the which *the LORD* did ſay to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcaſe ſhall not come unto the ſepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to paſs after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he ſaddled for him the aſs, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, [c] a lion met him by the way, and ſlew him: and his carcaſe *was* caſt in the way, and the aſs ſtood by it, the lion alſo ſtood by the carcaſe.

[c] Chap. 20. 36.

25 And behold, men paſſed by, and ſaw the carcaſe caſt in the way, and the lion ſtanding by the carcaſe: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he ſaid, It *is* the man of God, who was diſobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath † torn him, and ſlain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he ſpake unto him.

† Heb. broken.

27 And he ſpake to his ſons, ſaying, Saddle me the aſs. And they ſaddled *him*.

28 And he went and found his carcaſe caſt in the way, and the aſs and the lion ſtanding by the carcaſe: the lion had not eaten the carcaſe, nor † torn the aſs.

† Heb. broken.

29 And the prophet took up the carcaſe of the man of God, and laid it upon the aſs, and brought it back. And the old prophet came to the city, to mourn, and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcaſe in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *ſaying*, Alas my brother.

31 And

31 And it came to paſs after he had buried him, that he ſpake to his ſons, ſaying, When I am dead, then bury me in the ſepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; [d] lay my bones beſide his bones.

32 For the ſaying which he cried by the word of the LORD againſt the altar in Beth-el, and againſt all the houſes of the high places which *are* in the cities of [e] Samaria, ſhall ſurely come to paſs.

33 ¶ After this thing, Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but [f] †made again of the loweſt of the people prieſts of the high places: whoſoever would, he † conſecrated him, and he became *one* of the prieſts of the high places.

34 And this thing became ſin unto the houſe of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to deſtroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Abijah being ſick, Jeroboam ſendeth his wife diſguiſed with preſents to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. 5 Abijah forewarned by God denounceth Gods judgement. 17 Abijah dieth, and is buried. 19 Nadab ſucceedeth Jeroboam. 21 Rehoboams wicked reign. 25 Shiſhak ſpoileth Jeruſalem. 29 Abijam ſucceedeth Rehoboam.

AT that time Abijah the ſon of Jeroboam fell ſick.

2 And Jeroboam ſaid to his wife, Ariſe, I pray thee, and diſguiſe thy ſelf, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that [a] I ſhould *be* king over this people.

3 And [b] take † with thee ten loaves, and ‖ cracknels, and a [c] cruſe of honey, and go to him: he ſhall tell thee what ſhall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboams wife did ſo, and aroſe, and went to Shiloh, and came to the houſe of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not ſee; for his eyes † were ſet by reaſon of his age.

5 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to aſk a thing of thee for her ſon; for he *is* ſick: thus and thus ſhalt thou ſay unto her. For it ſhall be when ſhe cometh in, that ſhe ſhall feign her ſelf *to be* another *woman*.

6 And it was *ſo*, when Ahijah heard the ſound of her feet as ſhe came in at the door, that he ſaid, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam: why feigneſt thou thy ſelf *to be* another? for I *am* ſent to thee with † heavy *tidings*.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Foraſmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Iſrael,

8 And rent the kingdom away from the houſe of David, and gave it thee; and *yet* thou haſt not been as my ſervant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that* onely *which was* right in mine eyes,

9 But haſt done evil above all that were before thee: for thou haſt gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and haſt caſt me behind thy back:

10 Therefore behold, [e] I will bring evil upon the houſe of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam [d] him that piſſeth againſt the wall, *and* [e] him that is ſhut up and left in Iſrael, and will take away the remnant of the houſe of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city ſhall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field ſhall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath ſpoken *it*.

12 Ariſe thou therefore, get thee to thine own houſe: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child ſhall die.

13 And all Iſrael ſhall mourn for him, and bury him: for he onely of Jeroboam ſhall come to the grave, becauſe in him [f] there is found *ſome* good thing toward the LORD God of Iſrael in the houſe of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover, the LORD ſhall raiſe him up [g] a king over Iſrael who ſhall cut off the houſe of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the LORD ſhall ſmite Iſrael as a reed is ſhaken in the water, and he ſhall [h] root up Iſrael out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and ſhall ſcatter them beyond the river, becauſe they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger.

16 And

† Heb. hard.

16 And he ſhall give Iſrael up, becauſe of the ſins of Jeroboam, who did ſin, and who made Iſrael to ſin.

17 ¶ And Jeroboams wife aroſe, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when ſhe came to the threſhold of the door, the child died.

18 And they buried him, and all Iſrael mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which he ſpake by the hand of his ſervant Ahijah the prophet.

19 And the reſt of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two and twenty years: and he † ſlept with his fathers, and Nadab his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

† Heb. *lay down.*

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the ſon of Solomon reigned in Judah. [i] Rehoboam *was* fourty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſeventeen years in Jeruſalem, the city which the LORD did chooſe out of all the tribes of Iſrael to put his name there. And his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammoniteſs.

[i] 2 Chr. 12. 13.

22 And Judah did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealouſie with their ſins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they alſo built them high places, and ‖ images, and groves on every high hill, and under every green tree.

‖ Or, *ſtanding images, or, ſtatues.*

24 And there were alſo ſodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

[k] 2 Chr. 12. 2.

25 ¶ [k] And it came to paſs in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shiſhak king of Egypt came up againſt Jeruſalem:

26 And he took away the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the kings houſe; he even took away all: and he took away all the ſhields of gold [l] which Solomon had made.

[l] 1 Chap. 10. 16.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their ſtead braſen ſhields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the † guard, which kept the door of the kings houſe.

† Heb. *runners.*

28 And it was *ſo*, when the king went into the houſe of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days.

31 And Rehoboam ſlept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammoniteſs. And Abijam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XV.

1 Abijams wicked reign. 7 Aſa ſucceedeth him. 9 Aſa's good reign. 16 The war between Baaſha and him cauſeth him to make a league with Benhadad. 23 Jehoſhaphat ſucceedeth Aſa. 25 Nadabs wicked reign. 27 Baaſha conſpiring againſt him executeth Ahijahs propheſie. 31 Nadabs acts and death. 33 Baaſha's wicked reign.

NOw in the eighteenth year of king [a] Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.

[a] 2 Chr. 13. 1.

2 [b] Three years reigned he in Jeruſalem. And [c] his mothers name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abiſhalom.

[b] 2 Chr. 11. 20. [c] 2 Chr. 13. 2.

3 And he walked in all the ſins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheleſs, for Davids ſake did the LORD his God give him a ‖ lamp in Jeruſalem, to ſet up his ſon after him, and to eſtabliſh Jeruſalem:

‖ Or, *candle.* Chap. 11. 36.

5 Becauſe David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aſide from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, [d] ſave onely in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

[d] 2 Sam. 11. 4. & 12. 9.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

7 Now the reſt of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the [e] book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

[e] Heb. *words.* [e] 2 Chr. 13. 22.

8 And Abijam ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And

And [f] Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And fourty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his ‖ mothers name *was* Maachah the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.

12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also [g] Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa † destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless, Asa his heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought in the † things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into ỹ house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

16 ¶ And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 And [h] Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to [i] Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

19 *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold, come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may † depart from me.

20 So Ben-hadad hearkned unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof*, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

22 Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* † exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless, [k] in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father [l]. And [m] Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the son of Jeroboam † began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years.

26 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

27 ¶ And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belongeth* to the Philistines. For Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to pass when he reigned, *that* he smote all the house of Jeroboam: he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, untill he had destroyed him, according unto [n] the saying of the LORD which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite:

30 Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

32 And

† Heb. free.

k 2 Chr. 16. 12.

l 2 Chr. 17. 1. m Mat. 1. 8, called Josaphat

† Heb. reigned.

n Chap. 14. 10.

32 And there was war between Aſa and Baaſha king of Iſrael all their days.

33 In the third year of Aſa king of Judah began Baaſha the ſon of Ahijah to reign over all Iſrael in Tirzah, twenty and four years.

34 And he did evil in the ſight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin.

CHAP. XVI.

1, 7 Jehu's propheſie againſt Baaſha. 5 Elah ſucceedeth him. 8 Zimri, conſpiring againſt Elah, ſucceedeth him. 11 Zimri executeth Jehu's propheſie. 15 Omri, made king by the ſouldiers, forceth Zimri deſperately to burn himſelf. 21 The kingdom being divided, Omri prevaileth againſt Tibni. 23 Omri buildeth Samaria. 25 His wicked reign. 27 Ahab ſucceedeth him. 29 Ahabs moſt wicked reign. 34 Joſhua's curſe upon Hiel the builder of Jericho.

THen the word of the LORD came to Jehu the ſon of Hanani againſt Baaſha, ſaying,

2 Foraſmuch as I exalted thee out of the duſt, and made thee prince over my people Iſrael; and thou haſt walked in the way of Jeroboam, and haſt made my people Iſrael to ſin, to provoke me to anger with their ſins;

3 Behold, I will take away the poſterity of Baaſha, and the poſterity of his houſe: and will make thy houſe like [a] the houſe of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat.

[a] Chap. 15. 29.

4 [b] Him that dieth of Baaſha in the city ſhall the dogs eat, and him that dieth of his in the fields ſhall the fowls of the air eat.

[b] Chap. 14. 11.

5 Now the reſt of the acts of Baaſha, and what he did, and his might, [c] are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

[c] 2 Chr. 16. 1.

6 So Baaſha ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

7 And alſo by the hand of the prophet Jehu the ſon of Hanani came the word of the LORD againſt Baaſha, and againſt his houſe, even for all the evil that he did in the ſight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the houſe of Jeroboam; and becauſe he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twenty and ſixth year of Aſa king of Judah began Elah the ſon of Baaſha to reign over Iſrael in Tirzah, two years.

9 And his ſervant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conſpired againſt him as he was in Tirzah, drinking himſelf drunk in the houſe of Arza † ſteward of *his* houſe in Tirzah.

† Heb. that was over

10 And Zimri went in and ſmote him, and killed him, in the twenty and ſeventh year of Aſa king of Judah, and reigned in his ſtead.

11 ¶ And it came to paſs when he began to reign, aſſoon as he ſat on his throne, *that* he ſlew all the houſe of Baaſha: he left him [d] not one that piſſeth againſt a wall, [] neither of his kinſfolks, nor of his friends.

[d] 1 Sam. 25. 22. Or, boweth to the wall. † Heb. by his hand.

12 Thus did Zimri deſtroy all the houſe of Baaſha, according to the word of the LORD which he ſpake againſt Baaſha † by Jehu the prophet;

13 For all the ſins of Baaſha, and the ſins of Elah his ſon, by which they ſinned, and by which they made Iſrael to ſin, in provoking the LORD God of Iſrael to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the reſt of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

15 ¶ In the twenty and ſeventh year of Aſa king of Judah did Zimri reign ſeven days in Tirzah. And [e] the people *were* encamped againſt Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philiſtines.

[e] Chap. 15. 27.

16 And the people *that were* encamped heard ſay, Zimri hath conſpired, and hath alſo ſlain the king: wherefore all Iſrael made Omri, the captain of the hoſt, king over Iſrael that day in the camp.

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Iſrael with him, and they beſieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to paſs when Zimri ſaw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the kings houſe, and burnt the kings houſe over him with fire, and died;

19 For his ſins which he ſinned in doing evil in the ſight of the LORD, in walking in

in the way of Jeroboam, and in his ſin which he did, to make Iſrael ſin.

20 Now the reſt of the acts of Zimri, and his treaſon that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Iſrael divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the ſon of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed againſt the people that followed Tibni the ſon of Ginath. So Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirty and one year of Aſa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Iſrael twelve years: ſix years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of ſilver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, †[f] Samaria.

25 ¶ But [g] Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worſe then all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, and in his ſin wherewith he made Iſrael to ſin, to provoke the LORD God of Iſrael to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the reſt of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he ſhewed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

28 So Omri ſlept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Aſa king of Judah began Ahab the ſon of Omri to reign over Iſrael: and Ahab the ſon of Omri reigned over Iſrael in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the ſon of Omri did evil in the ſight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to paſs, †as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and ſerved Baal, and worſhipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the houſe of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a grove. And Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Iſrael to anger then all the kings of Iſrael that were before him.

34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firſt-born, and ſet up the gates thereof in his youngeſt *ſon* Segub, [h] according to the word of the LORD which he ſpake by Joſhua the ſon of Nun.

[h] Joſh. 6. 26.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Elijah, having propheſied againſt Ahab, is ſent to Cherith, where the ravens feed him.* 8 *He is ſent to the widow of Zarephath.* 17 *He raiſeth the widows ſon.* 24 *The woman believeth him.*

AND † Elijah the Tiſhbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, ſaid unto Ahab, [a] *As* the LORD God of Iſrael liveth, before whom I ſtand, there ſhall not be dew nor rain theſe years, but according to my word.

† Heb. *Eliiahu.* Luke 4. 25. Eliſh. [a] Eccluſ. 48. 3. James 5. 17.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, ſaying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eaſtward, and hide thy ſelf by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

4 And it ſhall be *that* thou ſhalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went, and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and fleſh in the morning, and bread and fleſh in the evening: and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to paſs † after a while, that the brook dried up, becauſe there had been no rain in the land.

† Heb. *at the end of days.*

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, ſaying,

9 Ariſe, get thee to [b] Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to ſuſtain thee.

[b] Luke 4. 26. Sarepta.

10 So he aroſe, and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of ſticks: and he called to her, and ſaid, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a veſſel, that I may drink.

11 And as ſhe was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and ſaid, Bring me, I pray thee, a morſel of bread in thine hand.

12 And ſhe ſaid, *As* the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handfull of meal in a barrel, and a little oyl in a cruſe: and behold, I *am* gathering two ſticks, that I may go in, and dreſs it for me and my ſon, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah ſaid unto her, Fear not: go, *and* do as thou haſt ſaid: but make me thereof a little cake firſt, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy ſon.

14 For thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, The barrel of meal ſhall not waſte, neither ſhall the cruſe of oyl fail, untill the day *that* the LORD † ſendeth rain upon the earth.

† Heb. giveth.

15 And ſhe went, and did according to the ſaying of Elijah: and ſhe, and he, and her houſe did eat ‖ *many* days.

‖ Or, a full year.

16 *And* the barrel of meal waſted not, neither did the cruſe of oyl fail, according to the word of the LORD which he ſpake † by Elijah.

† Heb. By the hand of.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs after theſe things, *that* the ſon of the woman, the miſtreſs of the houſe, fell ſick; and his ſickneſs was ſo ſore that there was no breath left in him.

18 And ſhe ſaid unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my ſin to remembrance, and to ſlay my ſon?

19 And he ſaid unto her, Give me thy ſon. And he took him out of her boſom, and carried him up into a loft where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and ſaid, O LORD my God, haſt thou alſo brought evil upon the widow with whom I ſojourn, by ſlaying her ſon?

21 And ‹ he † ſtretched himſelf upon the child three times, & cried unto the LORD, and ſaid, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this childs ſoul come † into him again.

‹ 2 Kin. 4. 34.
† Heb. meaſured.
† Heb. return into him.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the ſoul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the houſe, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah ſaid, See, thy ſon liveth.

24 ¶ And the woman ſaid to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, and *that* the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 In the extremity of famine Elijah ſent to Ahab, meeteth good Obadiah. 9 Obadiah bringeth Ahab to Elijah. 17 Elijah reproving Ahab, by fire from heaven convinceth Baals prophets. 41 Elijah by prayer obtaining rain, followeth Ahab to Jezreel.

AND it came to paſs *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, ſaying, Go ſhew thy ſelf unto Ahab; and I will ſend rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to ſhew himſelf unto Ahab. And *there was* a ſore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called † Obadiah, which *was* † the governour of *his* houſe. Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly.

† Heb. Obadiah the Lord greatly.

4 For it was *ſo*, when † Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

† Heb. cut off.

5 And Ahab ſaid unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find graſs to ſave the horſes and mules alive, † that we leeſe not all the beaſts.

† Heb. that we may not leave from beaſts.

6 So they divided the land between them to paſs throughout it: Ahab went one way by himſelf, and Obadiah went another way by himſelf.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and ſaid, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he anſwered him, I *am*: go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

9 And

9 And he ſaid, What have I ſinned, that thou wouldeſt deliver thy ſervant into the hand of Ahab, to ſlay me?

10 *As* the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom whither my lord hath not ſent to ſeek thee: and when they ſaid, *He is* not *there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou ſayeſt, Go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

12 And it ſhall come to paſs, *as ſoon as* I am gone from thee, that the ſpirit of the LORD ſhall carry thee whither I know not; and *ſo* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he ſhall ſlay me: but I thy ſervant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel ſlew the prophets of the LORD? how I hid an hundred men of the LORDS prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou ſayeſt, Go tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*: and he ſhall ſlay me.

15 And Elijah ſaid, *As* the LORD of hoſts liveth, before whom I ſtand, I will ſurely ſhew my ſelf unto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to paſs when Ahab ſaw Elijah, that Ahab ſaid unto him, *Art* thou he [a] that troubleth Iſrael?

18 And he anſwered, I have not troubled Iſrael; but thou and thy fathers houſe, in that ye have forſaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou haſt followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore ſend, *and* gather to me all Iſrael unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebels table.

20 So Ahab ſent unto all the children of Iſrael, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and ſaid, How long halt ye between two ‖ opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, [b] *then* follow him. And the people anſwered him not a word.

22 Then ſaid Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baals prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks, and let them chooſe one bullock for themſelves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*: and I will dreſs the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under*.

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD. And the God that anſwereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people anſwered and ſaid, † It is well ſpoken.

† Heb. The word is good.

25 And Elijah ſaid unto the prophets of Baal, Chooſe you one bullock for your ſelves, and dreſs *it* firſt; for ye *are* many: and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under*.

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dreſſed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning even untill noon, ſaying, O Baal, ‖ hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that ‖ anſwered. And they ‖ leapt upon the altar which was made.

‖ Or, anſwer. ‖ Or, heard. ‖ Or, leaped up & down at the altar.

27 And it came to paſs at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and ſaid, Cry †aloud: for he *is* a god; either ‖ he is talking, or he † is purſuing, or he is in a journey; *or* peradventure he ſleepeth, & muſt be awaked.

† Heb. with a great voice. ‖ Or, he meditateth. † Heb. hath a purſuit.

28 And they cried aloud, and cut themſelves after their manner with knives & lancers, till †the bloud guſhed out upon them.

† Heb. poured out bloud upon them.

29 And it came to paſs, when mid-day was paſt, and they propheſied untill the *time* of the † offering of the *evening* ſacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to anſwer, nor any † that regarded.

† Heb. aſcending. † Heb. attention.

30 And Elijah ſaid unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve ſtones, according to the number of the tribes of the ſons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, ſaying, [c] Iſrael ſhall be thy name.

[c] Gen. 32 28. 2 Kings 17. 34.

32 And with the ſtones he built an altar in

in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar as great as would contain two meaſures of ſeed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and ſaid, Fill four barrels with water, and [d] pour *it* on the burnt-ſacrifice, and on the wood.

[d] See Judg. 6. 20.

34 And he ſaid, Do *it* the ſecond time. And they did *it* the ſecond time. And he ſaid, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

† Heb. water.

35 And the water † ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench alſo with water.

36 And it came to paſs at the time of the offering of the *evening* ſacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and ſaid, LORD God of Abraham, Iſaac, and of Iſrael, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Iſrael, and *that* I *am* thy ſervant, and *that* I have done all theſe things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou haſt turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and conſumed the burnt-ſacrifice, and the wood, and the ſtones, and the duſt, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people ſaw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they ſaid, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God.

‖ Or, Apprehend.

40 And Elijah ſaid unto them, ‖ Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them eſcape. And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kiſhon, and ſlew them there.

‖ Or, a ſound of a noiſe of rain.

41 ¶ And Elijah ſaid unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is* ‖ a ſound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he caſt himſelf down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And ſaid to his ſervant, Go up now, look toward the ſea. And he went up, and looked, and ſaid, *There is* nothing. And he ſaid, Go again ſeven times.

44 And it came to paſs at the ſeventh time, that he ſaid, Behold, there ariſeth a little cloud out of the ſea like a mans hand. And he ſaid, Go up, ſay unto Ahab, † Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain ſtop thee not.

† Heb. Tie, or bind.

45 And it came to paſs in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

† Heb. girded up the loins of his mind.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loyns, and ran before Ahab † to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Elijah, threatned by Jezebel, fleeth to Beer-ſheba. 4 In the wilderneſs, being weary of his life, he is comforted by an angel. 9 At Horeb God appeareth unto him, ſending him to anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Eliſha. 19 Eliſha, taking leave of his friends, followeth Elijah.

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withall, how he had ſlain all the prophets with the ſword.

2 Then Jezebel ſent a meſſenger unto Elijah, ſaying, [a] So let the gods do *to me*, and more alſo, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

[a] 1 King. 20. 10.

3 And when he ſaw *that*, he aroſe, and went for his life, and came to Beer-ſheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his ſervant there.

4 ¶ But he himſelf went a days journey into the wilderneſs, and came and ſat down under a juniper-tree: and he [b] requeſted † for himſelf that he might die, and ſaid, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life: for I *am* not better then my fathers.

[b] Jon. 4. 3, 8.

† Heb. in his ſoul.

5 And as he lay and ſlept under a juniper-tree, behold then, an angel touched him, and ſaid unto him, Ariſe *and* eat.

6 And he looked, and behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruſe of water at his † head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

† Heb. Reſhephim.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the ſecond time, and touched him, and ſaid, Ariſe *and* eat; becauſe the journey *is* too great for thee.

8 And he aroſe, and did eat and drink, and went in the ſtrength of that meat

[c] fourty

[e] fourty days and fourty nights, unto [d] Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there. And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him; and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, [e] I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and [f] I, *even* I onely, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and [g] a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entring-in of the cave. And behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I onely, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint [h] Hazael *to be* king over Syria:

16 And [i] Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and [k] Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael, shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu, shall Elisha slay.

18 [l] Yet ‖ I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 ¶ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing with twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, [m] Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, † Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministred unto him.

CHAP. XX.

1 Ben-hadad, not content with Ahabs homage, besiegeth Samaria. 13 By the direction of a prophet the Syrians are slain. 22 As the prophet forewarned Ahab, the Syrians, trusting in the valleys, come against him in Aphek. 28 By the word of the prophet, and Gods judgement, the Syrians are smitten again. 31 The Syrians submitting themselves, Ahab sendeth Ben-hadad away with a covenant. 35 The prophet, under the parable of a prisoner making Ahab to judge himself, denounceth Gods judgement against him.

AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad,

3 Thy silver and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also, and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver and thy gold, and thy wives and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee

[l] Rom. 11. 4. ‖ Or, I will leave.

[m] Mat. 8. 21, 22. Luke 9. 61, 62. † Heb. Go return.

to morrow about this time, and they ſhall ſearch thine houſe, and the houſes of thy ſervants; and it ſhall be, *that* whatſoever is † pleaſant in thine eyes, they ſhall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

† Heb. deſireable

7 Then the king of Iſrael called all the elders of the land, and ſaid, Mark, I pray you, and ſee how this *man* ſeeketh miſchief: for he ſent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my ſilver, and for my gold; and † I denied him not.

† Heb. I kept not back from him.

8 And all the elders and all the people ſaid unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor conſent.

9 Wherefore he ſaid unto the meſſengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didſt ſend for to thy ſervant at the firſt, I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the meſſengers departed, and brought him word again.

10 And Ben-hadad ſent unto him, and ſaid, [a] The gods do ſo unto me & more alſo, if the duſt of Samaria ſhall ſuffice for handfulls for all the people that † follow me.

[a] Chap. 19. 2.

† Heb. are at my feet.

11 And the king of Iſrael anſwered and ſaid, Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on *his harneſs* boaſt himſelf as he that putteth it off.

12 And it came to paſs, when *Ben-hadad* heard this † meſſage, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the ‖ pavilions, that he ſaid unto his ſervants, ‖ Set *your ſelves in aray*. And they ſet *themſelves in aray* againſt the city.

† Heb. word. ‖ Or, tents. ‖ Or, place the engines. And they placed engines. † Heb. approached.

13 ¶ And behold, there † came a prophet unto Ahab king of Iſrael, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD, Haſt thou ſeen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou ſhalt know that I *am* the LORD.

14 And Ahab ſaid, By whom? And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, *Even* by the ‖ young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he ſaid, Who ſhall † order the battel? And he anſwered, Thou.

‖ Or, ſervants. † Heb. bind, or tie.

15 Then he numbred the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred & thirty two: and after them he numbred all the people, *even* all the children of Iſrael, *being* ſeven thouſand.

16 And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad *was* drinking himſelf drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out firſt: and Ben-hadad ſent out, and they told him, ſaying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he ſaid, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive.

19 So theſe young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them.

20 And they ſlew every one his man. And the Syrians fled; and Iſrael purſued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria eſcaped on an horſe, with the horſemen.

21 And the king of Iſrael went out, and ſmote the horſes and chariots, and ſlew the Syrians with a great ſlaughter.

22 ¶ And the prophet came to the king of Iſrael, and ſaid unto him, Go ſtrengthen thy ſelf, and mark and ſee what thou doeſt: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up againſt thee.

23 And the ſervants of the king of Syria ſaid unto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hills; therefore they were ſtronger then we: but let us fight againſt them in ŷ plain, and ſurely we ſhall be ſtronger then they.

24 And do this thing, Take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms.

25 And number thee an army, like the army † that thou haſt loſt, horſe for horſe, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight againſt them in the plain, *and* ſurely we ſhall be ſtronger then they. And he hearkned unto their voice, and did ſo.

† Heb. fallen from thee.

26 And it came to paſs at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbred the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, † to fight againſt Iſrael.

† Or, to go up against Iſrael.

27 And the children of Iſrael were numbred, and ‖ were all preſent, and † went againſt them: and the children of Iſrael pitched before them, like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the countrey.

‖ Or, victuall. † Or, encamped over against them.

28 ¶ And

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and ſpake unto the king of Iſrael, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, Becauſe the Syrians have ſaid, The LORD *is* God of the hills, but he *is* not God of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, *and* ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

29 And they pitched one over againſt the other ſeven days. And *ſo* it was, that in the ſeventh day the battel was joyned: and the children of Iſrael ſlew of the Syrians an hundred thouſand footmen in one day.

30 But the reſt fled to Aphek, into the city; and *there* a wall fell upon twenty and ſeven thouſand of the men *that were* left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, ‖ † into an inner chamber.

31 ¶ And his ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the houſe of Iſrael *are* mercifull kings: let us, I pray thee, put ſackcloth on our loyns, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Iſrael: peradventure he will ſave thy life.

32 So they girded ſackcloth on their loyns, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Iſrael, and ſaid, Thy ſervant Ben-hadad ſaith, I pray thee, let me live. And he ſaid, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently obſerve whether *any thing would come* from him, and did haſtily catch *it*: and they ſaid, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he ſaid, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he cauſed him to come up into the chariot.

34 And *Ben-hadad* ſaid unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father, I will reſtore: and thou ſhalt make ſtreets for thee in Damaſcus, as my father made in Samaria. Then *ſaid Ahab*, I will ſend thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and ſent him away.

35 ¶ And a certain man of the ſons of the prophets ſaid unto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refuſed to ſmite him.

36 Then ſaid he unto him, Becauſe thou haſt not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, aſſoon as thou art departed from me, a lion ſhall ſlay thee. And aſſoon as he was departed from him, [b] a lion found him, and ſlew him. [b] Chap. 13. 24.

37 Then he found another man, and ſaid, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man ſmote him, † ſo that in ſmiting he wounded *him*. † Heb. *ſmiting and wounding*.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and diſguiſed himſelf with aſhes upon his face.

39 And as the king paſſed by, he cried unto the king: & he ſaid, Thy ſervant went out into ỹ midſt of the battel, and behold, a man turned aſide, and brought a man unto me, and ſaid, Keep this man: if by any means he be miſſing, then ſhall thy life be for his life, or elſe thou ſhalt † pay a talent of ſilver. † Heb. *weigh*.

40 And as thy ſervant was buſie here and there, † he was gone. And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto him, So *ſhall* thy judgement *be*; thou thy ſelf haſt decided *it*. † Heb. *he was not*.

41 And he haſted, and took the aſhes away from his face; and the king of Iſrael diſcerned him that he *was* of the prophets.

42 And he ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, [c] Becauſe thou haſt let go out of *thy* hand a man whom I appointed to utter deſtruction, therefore thy life ſhall go for his life, and thy people for his people. [c] Chap. 22. 37.

43 And the king of Iſrael went to his houſe heavy and diſpleaſed, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Ahab being denied Naboths vineyard, is grieved. 5 Jezebel writing letters againſt Naboth, he is condemned of blaſphemy, and ſtoned. 15 Ahab taketh poſſeſſion of the vineyard. 17 Elijah denounceth judgements againſt Ahab and Jezebel. 25 Wicked Ahab repenting, God deferreth the judgement.

AND it came to paſs after theſe things, *that* Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab ſpake unto Naboth, ſaying, Give me thy [a] vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, becauſe it *is* near unto my houſe: & I will give thee for it a better vineyard then it; *or*, if it † ſeem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. [a] 1 Sam. 8. 14. † Heb. *be good in thine eyes*.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD
[b] Levit. 25. 23. Numb. 36. 7. forbid it me [b] that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him. For he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, *and* eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

8 So she wrote letters in Ahabs name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth † on high among the people:

† Heb. in the top of the people.

10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst [c] blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and [d] stone him, that he may die.

[c] Exod. 22. 28. Levit. 24. 15, 16. Acts 6. 11.
[d] Levit. 24. 14.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned [e] him with stones, that he died.

[e] See 1 Kings 21. 10.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to pass when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, [f] shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thy self to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 Behold, [g] I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab [h] him that pisseth against the wall, and [i] him that is shut up, and left in Israel,

22 And will make thine house like the house of [k] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of [l] Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23 And [m] of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the ‖ wall of Jezreel.

24 [n] Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25 ¶ But

25 ¶ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did ſell himſelf to work wickedneſs in the ſight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife || ſtirred up.

26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* as did the Amorites, whom the LORD caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

27 And it came to paſs when Ahab heard thoſe words, that he rent his clothes, and put ſackcloth upon his fleſh, and faſted, and lay in ſackcloth, and went ſoftly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tiſhbite, ſaying,

29 Seeſt thou how Ahab humbleth himſelf before me? becauſe he humbleth himſelf before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* ° in his ſons days will I bring the evil upon his houſe.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *Ahab ſeduced by falſe prophets, according to the word of Micaiah, is ſlain at Ramoth-gilead.* 37 *The dogs lick up his bloud, and Ahaziah ſucceedeth him.* 41 *Jehoſhaphats good reign:* 45 *his acts.* 50 *Jehoram ſucceedeth him.* 51 *Ahaziahs evil reign.*

AND they continued three years without war between Syria and Iſrael.

2 And it came to paſs in the third year, that [a] Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Iſrael.

3 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto his ſervants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* † ſtill, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

4 And he ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battel to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoſhaphat ſaid to the king of Iſrael, [b] I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horſes as thy horſes.

5 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

6 Then the king of Iſrael gathered the prophets together about four hundred men, and ſaid unto them, Shall I go againſt Ramoth-gilead to battel, or ſhall I forbear? And they ſaid, Go up: for the LORD ſhall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

7 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD beſides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And ỹ king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the ſon of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not propheſie good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, Let not the king ſay ſo.

9 Then the king of Iſrael called an || officer, and ſaid, Haſten *hither* Micaiah the ſon of Imlah.

10 And the king of Iſrael & Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah ſat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a † void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets propheſied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the ſon of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, With theſe ſhalt thou puſh ỹ Syrians, untill thou have conſumed them.

12 And all the prophets propheſied ſo, ſaying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and proſper: for the LORD ſhall deliver *it* into the kings hand.

13 And the meſſenger that was gone to call Micaiah ſpake unto him, ſaying, Behold now, the words of ỹ prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and ſpeak *that which is* good.

14 And Micaiah ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, what the LORD ſaith unto me, that will I ſpeak.

15 ¶ So he came to the king. And the king ſaid unto him, Micaiah, ſhall we go againſt Ramoth gilead to battel, or ſhall we forbear? And he anſwered him, Go, and proſper: for the LORD ſhall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king ſaid unto him, How many times ſhall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

17 And he ſaid, I ſaw all Iſrael [c] ſcattered upon the hills, as ſheep that have not a ſhepherd. And the LORD ſaid, Theſe have no maſter; let them return every man to his houſe in peace.

18 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would propheſie no good concerning me, but evil?

|| Or, eunuch.

† Heb. *floor.*

[c] Matth. 9. 36.

19 And he ſaid, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I ſaw the LORD ſitting on his throne, and [d] all the hoſt of heaven ſtanding by him, on his right hand and on his left.

20 And the LORD ſaid, Who ſhall ‖ perſwade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth gilead? And one ſaid on this manner, and another ſaid on that manner.

21 And there came forth a ſpirit, and ſtood before the LORD, and ſaid, I will perſwade him.

22 And the LORD ſaid unto him, Wherewith? And he ſaid, I will go forth, and I will be a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he ſaid, [e] Thou ſhalt perſwade *him*, and prevail alſo: go forth, and do ſo.

23 Now therefore behold, the LORD hath put a lying ſpirit in the mouth of all theſe thy prophets, and the LORD hath ſpoken evil concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the ſon of Chenaanah went near, & ſmote Micaiah on the cheek, and ſaid, [f] Which way went ŷ ſpirit of the LORD from me to ſpeak unto thee?

25 And Micaiah ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee in that day, when thou ſhalt go ‖ into † an inner chamber to hide thy ſelf.

26 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governour of the city, and to Joaſh the kings ſon;

27 And ſay, Thus ſaith the king, Put this *fell w* in the priſon, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, untill I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah ſaid, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not ſpoken by me. And he ſaid, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

29 So the king of Iſrael and Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

30 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Jehoſhaphat, ‖ I will diſguiſe my ſelf, and enter into the battel; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Iſrael diſguiſed himſelf, and went into the battel.

31 But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, ſaying, Fight neither with ſmall nor great, ſave onely with the king of Iſrael.

32 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots ſaw Jehoſhaphat, that they ſaid, Surely it *is* the king of Iſrael. And they turned aſide to fight againſt him: and Jehoſhaphat cried out.

33 And it came to paſs, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Iſrael, that they turned back from purſuing him.

34 And a *certain* man drew a bowe † at a venture, and ſmote the king of Iſrael between the † joynts of the harneſs: wherefore he ſaid unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the hoſt: for I am † wounded.

35 And the battel † increaſed that day: and the king was ſtayed up in his chariot againſt the Syrians, and died at even: and the bloud ran out of the wound into the † midſt of the chariot.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the hoſt about the going down of the ſun, ſaying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own countrey.

37 ¶ So the king died, and † was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And *one* waſhed the chariot in ŷ pool of Samaria; & the dogs licked up his bloud; & they waſhed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he ſpake.

39 Now the reſt of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and [h] the ivory houſe which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

40 So Ahab ſlept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

41 ¶ And [i] Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Aſa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Iſrael.

42 Jehoſhaphat *was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Jeruſalem. And his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the way of Aſa his

[d] Job 1. 6. & 2. 1. Dan. 7. 10. Zech. 3. 1. Mat. 18. 10. Heb. 1. 7, 14.

‖ Or, deceive

[e] Judg. 9. 23.

[f] 2 Chr. 18. 23.

‖ Or, *from chamber to chamber.* † Heb. *a chamber in a chamber.*

‖ Or, *when he was to disguise himself, and enter into the battel.*

his father, he turned not aside from it, doing *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless, the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

46 And the remnant of [k] the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.

47 *There was* then no king in Edom: a deputy *was* king.

48 [i] Jehoshaphat || made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel.

52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

The second book of the KINGS, commonly called, The fourth book of the KINGS.

CHAP. I.

1 Moab rebelleth. 2 Ahaziah, sending to Baal-zebub, hath his judgement by Elijah. 5 Elijah twice bringeth fire from heaven upon them whom Ahaziah sent to apprehend him. 13 He pitieth the third captain, and encouraged by an angel, telleth the king of his death. 17 Jehoram succeedeth Ahaziah.

THen Moab rebelled against Israel, [a] after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fell down through a lattess in his upper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease.

3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah ỹ Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron?

4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, † Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 ¶ And when the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

6 And they said unto him, There came a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is it* not because *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

7 And he said unto them, † What manner of man *was he* which came up to meet you, and told you these words? † Heb. What was the manner of the man.

8 And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loyns. And he said, It *is* Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty, with his fifty. And he went up to him,

him. And behold, he ſat on the top of an hill. And he ſpake unto him, Thou man of God, the king hath ſaid, Come down.

10 And Elijah anſwered and ſaid to the captain of fifty, If I *be* a man of God, then [b] let fire come down from heaven, and conſume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and conſumed him and his fifty.

b Luk. 9. 54.

11 Again alſo he ſent unto him another captain of fifty, with his fifty. And he anſwered and ſaid unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king ſaid, Come down quickly.

12 And Elijah anſwered and ſaid unto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, & conſume thee & thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and conſumed him and his fifty.

13 ¶ And he ſent again a captain of the third fifty, with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and † fell on his knees before Elijah, and beſought him, and ſaid unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of theſe fifty thy ſervants be precious in thy ſight.

† Heb. *bowed.*

14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties, with their fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy ſight.

15 And the angel of the LORD ſaid unto Elijah, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he aroſe, and went down with him unto the king.

16 And he ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, Foraſmuch as thou haſt ſent meſſengers to enquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron; *is it* not becauſe *there is* no God in Iſrael to enquire of his word? therefore thou ſhalt not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but ſhalt ſurely die.

17 ¶ So he died, according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had ſpoken. And Jehoram reigned in his ſtead, in ỹ ſecond year of Jehoram the ſon of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah; becauſe he had no ſon.

18 Now the reſt of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not written in the book of ỹ chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

CHAP. II.

1 Elijah, taking his leave of Eliſha, with his mantle divideth Jordan, 9 and granting Eliſha his requeſt, is taken up by a fiery chariot into heaven. 12 Eliſha, dividing Jordan with Elijah's mantle, is acknowledged his ſucceſſour. 16 The young prophets, hardly obtaining leave to ſeek Elijah, could not find him. 19 Eliſha with ſalt healeth the unwholſom waters. 23 Bears deſtroy the children that mocked Eliſha.

AND it came to paſs when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Eliſha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah ſaid unto Eliſha, Tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath ſent me to Beth-el. And Eliſha ſaid *unto him*, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el.

a 1 Sam. 1. 26.

3 And the ſons of the prophets that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Eliſha, and ſaid unto him, Knoweſt thou that the LORD will take away thy maſter from thy head to day? And he ſaid, Yea, I know *it*; hold you your peace.

4 And Elijah ſaid unto him, Eliſha, tarry here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath ſent me to Jericho. And he ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the ſons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Eliſha, and ſaid unto him, Knoweſt thou that the LORD will take away thy maſter from thy head to day? And he anſwered, Yea, I know *it*; hold you your peace.

6 And Elijah ſaid unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath ſent me to Jordan. And he ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy ſoul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the ſons of the prophets went, and ſtood † to view afar off: and they two ſtood by Jordan.

† Heb. *over againſt.*

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapt *it* together, and ſmote ỹ waters, and [b] they were divided hither and thither, ſo that they two went over on dry ground.

b Exod. 14. 21. Joſh. 3. 16.

9 ¶ And it came to paſs when they were gone over, that Elijah ſaid unto Eliſha,

ſha, Aſk what I ſhall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Eliſha ſaid, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy ſpirit be upon me.

10 And he ſaid, † Thou haſt aſked a hard thing: *nevertheleſs*, if thou ſee me *when I am* taken from thee, it ſhall be ſo unto thee; but if not, it ſhall not be *ſo*.

11 And it came to paſs as they ſtill went on, and talked, that behold, *there appeared* [c] a chariot of fire, and horſes of fire, and parted them both aſunder; and [d] Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 ¶ And Eliſha ſaw *it*, and he cried, [e] My father, my father, the chariot of Iſrael, and the horſemen thereof. And he ſaw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 He took up alſo the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and ſtood by the † bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and ſmote the waters, and ſaid, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? And when he alſo had ſmitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Eliſha went over.

15 And when the ſons of the prophets which *were* [f] to view at Jericho ſaw him, they ſaid, The ſpirit of Elijah doth reſt on Eliſha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themſelves to the ground before him.

16 ¶ And they ſaid unto him, Behold now, there be with thy ſervants fifty † ſtrong men; let them go, we pray thee, and ſeek thy maſter: leſt peradventure [g] the ſpirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and caſt him upon † ſome mountain, or into ſome valley. And he ſaid, Ye ſhall not ſend.

17 And when they urged him till he was aſhamed, he ſaid, Send. They ſent therefore fifty men; and they ſought three days, but found him not.

18 And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho) he ſaid unto them, Did I not ſay unto you, Go not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city ſaid unto Eliſha, Behold, I pray thee, the ſituation of this city *is* pleaſant, as my lord ſeeth: but the water *is* naught, and the ground † barren.

20 And he ſaid, Bring me a new cruſe, and put ſalt therein. And they brought *it* to him.

21 And he went forth unto the ſpring of the waters, and caſt the ſalt in there, and ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, I have healed theſe waters; there ſhall not be from thence any more death, or barren *land*.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the ſaying of Eliſha which he ſpake.

23 ¶ And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and ſaid unto him, Go up thou bald-head, go up thou bald-head.

24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and curſed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two ſhe-bears out of the wood, and tare fourty and two children of them.

25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 Jehorams reign. 4 Meſha rebelleth. 6 Jehoram, with Jehoſhaphat and the king of Edom, being diſtreſſed for want of water, by Eliſha obtaineth water, and promiſe of victory. 21 The Moabites deceived by the colour of the water, coming to ſpoil, are overcome. 26 The king of Moab by ſacrificing the king of Edoms ſon raiſeth the ſiege.

NOw Jehoram the ſon of Ahab began to reign over Iſrael in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he wrought evil in the ſight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the † image of Baal [a] that his father had made.

3 Nevertheleſs, he cleaved unto *the* ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, which made Iſrael to ſin; he departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ And Meſha king of Moab was a ſheep-maſter, and rendred unto the king of Iſrael an hundred thouſand lambs, & an hundred thouſand rams with the wooll.

5 But it came to paſs when [b] Ahab was dead,

† Heb. caſting to miſcarry.

† Heb. ſtatue.

[a] 1 Kin. 16. 31, 32.

[b] Chap. 1. 1.

dead, that the king of Moab rebelled againſt the king of Iſrael.

6 ¶ And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the ſame time, and numbred all Iſrael.

7 And he went and ſent to Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, ſaying, The king of Moab hath rebelled againſt me: wilt thou go with me againſt Moab to battel? And he ſaid, I will go up: [c] I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, *and* my horſes as thy horſes.

8 And he ſaid, Which way ſhall we go up? And he anſwered, The way through the wilderneſs of Edom.

9 So the king of Iſrael went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetcht a compaſs of ſeven days journey: and there was no water for the hoſt, and for the cattel † that followed them.

10 And the king of Iſrael ſaid, Alas, that the LORD hath called theſe three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Jehoſhaphat ſaid, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Iſraels ſervants anſwered & ſaid, Here *is* Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat, which poured water on ŷ hands of Elijah.

12 And Jehoſhaphat ſaid, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Iſrael, and Jehoſhaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Eliſha ſaid unto the king of Iſrael, What have I to do with thee? [d] get thee to the prophets of thy father, & to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called theſe three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Eliſha ſaid, *As* the LORD of hoſts liveth, before whom I ſtand, ſurely, were it not that I regard the preſence of Jehoſhaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor ſee thee.

15 But now bring me a minſtrel. And it came to paſs when ŷ minſtrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he ſaid, Thus ſaith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus ſaith the LORD, Ye ſhall not ſee wind, neither ſhall ye ſee rain; yet that valley ſhall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattel, and your beaſts.

18 And this is *but* a light thing in the ſight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites alſo into your hand.

19 And ye ſhall ſmite every fenced city and every choice city, and ſhall fell every good tree, and ſtop all wells of water, and † marr every good piece of land with ſtones.

20 And it came to paſs in the morning, when the meat-offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, & the countrey was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight againſt them, they † gathered all that were able to † put on armour, and upward, and ſtood in the border.

22 And they roſe up early in the morning, and the ſun ſhone upon the water, and the Moabites ſaw the water on the other ſide *as* red as bloud:

23 And they ſaid, This *is* bloud: the kings are ſurely † ſlain, and they have ſmitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the ſpoil.

24 And when they came to the camp of Iſrael, the Iſraelites roſe up and ſmote the Moabites, ſo that they fled before them: but ‖ they went forward ſmiting the Moabites, even in *their* countrey.

25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land caſt every man his ſtone, and filled it; and they ſtopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: † only in Kir-haraſeth left they the ſtones thereof; howbeit the ſlingers went about *it*, and ſmote it.

26 ¶ And when the king of Moab ſaw that the battel was too ſore for him, he took with him ſeven hundred men that drew ſwords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then he took his eldeſt ſon that ſhould have reigned in his ſtead, & [e] offered him *for* a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation againſt Iſrael;

[a] 1 Kng. 22. 4.

† Heb. as their feet.

[d] So Judg. 10. 14. Ruth 1. 15.

Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

CHAP. IV.

1 Elisha multiplieth the widows oyl. 8 He promiseth a son to the good Shunammite. 18 He raiseth him again being dead. 38 At Gilgal he healeth the deadly pottage. 42 He satisfieth an hundred men with twenty loaves.

NOw there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead, and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditour is come [a] to take unto him my two sons to be bond-men.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine hand-maid hath not any thing in the house save a pot of oyl.

3 Then he said, Go borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, *even* empty vessels; ‖ borrow not a few.

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her, and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her, and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oyl stayed.

7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oyl, and pay thy ‖ debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

8 ¶ And † it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she † constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

10 Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

11 And it fell on a day that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

14 And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

16 And he said, [b] About this † season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine hand-maid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out.

22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? *it is* neither new-moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* † well.

24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; † slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee.

[a] Mat. 18. 25.

[b] Gen. 18. 10. † Heb. *set time.*

† Heb. peace.

† Heb. restrain not for me to ride.

25 So

25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite.

26 Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well.

† Heb. by his feet.

27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught † him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul *is* † vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

† Heb. bitter.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loyns, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, [c] salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.

[c] Luk. 10. 4.

30 And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon ỹ face of the child: but *there was* neither voice, nor † hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, & told him, saying, The child *is* not awaked.

† Heb. attention.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

34 And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and [d] he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

[d] 1 Kin. 17. 21.

35 Then he returned, and walked in the house † to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child neesed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

† Heb. once hither, and once thither.

36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to ỹ ground, and took up her son, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha came again to Gilgal. And *there was* a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wilde gourds his lap-full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.

40 So they poured out for the men to eat: and it came to pass as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, *there is* death in the pot: and they could not eat *thereof*.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no † harm in the pot.

† Heb. evil thing.

42 ¶ And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn || in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

|| Or, in the husk of it.

43 And his servitour said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, [e] They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*.

[e] Mat. 14. 16.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

1 Naaman, moved by the report of a captive maid, is sent to Samaria to be cured of his leprosie. 8 Elisha, sending him to Jordan, cureth him. 15 He refuseth Naamans gifts. 20 Gehazi, abusing his masters name unto Naaman, is smitten with leprosie.

NOw Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man † with his master, & || honourable, because by him the LORD had given || deliverance unto

† Heb. lifted.

|| Or, victory.

unto Syria: he was alſo a mighty man in valour, *but he was* a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Iſrael a little maid; and ſhe † waited on Naamans wife.

3 And ſhe ſaid unto her miſtreſs, Would God my lord *were* † with the prophet that *is* in Samaria: for he would † recover him of his leproſie.

4 And *one* went in, and told his lord, ſaying, Thus and thus ſaid the maid that *is* of the land of Iſrael.

5 And the king of Syria ſaid, Go to, go, and I will ſend a letter unto the king of Iſrael. And he departed, and took † with him ten talents of ſilver, and ſix thouſand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment.

6 And he brought the letter to the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* ſent Naaman my ſervant to thee, that thou mayeſt recover him of his leproſie.

7 And it came to paſs when the king of Iſrael had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and ſaid, *Am* I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth ſend unto me to recover a man of his leproſie? wherefore conſider, I pray you, and ſee how he ſeeketh a quarrel againſt me.

8 ¶ And it was *ſo*, when Eliſha the man of God had heard that the king of Iſrael had rent his clothes, that he ſent to the king, ſaying, Wherefore haſt thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he ſhall know that there is a prophet in Iſrael.

9 So Naaman came with his horſes and with his chariot, and ſtood at the door of the houſe of Eliſha.

10 And Eliſha ſent a meſſenger unto him, ſaying, Go and waſh in Jordan ſeven times, and thy fleſh ſhall come again unto thee, and thou ſhalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and ſaid, Behold, † || I thought, He will ſurely come out to me, and ſtand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and † ſtrike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 *Are* not || Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damaſcus, better then all the waters of Iſrael? may I not waſh in them and be clean? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

13 And his ſervants came near, and ſpake unto him, and ſaid, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee *do ſome* great thing, wouldeſt thou not have done *it*? how much rather then, when he ſaith to thee, Waſh and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himſelf ſeven times in Jordan, according to the ſaying of the man of God: and his fleſh came again like unto the fleſh of a little child, and [a] he was clean.

[a] Luke 4. 27.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and ſtood before him: and he ſaid, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth but in Iſrael: now therefore, I pray thee, take a bleſſing of thy ſervant.

16 But he ſaid, *As* the LORD liveth, before whom I ſtand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*; but he refuſed.

17 And Naaman ſaid, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy ſervant two mules burden of earth? for thy ſervant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor ſacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy ſervant, *that* when my maſter goeth into the houſe of Rimmon to worſhip there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow my ſelf in the houſe of Rimmon; when I bow down my ſelf in the houſe of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy ſervant in this thing.

19 And he ſaid unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him † a little way.

† Heb. *a little piece of ground.*

20 ¶ But Gehazi the ſervant of Eliſha the man of God ſaid, Behold, my maſter hath ſpared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that [b] he brought: but *as* the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take ſomewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman ſaw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and ſaid, † *Is* all well?

† Heb. *Is there peace?*

22 And he ſaid, All *is* well. My maſter hath

hath ſent me, ſaying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the ſons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of ſilver, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman ſaid, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of ſilver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid *them* upon two of his ſervants; and they bare *them* before him.

‖ Or, ſecret place.

24 And when he came to the ‖ towre, he took *them* from their hand, and beſtowed *them* in the houſe; and he let the men go, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and ſtood before his maſter. And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Whence *comeſt thou*, Gehazi? And he ſaid, Thy ſervant went † no whither.

† Heb. not hither or thither.

26 And he ſaid unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive-yards, and vineyards, and ſheep, and oxen, and men-ſervants, and maid-ſervants?

27 The leproſie therefore of Naaman ſhall cleave unto thee, and unto thy ſeed for ever. And he went out from his preſence a leper *as white* as ſnow.

CHAP. VI.

1 Eliſha, giving leave to the young prophets to enlarge their dwellings, cauſeth iron to ſwim. 8 He diſcloſeth the king of Syria his counſel. 13 The army ſent to Dothan to apprehend Eliſha, is ſmitten with blindneſs. 19 Being brought into Samaria, they are diſmiſſed in peace. 24 The famine in Samaria cauſeth women to eat their own children. 30 The king ſendeth to ſlay Eliſha.

AND the ſons of the prophets ſaid unto Eliſha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too ſtrait for us.

2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there where we may dwell. And he anſwered, Go ye.

3 And one ſaid, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy ſervants. And he anſwered, I will go.

4 So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood.

5 But as one was felling a beam, the † ax head fell into the water: and he cried, and ſaid, Alas, maſter; for it was borrowed.

† Heb. iron.

6 And the man of God ſaid, Where fell it? And he ſhewed him the place. And he cut down a ſtick, and caſt *it* in thither; and the iron did ſwim.

7 Therefore ſaid he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred againſt Iſrael, and took counſel with his ſervants, ſaying, In ſuch and ſuch a place *ſhall be* my ‖ camp.

‖ Or, preſſing leg.

9 And the man of God ſent unto the king of Iſrael, ſaying, Beware that thou paſs not ſuch a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Iſrael ſent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and ſaved himſelf there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was ſore troubled for this thing; and he called his ſervants, and ſaid unto them, Will ye not ſhew me which of us *is* for the king of Iſrael?

12 And one of his ſervants ſaid, †None, my lord O king: but Eliſha the prophet, that *is* in Iſrael, telleth the king of Iſrael the words that thou ſpeakeſt in thy bedchamber.

† Heb. Not ſo.

13 ¶ And he ſaid, Go, and ſpie where he *is*, that I may ſend & fetch him. And it was told him, ſaying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.

14 Therefore ſent he thither horſes and chariots and a † great hoſt: and they came by night, and compaſſed the city about.

† Or, heavy.

15 And when the ‖ ſervant of the man of God was riſen early and gone forth, behold, an hoſt compaſſed the city, both with horſes & chariots. And his ſervant ſaid unto him, Alas, my maſter, how ſhall we do?

‖ Or, young man.

16 And he anſwered, Fear not: for [a] they that *be* with us *are* mo then they that *be* with them.

[a] 2 Chron. 32. 7.

17 And Eliſha prayed, and ſaid, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may ſee. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he ſaw: and behold, the mountain *was* full of [b] horſes and

[b] Gen. 28. 12.

and chariots of fire round about Eliſha.

18 And when they came down to him, Eliſha prayed unto the LORD, and ſaid, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindneſs. And he ſmote them with blindneſs, according to the word of Eliſha.

19 ¶ And Eliſha ſaid unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: † follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye ſeek. But he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to paſs when they were come into Samaria, that Eliſha ſaid, LORD, open the eyes of theſe *men* that they may ſee. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they ſaw; and behold, *they were* in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Iſrael ſaid unto Eliſha, when he ſaw them, My father, ſhall I ſmite *them*? ſhall I ſmite *them*?

22 And he anſwered, Thou ſhalt not ſmite *them*: wouldſt thou ſmite thoſe whom thou haſt taken captive with thy ſword and with thy bowe? ſet bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their maſter.

23 And he prepared great proviſion for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he ſent them away, and they went to their maſter. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Iſrael.

24 ¶ And it came to paſs after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his hoſt, and went up, and beſieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they beſieged it untill an aſſes head was *ſold* for fourſcore *pieces* of ſilver, and the fourth part of a cab of doves dung for five *pieces* of ſilver.

26 And as the king of Iſrael was paſſing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, ſaying, Help, my lord O king.

27 And he ſaid, ‖ If the LORD do not help thee, whence ſhall I help thee? out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-preſs?

28 And the king ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? And ſhe anſwered, This woman ſaid unto me, Give thy ſon, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my ſon to morrow.

29 So [c] we boiled my ſon, and did eat him: and I ſaid unto her on the † next day, Give thy ſon, that we may eat him: and ſhe hath hid her ſon.

30 ¶ And it came to paſs when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he paſſed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and behold, *he had* ſackcloth within upon his fleſh.

31 Then he ſaid, [d] God do ſo and more alſo to me, if the head of Eliſha the ſon of Shaphat ſhall ſtand on him this day.

32 But Eliſha ſat in his houſe; and the elders ſat with him: and *the king* ſent a man from before him: but ere the meſſenger came to him, he ſaid to the elders, See ye how this ſon of a murderer hath ſent to take away mine head? look when the meſſenger cometh, ſhut the door, and hold him faſt at the door: *is* not the ſound of his maſters feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the meſſenger came down unto him: and he ſaid, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD; what ſhould I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Eliſha propheſieth incredible plenty in Samaria.* 3 *Four lepers venturing on the hoſt of the Syrians, bring tidings of their flight.* 12 *The king finding by ſpies the news to be true, ſpoileth the tents of the Syrians.* 17 *The lord who would not beleeve the propheſie of plenty, having the charge of the gate, is troden to death in the preſs.*

THen Eliſha ſaid, Hear ye the word of the LORD, Thus ſaith the LORD, To morrow about this time *ſhall* a meaſure of fine flour *be ſold* for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then † a lord on whoſe hand the king leaned anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee *it* with thine eyes, but ſhalt not eat thereof.

3 ¶ And there were four leprous men at the entring in of ỹ gate: and they ſaid one to another, Why ſit we here untill we die?

4 If we ſay we will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we ſhall die

[c] Deut. 28. 53, 57.
† Heb. other.
[d] Ruth 1. 17.
† Heb. *a lord which belonged to the king, leaning upon his hand.*

die there: and if we ſit ſtill here, we die alſo. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the hoſt of the Syrians: if they ſave us alive, we ſhall live; and if they kill us, we ſhall but die.

5 And they roſe up in the twilight to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermoſt part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the hoſt of the Syrians [a] to hear a noiſe of chariots and a noiſe of horſes, *even* the noiſe of a great hoſt: and they ſaid one to another, Lo, the king of Iſrael hath hired againſt us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come upon us.

[a] 2 Sam. 5. 24.

7 Wherefore they aroſe and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horſes, and their aſſes, even the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And when theſe lepers came to the uttermoſt part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence ſilver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it*; and came again, and entred into another tent, and carried thence *alſo*, and went and hid *it*.

9 Then they ſaid one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, † ſome miſchief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the kings houſhold.

† Heb. we ſhall find puniſhment.

10 So they came, and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, ſaying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horſes tied, and aſſes tied, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And he called the porters; and they told *it* to the kings houſe within.

12 ¶ And the king aroſe in the night, and ſaid unto his ſervants, I will now ſhew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themſelves in the field, ſaying, When they come out of the city, we ſhall catch them alive, and get into the city.

13 And one of his ſervants anſwered and ſaid, Let *ſome* take, I pray thee, five of the horſes that remain, which are left † in the city, (behold, they *are* as all ỹ multitude of Iſrael that are left in it: behold, *I ſay*, they *are* even as all the multitude of ỹ Iſraelites that are conſumed) and let us ſend and ſee.

† Heb. in.

14 They took therefore two chariot-horſes, and the king ſent after the hoſt of the Syrians, ſaying, Go and ſee.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and lo, all the way *was* full of garments and veſſels, which the Syrians had caſt away in their haſte. And the meſſengers returned and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and ſpoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a meaſure of fine flour was *ſold* for a ſhekel, and two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whoſe hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had ſaid, who ſpake when the king came down to him.

18 And it came to paſs as the man of God had ſpoken to the king, ſaying, Two meaſures of barley for a ſhekel, and a meaſure of fine flour for a ſhekel, ſhall be to morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord anſwered the man of God, and ſaid, Now behold, *if* the LORD ſhould make windows in heaven, might ſuch a thing be? And he ſaid, Behold, thou ſhalt ſee it with thine eyes, but ſhalt not eat thereof.

20 And ſo it fell out unto him: for ỹ people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Shunammite, having left her country ſeven years, to avoid the forewarned famine, for Eliſha's miracles ſake hath her land reſtored by the king. 7 Hazael being ſent with a preſent by Ben-hadad to Eliſha at Damaſcus, after he had heard the propheſie, killeth his maſter, and ſucceedeth him. 16 Jehorams wicked reign in Judah. 20 Edom and Libnah revolt. 23 Ahaziah ſucceedeth Jehoram. 25 Ahaziahs wicked reign. 28 He viſiteth Jehoram wounded at Jezreel.

THen ſpake Eliſha unto the woman [a] whoſe ſon he had reſtored to life, ſaying,

[a] 2 Kings 4. 35.

ſaying, Ariſe, and go thou and thine houſhold, and ſojourn whereſoever thou canſt ſojourn: for the LORD [b] hath called for a famine; and it ſhall alſo come upon the land ſeven years.

2 And the woman aroſe, and did after the ſaying of the man of God: and ſhe went with her houſhold, and ſojourned in the land of the Philiſtines ſeven years.

3 And it came to paſs at the ſeven years end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philiſtines: and ſhe went forth to cry unto the king for her houſe and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the ſervant of the man of God, ſaying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Eliſha hath done.

5 And it came to paſs as he was telling the king how he had reſtored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whoſe ſon he had reſtored to life cried to the king for her houſe and for her land. And Gehazi ſaid, My lord O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her ſon, whom Eliſha reſtored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, ſhe told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ‖ officer, ſaying, Reſtore all ŷ *was* hers, and all the fruits of the field, ſince the day that ſhe left ŷ land even till now.

7 ¶ And Eliſha came to Damaſcus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was ſick, and it was told him, ſaying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king ſaid unto Hazael, Take a preſent in thine hand, and go meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD [d] by him, ſaying, Shall I recover of this diſeaſe?

9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a preſent † with him, even of every good thing of Damaſcus, fourty camels burden, and came and ſtood before him, and ſaid, Thy ſon Ben-hadad king of Syria hath ſent me to thee, ſaying, Shall I recover of this diſeaſe?

10 And Eliſha ſaid unto him, Go, ſay unto him, Thou mayeſt certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath ſhewed me that he ſhall ſurely die.

11 And he ſettled his countenance † ſtedfaſtly, untill he was aſhamed: and the man of God wept. † Heb. *and ſet it.*

12 And Hazael ſaid, Why weepeth my lord? And he anſwered, Becauſe I know [e] the evil that thou wilt do unto ŷ children of Iſrael: their ſtrong holds wilt thou ſet on fire, and their young men wilt thou ſlay with the ſword, and [d] wilt daſh their children, and rip up their women with child. [e] Chap. 10. 32. & 13. 3. Amos 1. 3. [d] Chap. 15. 16. Hoſ. 13. 16. Amos 1. 13.

13 And Hazael ſaid, But what, *is* thy ſervant a dog that he ſhould do this great thing? And Eliſha anſwered, The LORD hath ſhewed me that thou *ſhalt be* king over Syria.

14 So he departed from Eliſha, and came to his maſter; who ſaid to him, What ſaid Eliſha to thee? And he anſwered, He told me *that* thou ſhouldſt ſurely recover.

15 And it came to paſs on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipt *it* in water, and ſpread *it* on his face, ſo that he died. And Hazael reigned in his ſtead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth year of Joram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael, Jehoſhaphat *being* then king of Judah, [e] Jehoram the ſon of Jehoſhaphat king of Judah † began to reign. [e] 2 Chr. 21. 4. † Heb. *reigned.*

17 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jeruſalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Iſrael, as did the houſe of Ahab: for [f] the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the ſight of the LORD. [f] V. 26.

19 Yet the LORD would not deſtroy Judah, for David his ſervants ſake, [g] as he promiſed him to give him alway a † light, *and* to his children. [g] 2 Sam. 7. 13. 1 Kings 11. 36. † Heb. *candle, or, lamp.*

20 ¶ In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themſelves.

21 So Joram went over to Zair, and all the chariots with him; and he roſe by night and ſmote the Edomites which compaſſed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the ſame time.

23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And [b] Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.

26 Two and twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he *was* the son in law of the house of Ahab.

28 ¶ And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.

29 And [a] king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds † which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was ‡ sick.

[b] 2 Chr. 22. 1.

[a] Chap. 9. 15.
† Heb. *wherewith the Syrians had wounded.*
‡ Heb. *wounded.*

CHAP. IX

1 Elisha sendeth a young prophet with instructions to anoint Jehu at Ramoth-gilead. 4 The prophet having done his message fleeth. 11 Jehu, being made king by the souldiers, killeth Joram in the field of Naboth. 27 Ahaziah is slain at Gur, and buried at Jerusalem. 30 Proud Jezebel is thrown down out of a window, and eaten by dogs.

AND Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loyns, and take this box of oyl in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead.

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an † inner chamber.

3 Then [a] take the box of oyl, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

† Heb. *chamber in a chamber.*
[a] 1 King. 19. 16.

4 ¶ So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oyl on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [b] I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

[b] 2 Chr. 22. 7.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, [c] at the hand of Jezebel.

[c] Chap. 10. 17.

8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and [d] I will cut off from Ahab [e] him that pisseth against the wall, and [f] him that is shut up and left in Israel.

[d] Chap. 10. 11.
[e] 1 Sam. 25. 22, 34.
[f] Deut. 32. 36.

9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of [g] Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of [h] Baasha the son of Ahijah.

[g] 1 King. 14. 10.
[h] 1 King. 16. 3.

10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, *there* shall be none to bury *her*. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man and his communication.

12 And they said, *It is* false: tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu † is king.

† Heb. reigneth.

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria;

15 But [i] king † Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the

[i] 2 Chr. 22. 6.
† Heb. Jehoram.

the Syrians † had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* † let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city, to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

17 And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And ȳ watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

20 And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the ‖ driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth † furiously.

21 And Joram said, † Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and † met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 And it came to pass when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so* many?

23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Jehu ‖ drew a bowe with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he † sunk down in his chariot.

25 Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For remember how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, [k] the LORD laid this burden upon him,

26 Surely I have seen yesterday the † bloud of Naboth & the bloud of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this ‖ plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD.

27 ¶ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in ȳ city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, and she † painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Jehu entred in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32 And he lift up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two *or* three ‖ eunuchs.

33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her bloud was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.

34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for [l] she *is* a kings daughter.

35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her then the scull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD which he spake † by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [m] in the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel.

[k] 1 Kin. 21. 19.

† He. bloods.

‖ Or, portion.

† Heb. put her eye in painting.

‖ Or, chamberlains.

[l] 1 Kin. 16. 31.

† Heb. by the hand of.

[m] 1 Kin. 21. 23.

37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; *so* that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

CHAP. X.

1 Jehu by his letters causeth seventy of Ahabs children to be beheaded. 8 He excuseth the fact by the prophesie of Elijah. 12 At the shearing-house he slayeth two and fourty of Ahaziahs brethren. 15 He taketh Jehonadab into his company. 18 By subtilty he destroyeth all the worshippers of Baal. 29 Jehu followeth Jeroboams sins. 32 Hazael oppresseth Israel. 34 Jehoahaz succeedeth Jehu.

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to † them that brought up Ahabs *children*, saying,

† Heb. nourishers.

2 Now assoon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your masters sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

3 Look even out the best and meetest of your masters sons, & set *him* on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

5 And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* † mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your masters sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the kings sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

† Heb. for me

7 And it came to pass when the letter came to them, that they took the kings sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the kings sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entring in of the gate untill the morning.

9 And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

10 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake * † by his servant Elijah.

* 1 Kin. 21. 19. † Heb. by the hand of.

11 So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his ‖ kinsfolks, and his priests, untill he left him none remaining.

‖ Or, acquaintance.

12 ¶ And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. *And* as he *was* at the † shearing-house in the way,

† Heb. house of binding thereto.

13 Jehu † met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down † to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

† Heb. found. † Heb. for the peace.

14 And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, *even* two and fourty men; neither left he any of them.

15 ¶ And when he was departed thence, he † lighted on [b] Jehonadab the son of [c] Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he † saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

† Heb. found. † Heb. blessed.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

17 And when he came to Samaria, [d] he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD [e] which he spake to Elijah.

18 ¶ And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets

prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal: whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, † Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was ‖ full from one end to another.

22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

25 And it came to pass assoon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with † the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the † images out of the house of Baal, and burnt them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught-house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, [f] the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, [g] thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu † took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: *for* he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

32 ¶ In those days the LORD began † to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

33 From Jordan † east-ward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, ‖ even [h] Gilead, and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

35 And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And † the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jehosh, being saved by Jehosheba his aunt from Athaliahs massacre of the seed royal, is hid six years in the house of God. 4 Jehoiada, giving order to the captains, in the seventh year anointeth him king. 13 Athaliah is slain. 17 Jehoiada restoreth the worship of God.

AND when [a] Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose, & destroyed all the † seed royal.

2 But Jehosheba the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the kings sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.

3 And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

4 ¶ And [b] in ỹ seventh year Jehoiada sent and fet the rulers over hundreds, with the captains

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† Heb. observed not.

† Heb. to cut off the ends.

† Heb. toward the rising of the sun.

‖ Or, even to Gilead and Bashan.

† Heb. the days were.

† Heb. seed of the kingdom.

[f] 1 Kin. 12. 28.

[g] Chap. 15. 12.

[h] Amos 1. 3.

[a] 2 Chr. 22. 10.

[b] 2 Chr. 23. 1.

captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the kings son.

5 And he commanded them, saying, This *is* the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch of ỹ kings house;

a 1 Chr. 9. 25.

6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch of the house ‖ that it be not broken down.

‖ Or, *from breaking up.*

7 And two ‖ † parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, *even* they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king.

‖ Or, companies. † Heb. hands.

8 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let him be slain. And be ye with the king as he goeth out, and as he cometh in.

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded & they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king Davids spears and shields, ỹ *were* in the temple of the LORD.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right † corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by the altar and the temple.

† Heb. shoulder.

12 And he brought forth the kings son, and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapt their hands, and said, † God save the king.

† Heb. Let the king live.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD.

14 And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the manner *was*, & the princes & the trumpeters by the king, & all the people of the land rejoyced, and blew with trumpets. And Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason.

15 But Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said unto them, Have her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her, kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way by the which the horses came into the kings house; and there was she slain.

17 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD & the king and the people, that they should be the LORDS people; between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces throughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And d the priest appointed † officers over the house of the LORD.

d 2 Chr. 23. 18. † Heb. visited.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; & they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the kings house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoyced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the kings house.

21 Seven years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jehoash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada. 4 He giveth order for the repair of the temple. 17 Hazael is diverted from Jerusalem by a present of the hallowed treasures. 19 Jehoash being slain by his servants, Amaziah succeedeth him.

IN a the seventh year of Jehu Jehoash began to reign; and fourty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

a 2 Chr. 24. 1.

2 And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all his days, wherein Jehoiada ỹ priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¶ And

4 ¶ And Jehoash said to the priests, [b] All the money of the ‖ † dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account*, † the money that every man is set at, *and* all the money that † cometh into any mans heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take *it* to them, every man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

6 But it was *so*, *that* † in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side, as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the † door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

10 And it was *so*, when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the kings ‖ scribe and the high priest came up, and they † put up in bags, & told the money *that was* found in the house of the LORD.

11 And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they † laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,

12 And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that † was laid out for the house to repair *it*.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the house of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD.

14 But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreover, [c] they reckoned not with the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 [d] The trespass-money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD: [e] it was the priests.

17 ¶ Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem.

18 And Jehoash king of Judah [f] took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicate, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the kings house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he † went away from Jerusalem.

19 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in ‖ the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla.

21 For Jozachar the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jehoahaz his wicked reign. 3 Jehoahaz oppressed by Hazael, is relieved by prayer. 8 Joash succeedeth him. 10 His wicked reign. 12 Jeroboam succeedeth him. 14 Elisha dying prophesieth to Joash three victories over the Syrians. 20 The Moabites invading the land, Elisha's bones raise up a dead man. 22 Hazael dying, Joash getteth three victories over Ben-hadad.

IN † the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the

[b] Lev. 5. 15, 18.
[c] Chap. 22. 7.
[d] Lev. 5. 15, 18.
[e] Numb. 8. 9.
[f] 1. King. 15. 8. Chap. 18. 15, 16.
† Heb. went up.
‖ Or, Beth-millo.
† Heb. the twentieth year & third year.

sight of the LORD, and † followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

† Heb. walked after.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of [a] Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days.

[a] Chap. 8. 12.

4 And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkned unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 And the LORD gave Israel [b] a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, † as beforetime.

[b] See v. 25.

† Heb. at yesterday, and third day.

6 Nevertheless, they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* † walked therein: and there † remained ŷ grove also in Samaria.

† Heb. he walked.

7 Neither did he leave of the people to Jehoahaz but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen: for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by [c] threshing.

† Heb. stood.

[c] Amos 1. 3.

8 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Joash his son reigned in his stead.

10 ¶ In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years.

11 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin; *but* he walked therein.

12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Joash slept with his fathers; & Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 ¶ Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O [d] my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

[d] Chap. 2. 12.

15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bowe and arrows. And he took unto him bowe and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel † Put thine hand upon the bowe. And he put his hand *upon it*: and Elisha put his hands upon the kings hands.

† Heb. Set thine hand upon the bowe.

17 And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORDS deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek till thou have consumed *them*.

18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it*: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass as they were burying a man, that behold, they spied a band *of men*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man † was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, [e] he revived, and stood up on his feet.

† Heb. went.

[e] Heb. 11. 35.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his † presence as yet.

† Heb. face.

24 So Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.

25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz † took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken

† Heb. returned.

taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Amaziah his good reign. 5 His justice on the murderers of his father. 7 His victory over Edom. 8 Amaziah provoking Jehoash is overcome and spoiled. 16 Jeroboam succeedeth Jehoash. 17 Amaziah slain by a conspiracy. 21 Azariah succeedeth him. 23 Jeroboams wicked reign. 28 Zachariah succeedeth him.

IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned [a] Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did.

4 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice and burn incense on the high places.

5 ¶ And it came to pass assoon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his servants [b] which had slain the king his father.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, [c] The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, & took Selah by war, & called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face.

9 And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*, and tarry † at home: for why shouldst thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? † Heb. at thy house.

11 But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

12 And Judah † was put to ŷ worse before Israel, & they fled every man to their tents. † Heb. was smitten.

13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, & brake down the wall of Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels *that were* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

19 Now [d] they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. [d] 2 Chron. 25. 27.

20 And they brought him on horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

21 ¶ And all the people of Judah took [e] Azariah, which *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in stead of his father Amaziah. [e] Chap. 15. 13. & 2 Chr. 26. 1. he is called Uzziah.

22 He

22 He built Elath, & reſtored it to Judah, after that the king ſlept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh king of Iſrael began to reign in Samaria, *and reigned* fourty and one years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD: he departed not from all the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

25 He reſtored the coaſt of Iſrael from the entring of Hamath unto the ſea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Iſrael which he ſpake by the hand of his ſervant [f] Jonah, the ſon of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher.

[f] Matth. 12. 39, 40. called *Jonas.*

26 For the LORD ſaw the affliction of Iſrael, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any ſhut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Iſrael.

27 And the LORD ſaid not that he would blot out the name of Iſrael from under heaven: but he ſaved them by the hand of Jeroboam the ſon of Joaſh.

28 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, & his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damaſcus and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Iſrael, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael?

29 And Jeroboam ſlept with his fathers, *even* with the kings of Iſrael; and Zachariah his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XV.

1 Azariah his good reign. 5 He dying a leper, Jotham ſucceedeth. 8 Zachariah, the laſt of Jehu his generation, reigning ill, is ſlain by Shallum. 13 Shallum reigning a moneth, is ſlain by Menahem. 16 Menahem ſtrengtheneth himſelf by Pul. 21 Pekahiah ſucceeded him. 23 Pekahiah is ſlain by Pekah. 27 Pekah is oppreſſed by Tiglath-pileſer, and ſlain by Hoſhea. 32 Jothams good reign. 36 Ahaz ſucceedeth him.

IN the twenty and ſeventh year of Jeroboam king of Iſrael began Azariah ſon of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

2 Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two and fifty years in Jeruſalem. And his mothers name *was* Jecholiah of Jeruſalem.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 Save that the high places were not removed: the people ſacrificed and burnt incenſe ſtill on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD [a] ſmote the king, ſo that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and [b] dwelt in a ſeveral houſe. And Jotham the kings ſon *was* over the houſe, judging the people of the land.

[a] 2 Chr. 26. 19.
[b] Lev. 13. 46.

6 And the reſt of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

7 So Azariah ſlept with his fathers; and [c] they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

[c] 2 Chr. 26. 23.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zachariah the ſon of Jeroboam reign over Iſrael in Samaria ſix moneths.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the ſins of Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who made Iſrael to ſin.

10 And Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh conſpired againſt him, and [d] ſmote him before the people, and ſlew him, and reigned in his ſtead.

[d] Amos 7. 9.

11 And the reſt of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

12 This *was* [e] the word of the LORD which he ſpake unto Jehu, ſaying, Thy ſons ſhall ſit on the throne of Iſrael unto the fourth *generation*. And ſo it came to paſs.

[e] Chap. 10. 30.

13 ¶ Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of [f] Uzziah king of Judah, and he reigned † a full moneth in Samaria.

[f] Matth. 1. 8, 9. called Ozias. † Heb. a moneth of days.

14 For Menahem the ſon of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and ſmote Shallum the ſon of Jabeſh in Samaria, and ſlew him, & reigned in his ſtead.

15 And the reſt of the acts of Shallum, and his conſpiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Iſrael.

16 ¶ Then

16 ¶ Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him*, therefore he smote *it*; *and* all the women therein that were with child he ript up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, *and reigned* ten years in Samaria.

18 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

19 *And* [h] Pul the king of Assyria came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdom in his hand.

20 And Menahem † exacted the money of Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land.

21 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two years.

24 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 But Pekah the son of Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the kings house, with Argob, and Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed him, and reigned in his room.

26 And the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 ¶ In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah [i] Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twenty years. [i] Isa. 7. 1.

28 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel [k] came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria. [k] 1 Chr. 5. 26. 2 Ki. 16. 7. 1.

30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

31 And the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began [l] Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign. [l] 2 Chr. 27. 1.

33 Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done.

35 ¶ Howbeit the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

37 In those days the LORD began to send against Judah [m] Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. [m] Isa. 7. 1.

38 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ahaz his wicked reign. 5 Ahaz assailed by Rezin and Pekah, hireth Tiglath-pileser against them. 10 Ahaz sendeth a pattern of an altar from Damascus to Urijah, and disorderth the brasen altar to his own devotion. 17 He spoileth the temple. 19 Hezekiah succeedeth him.

a 2 Chr. 28. 1.

IN a the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father.

b Lev. 18. 21.

3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and b made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

c Deut. 12. 2.

4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and c on the hills, and under every green tree.

d Is. 7. 1.

5 ¶ d Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drave the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

e Chap. 12. 18.

8 And Ahaz e took the silver and gold *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

† Heb. Damme sek.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkned unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against † Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of* it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 ¶ And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.

11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood † Heb. of his peace-offerings upon the altar.

14 And he brought also the brasen altar which *was* before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north-side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn † the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering; and the king's burnt-sacrifice, and his meat-offering; with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by*.

16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 ¶ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down b the sea from off the brasen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones.

18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD, for the king of Assyria.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Hoshea's wicked reign.* 3 *Being subdued by Shalmaneser, he conspireth against him with So king of Egypt.* 5 *Samaria for their sins is captivated.* 24 *The strange nations transplanted in Samaria, being plagued with lions, make a mixture of religions.*

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, nine years.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 ¶ Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and † gave him ‖ presents.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

5 ¶ Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 ¶ [a] In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10 And they set them up † images and [b] groves [c] in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger.

12 For they served idols, [d] whereof the LORD had said unto them, [e] Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, & against Judah, † by all the prophets, *and* † *by* all [f] the seers, saying, [g] Turn ye from your evil ways, & keep my commandments *and* my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but [h] hardned their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them.

16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and [i] made them molten images, *even* two calves, and [k] made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and [l] served Baal.

17 And they [m] caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and [n] sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left [o] but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For [p] he rent Israel from the house of David; and [q] they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.

22 For

[d] Exod. 20. 3. 4. Deut. 5. 7, 8. [e] Deut. 4. 19. [f] Heb. by the hand of all. [f] 1 Sam. 9. 9. [g] Jer. 18. 11. & 25. 5. & 35. 15. [h] Deut. 31. 27. [i] Exod. 32. 8. 1 King. 12. 28. [k] 1 Kin. 14. 15, 23. & 15. 13. & 16. 33. [l] 1 King. 16. 31. & 22. 54. chap. 11. 18. [m] Lev. 18. 21. chap. 16. 3. [n] 1 Kin. 21. 20. [o] 1 Kin. 11. 13. [p] 1 Kin. 11. 11, 31. [q] 1 Kin. 12. 20, 28.

22 For the children of Iſrael walked in all the ſins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them:

23 Untill the LORD removed Iſrael out of his ſight, as he had ſaid by all his ſervants the prophets. So was Iſrael carried away out of their own land to Aſſyria unto this day.

24 ¶ And the king of Aſſyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria in ſtead of the children of Iſrael: and they poſſeſſed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And ſo it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD ſent lions among them, which ſlew *ſome* of them.

26 Wherefore they ſpake to the king of Aſſyria, ſaying, The nations which thou haſt removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath ſent lions among them, and behold, they ſlay them, becauſe they know not the manner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Aſſyria commanded, ſaying, Carry thither one of the prieſts whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the prieſts whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they ſhould fear the LORD.

29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houſes of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Aſhima,

31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, and [r] made unto themſelves of the loweſt of them prieſts of the high places, which ſacrificed for them in the houſes of the high places.

[r] 1 kin. 12. 31.

33 [1] They feared the LORD, and ſerved their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

34 Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their ſtatutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, [s] whom he named Iſrael;

35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, ſaying, [t] Ye ſhall not fear other gods, nor bow yourſelves to them, nor ſerve them, nor ſacrifice to them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a ſtretched-out arm, him ſhall ye fear, and him ſhall ye worſhip, and to him ſhall ye do ſacrifice.

37 And the ſtatutes, and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment which he wrote for you, ye ſhall obſerve to do for evermore; & ye ſhall not fear other gods.

38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye ſhall not forget; neither ſhall ye fear other gods.

39 But the LORD your God ye ſhall fear; and he ſhall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

41 So theſe nations feared the LORD, and ſerved their graven images, both their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, ſo do they unto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Hezekiah his good reign. 4 He deſtroyeth idolatry, and proſpereth. 9 Samaria is carried captive for their ſins. 13 Sennacherib invading Judah, is pacified by a tribute. 17 Rab-ſhakeh ſent by Sennacherib again, revileth Hezekiah, and by blaſphemous perſwaſions ſolliciteth the people to revolt.

NOw it came to paſs in the third year of Hoſhea ſon of Elah king of Iſrael, *that* [a] Hezekiah the ſon of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty

2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; & he reigned twenty & nine years in Jerusalem. His mothers name also *was* Abi the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

4 ¶ [a] He removed the high places, and brake the † images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the [b] brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him.

6 For he clave to the LORD, *and* departed not † from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him; *and* he prospered whithersoever he went forth. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.

8 [d] He smote the Philistines, *even* unto †Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 ¶ And [e] it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is* [f] the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them [g] in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor do *them*.

13 ¶ Now [h] in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did † Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me, I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver *that was* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave † it to the king of Assyria.

† Heb. them.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan, and Rabsaris, and Rab shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah, with a † great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by [i] the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the high way of the fullers field.

† Heb. heavy.

[i] 7.3.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the ‖ scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

‖ Or, secretary.

19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou ‖ sayest, (but *they are but* † vain words) ‖ *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

‖ Or, talkest. † Heb. word of the lips. ‖ Or, *as* counsel and strength are for the war.

21 Now behold, thou † trustest upon [k] the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

† Heb. trust thee. [k] Ezek. 29. 6.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give ‖ pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, & I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if

‖ Or, hostages.

if thou be able on thy part to ſet riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the leaſt of my maſters ſervants, and put thy truſt on Egypt for chariots and for horſemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD againſt this place to deſtroy it? The LORD ſaid to me, Go up againſt this land, and deſtroy it.

26 Then ſaid Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-ſhakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy ſervants in the Syrian language; for we underſtand it: and talk not with us in the Jews language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

27 But Rab-ſhakeh ſaid unto them, Hath my maſter ſent me to thy maſter, and to thee, to ſpeak theſe words? *hath he* not *ſent me* to the men which ſit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink † their own piſs with you?

† Heb. *the water of their feet.*

28 Then Rab-ſhakeh ſtood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews language, and ſpake, ſaying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Aſſyria.

29 Thus ſaith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he ſhall not be able to deliver you out of his hand.

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you truſt in the LORD, ſaying, The LORD will ſurely deliver us, and this city ſhall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

31 Hearken not unto Hezekiah. For thus ſaith the king of Aſſyria, ‖ † Make *an agreement* with me by a preſent, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his own fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own ‖ ciſtern:

‖ Or, *Seek my favour*
† Heb. *Make with me a bleſſing.*
‖ Or, *pit.*

32 Untill I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oyl-olive and of honey, that ye may live and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he ‖ perſwadeth you, ſaying, The LORD will deliver us.

‖ Or, *diſcourageth.*

33 [i] Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria?

[i] Iſa. 10. 10.

34 Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countreys that have delivered their countrey out of mine hand, that the LORD ſhould deliver Jeruſalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and anſwered him not a word. For the kings commandment was, ſaying, Anſwer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the ſon of Hilkiah, which *was* over the houſhold, and Shebna the ſcribe, and Joah the ſon of Aſaph the recorder, to Hezekiah [m] with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-ſhakeh.

[m] Iſa. 36. 22.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Hezekiah mourning ſendeth to Iſaiah to pray for them. 6 Iſaiah comforteth them. 8 Sennacherib, going to encounter Tirhakah, ſendeth a blaſphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah his prayer. 20 Iſaiah his propheſie of the pride and deſtruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 35 An angel ſlayeth the Aſſyrians. 36 Sennacherib is ſlain at Nineveh by his own ſons.

AND [a] it came to paſs when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, & covered himſelf with ſackcloth, and went into the houſe of the LORD.

[a] 2 Kings 22. 11.

2 And he ſent Eliakim, which *was* over the houſhold, & Shebna the ſcribe, and the elders of ỹ prieſts, covered with ſackcloth, to [b] Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz.

[b] 2 Chron. 26. 22.

3 And they ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble and of rebuke and ‖ blaſphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not ſtrength to bring forth.

‖ Or, *reproach.*

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-ſhakeh, whom the king of Aſſyria his maſter hath ſent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant *that are* † left.

† Heb. *found.*

5 So the ſervants of king Hezekiah came to Iſaiah.

6 ¶ And Iſaiah ſaid unto them, Thus ſhall ye ſay to your maſter, Thus ſaith the LORD,

† Heb. *ſpeak.*

LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 ¶ So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of ŷ LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, [c] which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

16 LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And have † cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of mens hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him, The virgin, the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn, the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted *thy* voice, and lift up thine eyes on high? *even* against the holy *One* of Israel.

23 † By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down † the tall cedar-trees thereof, *and* the choice fir-trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* ‖ the forest of his Carmel.

24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of ‖ besieged places.

25 ‖ Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass that thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

26 Therefore their inhabitants were † of small power, they were dismayed and confounded, they were *as* ŷ grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* [d] the grass on the house-tops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up.

27 But I know thy ‖ abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

28 Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore [e] I will put my hook in thy nose, and

† Heb. By the hand of.
† Heb. the tallness, &c.
‖ Or, the forest and his fruitful field.
‖ Or, fenced.
‖ Or, Hast thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? should I now bring it to be laid waste, and fenced cities to be ruinous heaps?
† Heb. short of hand.
[d] Psal. 129.6.
¶ Or, sitting.
[e] Ezek. 29.4. & 38.4.

my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou cameſt.

29 And this *ſhall be* a ſign unto thee, Ye ſhall eat this year ſuch things as grow of themſelves, and in the ſecond year that which ſpringeth of the ſame; and in the third year ſow ye and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof.

† Heb. the eſcaping of the houſe of Judah that remaineth. † Heb. the eſcaping. [f] Iſa. 9.7.

30 And † the remnant that is eſcaped of the houſe of Judah ſhall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

31 For out of Jeruſalem ſhall go forth a remnant, and † they that eſcape out of mount Zion: [f] the zeal of the LORD *of hoſts* ſhall do this.

32 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD concerning the king of Aſſyria, He ſhall not come into this city, nor ſhoot an arrow there, nor come before it with ſhield, nor caſt a bank againſt it.

33 By the way that he came, by the ſame ſhall he return, and ſhall not come into this city, ſaith the LORD.

[g] Chap. 20. 6. [h] 1 King 11.12, 13.

34 For [g] I will defend this city to ſave it, for mine own ſake, and [h] for my ſervant Davids ſake.

[i] Iſa. 37. 36. Eccluſ 48.21. [j] Mac. 7. 41. [k] Mac. 8. 19.

35 ¶ And [i] it came to paſs that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and ſmote in the camp of the Aſſyrians an hundred fourſcore and five thouſand: and when they aroſe early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpſes.

36 So Sennacherib king of Aſſyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

37 And it came to paſs as he was worſhipping in the houſe of Niſroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer [k] his ſons ſmote him with the ſword: and they eſcaped into the land of † Armenia. And [l] Eſarhaddon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

Tobit 1.21. Heb. Ararat. [l] Ezr. 4. 2.

CHAP. XX.

1 Hezekiah having received a meſſage of death, by prayer hath his life lengthned. 8 The ſun goeth ten degrees backward, for a ſign of that promiſe. 12 Berodach-baladan ſending to viſit Hezekiah, becauſe of the wonder, hath notice of his treaſures. 14 Iſaiah underſtanding thereof foretelleth the Babylonian captivity. 20 Manaſſeh ſucceedeth Hezekiah.

IN [a] thoſe days was Hezekiah ſick unto death. And the prophet Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz came to him, and ſaid unto him, Thus ſaith the LORD, † Set thine houſe in order; for thou ſhalt die, and not live.

† Heb. Give charge concerning thine houſe.

2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, ſaying,

3 I beſeech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy ſight. And Hezekiah wept † ſore.

† Heb. with a great weeping. ‖ Or, court.

4 And it came to paſs afore Iſaiah was gone out into the middle ‖ court, that the word of the LORD came to him, ſaying,

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus ſaith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have ſeen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou ſhalt go up unto the houſe of the LORD.

[b] Chap. 19.34.

6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee, and this city, out of the hand of the king of Aſſyria; and [b] I will defend this city for mine own ſake, and for my ſervant Davids ſake.

7 And Iſaiah ſaid, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boyl, and he recovered.

8 ¶ And Hezekiah ſaid unto Iſaiah, What *ſhall be* the ſign that the LORD will heal me, and that I ſhall go up into the houſe of the LORD the third day?

9 And Iſaiah ſaid, This ſign ſhalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath ſpoken: Shall the ſhadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

10 And Hezekiah anſwered, It is a light thing for the ſhadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the ſhadow return backward ten degrees.

11 And Iſaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and [c] he brought the ſhadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the † dial of Ahaz.

[c] Eccluſ 48. 23. † Heb. degrees. [d] Iſa. 39. 1.

12 ¶ [d] At that time Berodach-baladan the ſon of Baladan, king of Babylon, ſent letters and a preſent unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been ſick.

[a] 2 Chr. 32. 24. ‖ Or, ſpices.

13 And [c] Hezekiah hearkned unto them, & ſhewed them all the houſe of his ‖ precious things.

things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and *all* the house of his ‖ armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far countrey, *even* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All *the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, [f] shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, ‖ *Is it* not *good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

20 ¶ And the rest of ŷ acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 *Manasseh his reign.* 3 *His great idolatry.* 10 *His wickedness causeth prophesies against Judah.* 17 *Amon succeedeth him.* 19 *Amons wicked reign.* 23 *He being slain by his servants, and those murderers slain by the people, Josiah is made king.*

MAnasseh [a] *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Hephzi-bah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built up again the high places [b] which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as [c] did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And [d] he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, [e] In Jerusalem will I put my name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And [e] he made his son pass through the fire, and observed [f] times, and used enchantments, & dealt with familiar spirits, & wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger.

7 And he set a graven image of ŷ grove that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, [g] In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.

8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land w[ch] I gave their fathers; onely if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkned not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil then did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

11 [h] Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, *and* hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols;

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I *am* bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem & Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both [i] his ears shall tingle.

13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of

the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as *a man* wipeth a dish, † wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down.

† Heb. he wipeth and turneth it upon the face thereof.

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;

15 Because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, & have provoked me to anger since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover, Manasseh shed innocent bloud very much, till he had filled Jerusalem † from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

† Heb. from mouth to mouth.

17 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

18 And [k] Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. And Amon his son reigned in his stead.

[k] 2 Chr. 33. 20.

19 ¶ Amon *was* twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them.

22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 ¶ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, & slew the king in his own house.

24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre, in the garden of Uzza, and [l] Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

[l] Matth. 1. 10. called Josias.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Josiah his good reign. 3 He taketh care for the repair of the temple. 8 Hilkiah having found a book of the law, Josiah sendeth to Huldah to enquire of the Lord. 15 Huldah prophesieth the destruction of Jerusalem, but respite thereof in Josiahs time.

JOsiah [a] *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

[a] 2 Chr. 34. 1.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver *which is* [b] brought into the house of the LORD, which [c] the keepers of the † door have gathered of the people.

[b] Chap. 12. 4. [c] Chap. 12. 9. † Heb. threshold. † Heb. gathered, or, in the found gave.

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work, which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found [d] the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

[d] see Deut. 31. 24, &c.

9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, & brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have † gathered the money that was found in the house, and have

† Heb. melted.

have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the overſight of the houſe of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the ſcribe ſhewed the king, ſaying, Hilkiah the prieſt hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to paſs when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the prieſt, and Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, and Achbor the ſon of Michaiah, and Shaphan the ſcribe, and Aſahiah a ſervant of the kings, ſaying,

13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book *that is* found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled againſt us, becauſe our fathers have not hearkned unto the words of this book, to do according unto all *that which is* written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the prieſt, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Aſahiah went unto Huldah the propheteſs, the wife of Shallum the ſon of Tikvah, the ſon of Harhas, keeper of the †wardrobe. Now ſhe dwelt in Jeruſalem ‖ in the college. And they communed with her.

15 ¶ And ſhe ſaid unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Tell the man that ſent you to me,

16 Thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read.

17 Becauſe they have forſaken me, and have burnt incenſe unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath ſhall be kindled againſt this place, and ſhall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah, which ſent you to enquire of the LORD, thus ſhall ye ſay to him, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, *As touching* the words which thou haſt heard;

19 Becauſe thine heart was tender, and thou haſt humbled thy ſelf before the LORD, when thou heardeſt what I ſpake againſt this place, and againſt the inhabitants thereof, that they ſhould become a deſolation and a curſe, and haſt rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I alſo have heard *thee*, ſaith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou ſhalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes ſhall not ſee all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Joſiah cauſeth the book to be read in a ſolemn aſſembly. 3 He reneweth the covenant of the Lord. 4 He deſtroyeth idolatry. 15 He burneth dead mens bones upon the altar of Beth-el, as was fore-propheſied. 21 He keepeth a moſt ſolemn paſſover. 24 He putteth away witches, and all abomination. 26 Gods final wrath againſt Judah. 29 Joſiah provoking Pharaoh-necho, is ſlain at Megiddo. 31 Jehoahaz ſucceeding him, is impriſoned by Pharaoh-necho, who maketh Jehoiakim king. 36 Jehoiakims wicked reign.

AND [a] the king ſent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah, and of Jeruſalem.

2 And the king went up into the houſe of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem with him, and the prieſts, and the prophets, and all the people † both ſmall and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant *which was* found in the houſe of the LORD.

3 ¶ And the king ſtood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his teſtimonies and his ſtatutes, with all *their* heart and all *their* ſoul, to perform the words of this covenant *that were* written in this book. And all the people ſtood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high prieſt, and the prieſts of the ſecond order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the veſſels *that were* made for Baal, and for [b] the grove, and for all the hoſt of heaven. And he burnt them without Jeruſalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the aſhes of them unto Beth-el.

5 And

5 And he †put down ỹ † idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places, in ỹ cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem, them also that burnt incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the sun, and to the moon, and to the || planets, and to all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the [b] grove from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burnt it at the brook Kidron, and stampt *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites that *were* by the house of the LORD, where the women wove † hangings for the grove.

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entring in of the gate of Joshua the governour of the city, which *were* on a mans left hand at the gate of the city.

9 Nevertheless, the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, ỹ no man might [c] make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entring in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the || chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burnt the chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars that *were* [d] on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which [e] Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and || brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of || the mount of corruption, which [f] Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.

14 And he [g] brake in pieces the † images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

15 ¶ Moreover, the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the high place [h] which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burnt the high place, *and* stampt *it* small to powder, and burnt the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt *them* upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the [i] word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of [k] the man of God which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el.

18 And he said, Let him alone, let no man move his bones. So they let his bones † alone, with the bones of [l] the prophet that came out of Samaria.

19 And all the houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And [m] he || [n] slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there, upon the altars, and burnt mens bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

21 ¶ And the king commanded all the people, saying, [o] Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, [p] as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

22 Surely there was not holden such a passover, from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings

† Heb. caused to cease. † Heb. chemarim. Hos. 10. 5. Zeph. 1. 4. || Or, twelve signs, or, constellations.

[b] Chap. 21. 7.

† Heb. houses.

[c] Lev. 18. 21. Deut. 18. 10.

|| Or, eunuch, or, officer.

[d] See Jer. 19. 13. Zeph. 1. 5.

[e] Chap. 21. 5.

|| Or, cast from thence.

|| That is, the mount of Olives.

[f] 1 Kin. 11. 7.

[g] Exod. 23. 24. Deut. 7. 5, 25. † Heb. Statues. 1 Kin. 12. 28.

[h] Levit. 26. 30. & 2 Chron. 34. 7. Deut. 12. 11.

[i] Chap. 23.

1 Kin. 13. 2.

† Jer. 15. 4. † Heb. upon.

1 Kin. 13. 30.

2 Kings 23. 18. Heb. visage. 1 Kin. 13. 11.

2 Chron. 35. 20.

[k] Zech. 13. 11. 2 Chron. 34. 8.

[l] 2 Kings 23. 2. Or, facing. Heb. Israel.

[m] 2 Chron. 34. 5.

[n] 1 Chron. 6. 1. 2 Chron. 34. 5. Ezek. 43. 19. & 44. 15. Hebrews, Levites. Ezra 2. 36. Neh. 12. 8. Chron. 24. 18.

[o] Exod. 23. 15. & 34. 18. Deut. 16. 1, 2, 5, 6.

[p] Exod. 12. 21. Lev. 23. 5. Num. 9. 2. Deut. 16. 2.

kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

24 ¶ Moreover, the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the ‖ images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of [q] the law *which were* written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And [r] like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

26 ¶ Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, [s] because of all the † provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withall.

27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah, also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem, which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, [t] My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

29 ¶ [u] In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at [x] Megiddo, when he [y] had seen him.

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, & buried him in his own sepulchre. And [z] the people of the land took [a] Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, & made him king in his father's stead.

31 ¶ Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three moneths in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* [b] Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah, in the land of Hamath, ‖ that he might not reign in Jerusalem, and † put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to [c] Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

36 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Zębudah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Jehoiakim, first subdued by Nebuchadnezzar, then rebelling against him, procureth his own ruine. 6 Jehoiachin succeedeth him. 7 The king of Egypt is vanquished by the king of Babylon. 8 Jehoiachins evil reign. 10 Jerusalem is taken, and carried captive into Babylon. 17 Zedekiah is made king, and reigneth ill, unto the utter destruction of Judah.

IN [a] his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Caldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, [b] according to the word of the LORD which he spake † by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for [c] the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for [d] ŷ innocent bloud that he shed;

‖ Or, images.
[q] Levit. 19.31. & 20.27. Deut. 18.11.
[r] Chap. 18.5.
[s] Jer. 15.4. † Heb. anger.
[t] Kin. 8.29. & 9.3. Chap. 21.4,7.
[u] Chr. 35.20.
[x] Zech. 12.11. Chap. 14.6.
[y] Or, provided.
[z] Chap. 21.24.
[a] Jehoahaz.
[b] Chap. 24.18.
‖ Or, because he reigned.
† Heb. set a mulct upon the land.
[c] Matt. 1.11. called Jakim.
[a] 2 Chr. 36.6.
[b] Chap. 10.17. & 23.27.
† Heb. by the hand of.
[c] Chap. 21.2. & 23.26.
[d] Chap. 21.16.

ſhed: for he filled Jeruſalem with innocent bloud; which ỹ LORD would not pardon.

5 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

6 So Jehoiakim ſlept with his fathers: & ‖ Jehoiachin his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for [c] the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 ¶ [f] Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem three moneths. And his mothers name *was* Nehuſhta the daughter of Elnathan of Jeruſalem.

9 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 ¶ [g] At that time the ſervants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up againſt Jeruſalem, & the city † was beſieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came againſt the city, and his ſervants did beſiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, & his ſervants, and his princes, and his ‖ officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 [h] And he carried out thence all the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the kings houſe, and cut in pieces all the veſſels of gold which Solomon king of Iſrael had made in ỹ temple of the LORD, as the LORD had ſaid.

14 And he carried away all Jeruſalem, and [i] all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thouſand captives, and all the crafts-men, and ſmiths: none remained, ſave the pooreſt ſort of the people of the land.

15 And [k] he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the kings mother, and the kings wives, and his ‖ officers, and the mighty of the land, *thoſe* carried he into captivity from Jeruſalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, *even* ſeven thouſand, & crafts-men and ſmiths a thouſand, all *that were* ſtrong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

17 ¶ And [l] the king of Babylon made Mattaniah [m] his fathers brother king in his ſtead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

18 [n] Zedekiah *was* twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jeruſalem. And his mothers name *was* [o] Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

19 And he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to paſs in Jeruſalem and Judah, until he had caſt them out from his preſence, that Zedekiah rebelled againſt the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Jeruſalem is beſieged; 4 Zedekiah taken, his ſons ſlain, his eyes put out. 8 Nebuzar-adan defaceth the city, carrieth the remnant, except a few poor labourers, into captivity, 13 ſpoileth and carrieth away the treaſures. 18 The nobles are ſlain at Riblah. 22 Gedaliah, who was ſet over them that remained, being ſlain, the reſt flee into Egypt. 27 Evil-merodach advanceth Jehoiachin in his court.

AND it came to paſs [a] in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth moneth, in ỹ tenth *day* of the moneth, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, & all his hoſt, againſt Jeruſalem, and pitched againſt it; & they built forts againſt it round about.

2 And the city was beſieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth *day* of the [b] *fourth* moneth the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

4 ¶ And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night, by the way of the gate, between two walls, which *is* by the kings garden; now the Caldees *were* againſt the city round about, and *the king* went the way toward the plain.

5 And the army of the Caldees purſued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were ſcattered from him.

6 So

¶ Or, *Feconiah*, 1 Chr. 3. 16. or *Coniah*, Jer. 22. 24, 28.
[c] Jer. 46. 2.
[f] 2 Chr. 36. 9.
[g] Dan. 1. 1.
† Heb. *came in, to ſiege.*
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*
[h] Chap. 20. 17. Iſa. 39. 6.
[i] Jer. 24. 1.
[k] 2 Chr. 36. 10.
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*
[l] 2 Chr. 36. 10. Eſth. 2. 6.
[m] 1 Chr. 3. 15.
[n] 2 Chr. 36. 11. Jer. 37. 1. & 52. 1.
[o] Chap. 23. 31.
[a] 2 Chr. 36. 17. Jer. 34. 1. & 39. 1. & 52. 4. Ezek. 24. 1.
[b] Jer. 52. 6.

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they † gave judgement upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and † put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And in the fifth moneth, [c] on the seventh *day* of the moneth, which *is* [d] the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan ‖ captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; and every great *mans* house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Caldees, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the † fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away.

12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vine-dressers and husbandmen.

13 And [e] the [f] pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and [g] the bases, and [h] the brasen sea that *was* in ỹ house of the LORD, did the Caldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

14 And [i] the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministred, took they away.

15 And the fire-pans, & the bowls, & such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, & of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away.

16 The two pillars, † one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; [k] the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

17 [l] The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and the chapiter upon it *was* brass; and the height of the chapiter three cubits; and the wreathen-work, and pomegranates upon the chapiter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen-work.

18 ¶ And the captain of the guard took [m] Seraiah the chief priest, and [n] Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the † door.

19 And out of the city he took an ‖ officer that was set over the men of war, and five men of them that † were in the kings presence, which were found in the city, and the ‖ principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city.

20 And Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

22 ¶ [o] And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan ruler.

23 And when all the [p] captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governour, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah sware to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

25 But it came to pass in the seventh moneth, that Ishmael ỹ son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed † royal, came, and ten men with him, and [q] smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and ỹ Caldees that were with him at Mizpah.

26 And all the people both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and [r] came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

27 ¶ And it came to pass [s] in the seven and

[m] 1 Chr. 6. 14.
[n] Jer. 29. 25.
† Heb. threshold.
‖ Or, overseer.
† Heb. saw the kings face.
‖ Or, scribe of the captain of the host.
[o] Jer. 40. 5, 9.
[p] Jer. 40. 7.
† Heb. of the kingdom.
[q] Jer. 41. 2.
[r] Jer. 43. 4.
[s] Jer. 52. 31.

and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth moneth, on the seven an twentieth *day* of the moneth, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison.

† Heb. *good things with him.*

28 And he spake † kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

29 And changed his prison-garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.

30 And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

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CHAP. I.

1 *Adams line to Noah.* 5 *The sons of Japheth.* 8 *The sons of Ham.* 17 *The sons of Shem.* 24 *Shems line to Abraham.* 29 *Ishmaels sons.* 32 *The sons of Keturah.* 34 *The posterity of Abraham by Esau.* 43 *The kings of Edom.* 51 *The dukes of Edom.*

[a] Gen. 4. 25, 26. & 5. 3, 9.

ADam, [a] Sheth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,
3 Henoch, Mathusheiah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

[b] Gen. 10. 2.

5 ¶ [b] The sons of Japheth; Gomer, & Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and ‖ Riphath, and Togarmah.

‖ Or, *Diphath.*

7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ‖ Dodanim.

‖ Or, *Rodazim.*

8 ¶ The sons of Ham, Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, & Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, & Dedan.

[c] Gen. 10. 8.

10 And Cush [c] begat Nimrod. He began to be mighty upon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, & Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines) and [d] Caphthorim.

[d] Deut. 2. 23.
[e] Gen. 10. 15.

13 And [e] Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth,

14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hivite, and the Archite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ The sons of [f] Shem; Elam, and Ashur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, & Gether, and ‖ Meshech.

[f] Gen. 10. 22. & 11. 10. ‖ Or, *Mash.* Gen. 10. 23.

18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* ‖ Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brothers name *was* Joktan.

‖ Heb. *Division.*

[g] Gen. 10. 26.

20 And [g] Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

[h] Gen. 11. 10. Luk. 3. 36.
[i] Gen. 11. 15.
[k] Gen. 17. 5.
[l] Gen. 21. 2, 3.
[m] Gen. 16. 11, 15.
[n] Gen. 25. 13, 10.
[o] Or, *Hadar.* Gen. 25. 15.
[p] Gen. 25. 1, 2.

24 ¶ [h] Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,
25 [i] Eber, Peleg, Reu,
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,
27 [k] Abram; the same *is* Abraham.

28 The sons of Abraham; [l] Isaac, and [m] Ishmael.

29 ¶ These *are* their generations. The [n] first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, ‖ Hadad, and Tema,

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 ¶ Now [o] the sons of Keturah, Abrahams concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan.

33 And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

[p] Gen. 21. 2.
[q] Gen. 25. 25.

34 And [p] Abraham begat Isaac. [q] The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel.

35 ¶ The

35 ¶ The sons of [r] Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

36 The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, ||Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

37 The sons of Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38 And the sons of Seir, Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezar, and Dishan.

39 And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and ||Homam: and Timna *was* Lotans sister.

40 The sons of Shobal; ||Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, ||Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah.

41 The sons of Anah; [s] Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; ||Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.

42 The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, *and* ||Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran.

43 ¶ Now these *are* the [t] kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city *was* Dinhabah.

44 And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead.

45 And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead.

48 [u] And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, ||Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* ||Pai; and his wives name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab.

51 ¶ Hadad died also. And the [x] dukes of Edom were; duke Timna, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth,

52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

1 *The sons of Israel.* 3 *The posterity of Judah by Tamar.* 13 *The children of Jesse.* 18 *The posterity of Caleb the son of Hezron.* 21 *Hezrons posterity by the daughter of Machir.* 25 *Jerahmeels posterity.* 34 *Sheshans posterity.* 42 *Another branch of Calebs posterity.* 50 *The posterity of Caleb the son of Hur.*

THese *are* the sons of ||Israel; [a] Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3 ¶ The sons of [b] Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of [c] Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him.

4 And [d] Tamar his daughter in law bare him Pharez, and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five.

5 The sons of [e] Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul.

6 And the sons of Zerah; ||Zimri, [f] and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and ||Dara; five of them in all.

7 And the sons of Carmi; ||Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing [g] accursed.

8 And the sons of Ethan; Azariah.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and ||Ram, and ||Chelubai.

10 And Ram [h] begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah;

11 And Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz,

12 And Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse,

13 ¶ [i] And Jesse begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, & ||Shimma the third,

14 Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai *y* fifth,

15 Ozem

|| Or; *Jacob.*
[a] Gen. 29. 32. & 30. 5. & 35. 18, 22. & 46. 8, &c.
[b] Gen. 38. 3. & 46. 12.
[c] Gen. 38. 2.
[d] Gen. 38. 29, 30. Mat. 1. 3.
[e] Ruth 4. 18.
|| Or, *Zabdi*, Jos. 7. 1. [f] 1 Kin. 4. 31.
|| Or, *Darda.*
|| Or, *Achan.*
[g] Jos 6. 19. and 7. 1.
|| Or, *Aram*, Mat. 1. 3
|| Or, *Caleb*, v. 18.
[h] Ruth 4. 19. Matth. 1. 4.
[i] 1 Sam. 16. 6.
|| Or, *Shammah*, [k] Sam. 16. 9.

15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh:
16 Whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And [k] the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.
17 And [l] Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa *was* Jether the Ishmeelite.
18 ¶ And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah *his* wife, and of Jerioth: Her sons *are* these; Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.
19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat [m] Bezaleel.
21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of [n] Machir the father of Gilead, whom he † married when he was threescore years old; & she bare him Segub.
22 And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gilead.
23 [o] And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath and the towns thereof, *even* three-score cities. All these *belonged to* ỹ sons of Machir the father of Gilead.
24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephratah, then Abiah Hezrons wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa.
25 ¶ And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were, Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah.
26 Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam.
27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, & Jamin, and Eker.
28 And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai; Nadab, and Abishur.
29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail; and she bare him Ahban, and Molid.
30 And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim. But Seled died without children.
31 And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And [p] the children of Sheshan; Ahlai.
32 And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan. And Jether died without children.
33 And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, & Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.
34 ¶ Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha.
35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai.
36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat [q] Zabad,
37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed,
38 And Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah,
39 And Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah,
40 And Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum,
41 And Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama.
42 ¶ Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*, Mesha his first-born, which *was* the father of Ziph: and the sons of Maresha the father of Hebron.
43 And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.
44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai.
45 And the son of Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Beth-zur.
46 And Ephah Calebs concubine bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez.
47 And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.
48 Maachah Calebs concubine bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.
49 She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibea: and the daughter of Caleb *was* [r] Achsah.
50 ¶ These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim,
51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader.
52 And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim

k 2 Sam. 2. 18.
l 2 Sam. 17. 25.
m Exod. 31. 2.
n Num. 27. 1.
† Heb. took.
o Num. 32. 41. Deut. 3. 14. Josh. 13. 30.
p See v. 34, 35.
q Chap. 11. 41.
r Josh. 15. 17.

jearim had sons; ||Haroeh, *and* ||half of the Manahethites.

53 And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

54 The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, ||Ataroth, the house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

55 And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* the [f] Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of [e] Rechab.

CHAP. III.

1 *The sons of David.* 10 *His line to Zedekiah.* 17 *The successours of Jeconiah.*

NOw these were the sons of David which were born unto him in Hebron; the first-born [a] Amnon, of Ahinoam the [b] Jezreelitess: the second ||Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess:

2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith:

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by [c] Eglah his wife.

4 *These* six were born unto him in Hebron; and [d] there he reigned seven years and six moneths: and [e] in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.

5 [f] And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; ||Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and [g] Solomon, four, of ||Bath-shua the daughter of ||Ammiel:

6 Ibhar also, & ||Elishama, & Eliphelet,

7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

8 And Elishama, and ||Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.

9 *These were* all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and [h] Tamar their sister.

10 ¶ And Solomons son *was* [i] Rehoboam, ||Abia his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat his son,

11 Joram his son, ||Ahaziah his son, Joash his son,

12 Amaziah his son, ||Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

13 Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son,

14 Amon his son, Josiah his son.

15 And the sons of Josiah *were*, the first-born ||Johanan, the second ||Jehoiakim, the third ||Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

16 And the sons of [k] Jehoiakim; ||Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah [l] his son.

17 ¶ And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, † Salathiel [m] his son,

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, & Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

19 And the sons of Pedaiah *were*; Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister:

20 And Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five.

21 And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah.

22 And [y] sons of Shechaniah; Shemaiah: & the sons of Shemaiah; [n] Hattush, & Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

23 And the sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and † Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sons of Elioenai *were*, Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, & Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiah, & Anani, seven.

CHAP. IV.

1, 11 *The posterity of Judah by Caleb the son of Hur.* 5 *Of Ashur the posthumus son of Hezron.* 9 *Of Jabez, and his prayer.* 21 *The posterity of Shelah.* 24 *The posterity, and cities of Simeon.* 39 *Their conquest of Gedor, and of the Amalekites in mount Seir.*

THe sons of Judah; [a] Pharez, Hezron, and ||Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

2 And ||Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; & Jahath begat Ahumai, & Lahad. These *are* the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these *were o* the father of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi.

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These *are* the sons of Hur, the first born of Ephratah, the father of Beth lehem.

5 ¶ And [b] Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah, and Naarah.

6 And

[f] Chap. 11. 45.

[e] Jud. 1. 16. † Jer. 35. 2.

[a] 2 Sam. 3. 2.

[b] Josh. 15. 56. || Or, Ishuah. [c] 2 Sam. 3. 5. [d] 2 Sam. 5. 5. [e] 2 Sam. 5. 5. [f] 2 Sam. 5. 14. || Or, Elishama.

[g] 2 Sam. 12. 24. || Or, Bath-sheba. 1 King. 1. 11. || Or, Elishua. ¶ Or, Elishua. 2 Sam. 5. 15. ¶ Or, Beeliada, Chap. 14. 7. [h] 2 Sam. 13. 1. [i] 1 Kin. 11. 43. [k] 2 King. 15. 6. [l] Or, Jehoiakim. 2 King. 23. 34. || Or, Eliakim. 2 King. 23. 36. [m] Or, Jehoiachin. 2 King. 24. 6. or Coniah, Jer. 22. 24. † 2 King. 24. 17. being his uncle.

[y] Heb. Sheaniah. [n] Mat. 1. 12. [o] Ezr. 8. 2. † Heb. Hizkijah.

[a] Gen. 38. 29. & 46. 12. || Or, Shelubai, Chap. 2. 9. or, Caleb, Chap. 2. 18. || Or, Haroeh. Chap. 2. 52.

[b] Chap. 2. 24.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These *were* the sons of Naarah.

7 And the sons of Helah *were*, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Ethnan.

8 And Coz begat Anub, & Zobebah, & the families of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

9 ¶ And Jabez was more honourable then his brethren: and his mother called his name ‖ Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow.

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, †Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest † keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah begat Mehir, w^ch *was* the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ‖ Irnahash. These *are* the men of Rechah.

13 And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; ‖ Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab the father of [c]the ‖ valley of ‖ Charashim; for they were craftsmen.

15 And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah and Naam: and the sons of Elah, ‖ even Kenaz.

16 And the sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife ‖ Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took.

19 And the sons of *his* wife ‖ Hodiah, the sister of Naham, ŷ father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sons of Shimon *were* Amnon, & Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ The sons of Shelah [d] the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea,

22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things.

23 These *were* the potters, and those that dwelt amongst plants & hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon *were*, ‖ Nemuel; and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, *and* Shaul:

25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

26 And the sons of Mishma: Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, Shimei his son.

27 And Shimei had sixteen sons, and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, † like to the children of Judah.

28 And they dwelt at [e]Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual,

29 And at ‖ Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at ‖ Tolad,

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag,

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and ‖ Hazar-susim, and at Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim: These *were* their cities, unto the reign of David.

32 And their villages *were*, ‖ Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities.

33 And all their villages that *were* round about ŷ same cities, unto ‖ Baal. These *were* their habitations, and ‖ their genealogie.

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah, the son of Amaziah,

35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

36 And Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

38 These † mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their families: and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 ¶ And

‖ That is, *Sorrowful.*

† Heb *If thou wilt, &c.*

† Heb. *do me.*

‖ Or, *the city of Naashsh.*

‖ Or, *Hathath, and Meonothai, who begat, &c.*

[c] Nch. 11.35.

‖ Or, *inhabitants of the valley.*

‖ That is, *Craftsmen.*

‖ Or, *Vkn-z.*

‖ Or, *the Jewess.*

‖ Or, *Jehudijah, mentioned before.*

[d] Gen. 38.1,5.

‖ Or, *Jemuel.* Gen. 46. 10. Exod. 6. 15.

† Heb. *name.*

[e] Jos. 19. 2.

‖ Or, *Bilah,* Jos. 19.3.

‖ Or, *Elulad,* Jos. 19.4.

‖ Or, *Hazar-susah,* Jos. 19.5.

‖ Or, *Ether,* Jos. 19.7.

‖ Or, *Baalath-beer,* Jos. 19. 8.

‖ Or, *as they divided them selves by their genealogies among them.*

† Heb. *coming.*

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east-side of the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi.

43 And they smote [f] the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

CHAP. V.

1 *The line of Reuben (who lost his birth-right) unto the captivity.* 9 *Their habitation, and conquest of the Hagarites.* 11 *The chief men, and habitations of Gad.* 18 *The number and conquests of Reuben, Gad, and the half of Manasseh.* 23 *The habitations, and chief men of that half-tribe.* 25 *Their captivity for their sin.*

NOw the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel, (for he *was* ỹ first-born; but forasmuch as he [a] defiled his fathers bed, his birth-right was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birth-right.

2 For [b] Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the [c] chief ‖ ruler; but the birth-right *was* Josephs)

3 The sons, *I say*, of [d] Reuben the first-born of Israel *were*, Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

4 The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

5 Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son,

6 Beerah his son, whom ‖ Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away *captive*. He *was* prince of the Reubenites.

7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogie of their generations was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

8 And Bela the son of Azaz, the son of ‖ Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in [e] Aroer, even unto Nebo, and Baal-meon.

9 And east-ward he inhabited unto the entring-in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattel were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents † throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

11 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of [f] Bashan unto Salcah:

12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven.

14 These *are* the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz;

15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of the house of their fathers.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of [g] Sharon, upon † their borders,

17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of [h] Jotham king of Judah, & in the days of [i] Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh, † of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bowe, and skilful in war, *were* four and fourty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war.

19 And they made war with the Hagarites, with [k] Jetur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battel, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.

21 And they † took away their cattel; of

[f] Or, Jeiuel. Gen. 46. 10. Exod. 6. 15.

† Heb. unto. [f] Jos. 19. 2.

‖ Or, Baleh, Jos. 19. 3.

‖ Or, Elemal, Jos. 19. 4.

‖ Or, Hazersusah, Jos. 19. 5.

‖ Or, Ether, Jos. 19. 7.

‖ Or, Baalah-beer, Jos. 19. 8. ‖ Or, or their dwellings. themselves by names among their.

† Heb. coming.

[a] Gen. 35. 22. chap. 49. 4.

[b] Gen. 49. 8, 10.

[c] Or, Shemaiah, v. 4.

[d] Gen. 46. 9. Exod. 6. 14. Num. 26. 5. chap. 4. 24.

[e] Jos. 13. 15, 16.

† Heb. upon all the face of the east.

[f] Jos. 13. 11.

[g] Chap. 27. 29.

† Heb. their goings forth.

[h] 2 Kin. 15. 5, 32. 2 Chr. 26. 21. 27. 1.

[i] 2 Kin. 14. 16, 28.

† Heb. sons of valour.

[k] Gen. 25. 15. chap. 1. 31.

† Heb. led away captive.

of

of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of † men an hundred thousand.

† Heb. souls of men, as Num. 31.35.

22 For there fell down many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads until [i] the captivity.

[i] 2 Kin. 15.29. & 17.6.

23 ¶ And the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon.

24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, † famous men, *and* heads of the house of their fathers.

† Heb. men of names.

25 ¶ And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, & went a [m] whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.

[m] 2 Kir. 17.7.

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of [n] Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto [o] Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

[n] 2 Kin. 15.19.

[o] 2 Kin. 17.6. & 18.11.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The sons of Levi.* 4 *The line of the priests unto the captivity.* 16 *The families of Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.* 49 *The office of Aaron, and his line unto Ahimaaz.* 54 *The cities of the priests and Levites.*

THE sons of Levi; [a] ‖ Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

[a] Gen. 46. 11. Exod. 6. 16. Chap. 23.6. ‖ Or, Gershom, vers. 16.

2 And the sons of Kohath; Amram, [b] Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

[b] See vers. 22. [c] Lev. 10. 1.

3 And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; [c] Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

4 ¶ Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua,

5 And Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi,

6 And Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth,

7 Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

8 And [d] Ahitub begat Zadok, and [e] Zadok begat Ahimaaz,

[d] 1 Sam. 14. 3. 2 Sam. 8. 17.

9 And Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan,

10 And Johanan begat Azariah, (he *it is* that executed the priests office † in the [f] temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem)

† Heb. to the priest's. [f] 1 Kin. 6. Chap. 28. 2. Ezra 5. 14. Neh. 7. 1. Dan. 9. 17. Hag. 1. 1. 2 Kin. 25. 18. Jer. 52. 24.

11 And [g] Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub,

[g] Ezra 7. 3. Neh. 11. 11. 1 Chron. 9. 11.

12 And Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ‖ Shallum,

13 And Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah,

14 And Azariah begat [h] Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak,

[h] 2 Kin. 25. 18. Jer. 52. 24.

15 And Jehozadak went *into captivity*, [i] when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by ŷ hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

[i] 2 Kin. 24. 14. & 25. 11.

16 ¶ The sons of Levi; [k] ‖ Gershom, Kohath, and Merari.

[k] Exod. 6. 16. ‖ Or, Gerson, vers. 1.

17 And these *be* the names of the sons of Gershom; Libni, and Shimei.

18 And the sons of Kohath *were*, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

19 The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers.

20 Of Gershom; Libni his son, Jahath his son, [l] Zimmah his son,

21 ‖ Joah his son, ‖ Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ‖ Jeaterai his son.

22 The sons of Kohath: ‖ Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

24 Tahath his son ‖ Uriel his son, ‖ Uzziah his son, and ‖ Shaul his son.

25 And the sons of Elkanah; [m] Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 *As for* Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ‖ Zophai his son, and [n] Nahath his son,

27 [o] Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son.

28 And the sons of Samuel; the firstborn ‖ Vashni, and Abiah.

29 The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son,

30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 And these *are they* whom David set over

[l] v. 42. ‖ Or, Ethan, v. 42. Or, Adaiah, v. 41. ‖ Or, Ethni, v. 41. ‖ Or, Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel, v. 36. [m] See v. 35, 36. ‖ Or, Zophi, v. 35. Sam. 1. 1. v. 35. Toah v. 34. Eliab, v. 35. & 1 Sam. 8. 2. Joel.

over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after that the [P] ark had rest.

32 And they ministred before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, untill Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on their office according to their order.

33 And these *are* they that † waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a singer, the son of Joel, the son of Shemuel,

34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of ‖ Toah,

35 The son of ‖ Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

36 The son of Elkanah, the son of ‖ Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

37 The son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of [q] Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

38 The son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea,

40 The son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchiah,

41 The son of [r] Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

43 The son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi.

44 And their brethren the sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand: Ethan the son of ‖ Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch,

45 The son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer,

47 The son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

48 Their brethren also the Levites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron and his sons offered [s] upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and [s] on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

50 And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

54 ¶ Now these *are* their dwelling-places throughout their castles in their coasts of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.

55 And they gave them Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

56 But the fields of the city and the villages thereof they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,

58 And ‖ Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs,

59 And ‖ Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs:

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and ‖ Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities.

61 And unto the sons of Kohath, *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half-tribe, *namely*, *out of* the half-*tribe* of Manasseh, [a] by lot, ten cities.

62 And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families *were given* out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

63 Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, [x] twelve cities.

64 And

‖ Or, *Holon*, Josh. 21. 15.
‖ Or, *Ain*, Josh. 21. 16.
‖ Or, *Almon*, Josh. 21. 18.
[a] Josh. 21. 5.
[x] Josh. 21. 7, 34.

64 And the children of Iſrael gave to the Levites *theſe* cities with their ſuburbs.

65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, theſe cities, which are called by *their* names.

66 And *the reſidue* of the families of the ſons of Kohath had cities of their coaſts out of the tribe of Ephraim.

67 [y] And they gave unto them *of* the cities of refuge, Shechem in mount Ephraim with her ſuburbs; *they gave* alſo Gezer with her ſuburbs,

68 And [i] Jokmeam with her ſuburbs, and Beth-horon with her ſuburbs,

69 And Aijalon with her ſuburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her ſuburbs:

70 And out of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh: Aner with her ſuburbs, and Bileam with her ſuburbs, for the family of the remnant of the ſons of Kohath.

71 Unto the ſons of Gerſhom *were given* out of the family of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Golan in Baſhan with her ſuburbs, and Aſhtaroth with her ſuburbs:

72 And out of the tribe of Iſſachar; Kedeſh with her ſuburbs, Daberath with her ſuburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her ſuburbs, and Anem with her ſuburbs:

74 And out of the tribe of Aſher; Maſhal with her ſuburbs, and Abdon with her ſuburbs,

75 And Hukok with her ſuburbs, and Rehob with her ſuburbs:

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedeſh in Galilee with her ſuburbs, and Hammon with her ſuburbs, and Kirjathaim with her ſuburbs.

77 Unto the reſt of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her ſuburbs, Tabor with her ſuburbs:

78 And on the other ſide Jordan by Jericho, on the eaſt ſide of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderneſs with her ſuburbs, and Jahzah with her ſuburbs,

79 Kedemoth alſo with her ſuburbs, and Mephaath with her ſuburbs:

80 And out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her ſuburbs, and Mahanaim with her ſuburbs,

81 And Heſhbon with her ſuburbs, and Jazer with her ſuburbs.

[y] Joſh. 21. 21.

[i] See Joſh. 21. 22.--35. where many of theſe cities have other names.

CHAP. VII.

1 *The ſons of Iſſachar, 6 of Benjamin, 13 of Naphtali, 14 of Manaſſeh, 20, 24 and of Ephraim. 21 The calamity of Ephraim by the men of Gath. 23 Beriah is born. 28 Ephraims habitations. 30 The ſons of Aſher.*

NOw the ſons of Iſſachar *were*, [a] Tola, and Puah, Jaſhub, and Shimron, four.

2 And the ſons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Jibſam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers houſe, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; [b] whoſe number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thouſand and ſix hundred.

3 And the ſons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the ſons of Izrahiah; Michael & Obadiah, and Joel, Iſhiah, five: all of them chief men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the houſe of their fathers, *were* bands of ſouldiers for war, ſix and thirty thouſand *men*: for they had many wives & ſons.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Iſſachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies, fourſcore and ſeven thouſand.

6 ¶ *The ſons* of [c] Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three.

7 And the ſons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the houſe of *their* fathers, mighty men of valour; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thouſand and thirty and four.

8 And the ſons of Becher; Zemira, and Joaſh, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All theſe *are* the ſons of Becher.

9 And ỹ number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the houſe of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *was* twenty thouſand & two hundred.

10 The

[a] Gen. 46. 13. Numb. 26. 23. || Or, Phuvah 1 Chron. 26. 16.

[b] 2 Sam. 24. 1, 2.

[c] Gen. 46. 21.

10 The ſons alſo of Jediael; Bilhan: and the ſons of Bilhan; Jeuſh, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharſhiſh, and Ahiſhahar.

11 All theſe ŷ ſons of Jediael, by ŷ heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* ſeventeen thouſand and two hundred *ſouldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battel.

12 Shuppim alſo, and Huppim, the children of || Ir, *and* Huſhim, ŷ ſons of || Aher.

13 ¶ The ſons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni and Jezer, and [d] Shallum; the ſons of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The ſons of Manaſſeh; Aſhriel, whom ſhe bare: (*but* his concubine ŷ Aramiteſs bare Machir the father of Gilead:

15 And Machir took to wife *the ſiſter* of Huppim and Shuppim, whoſe ſiſters name *was* Maachah) and the name of the ſecond *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a ſon, and ſhe called his name Pereſh; and the name of his brother *was* Shereſh; and his ſons *were* Ulam, and Rakem.

17 And the ſons of Ulam; [e] Bedan. Theſe *were* the ſons of Gilead, the ſon of Machir, the ſon of Manaſſeh.

18 And his ſiſter Hammoleketh bare Iſhod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the ſons of Shemida were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And the ſons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his ſon, and Tahath his ſon, and Eladah his ſon, and Tahath his ſon,

21 ¶ And Zabad his ſon, and Shuthelah his ſon, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land ſlew, becauſe they came down to take away their cattel.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him.

23 ¶ And when he went in to his wife, ſhe conceived and bare a ſon, and he called his name Beriah, becauſe it went evil with his houſe.

24 (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-ſherah)

25 And Rephah *was* his ſon, alſo Reſheph, & Telah his ſon, and Tahan his ſon,

26 Laadan his ſon, Ammihud his ſon, Eliſhama his ſon,

27 || Non his ſon, Jehoſhua his ſon.

28 ¶ And their poſſeſſions and habitations *were* Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eaſt-ward [f] Naaran, and weſt-ward Gezer with the † towns thereof, Shechem alſo and the towns thereof, unto || Gaza and the towns thereof:

29 And by the borders of the children of [g] Manaſſeh, Beth-ſhean and her towns, Taanach & her towns, [h] Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In theſe dwelt the children of Joſeph the ſon of Iſrael.

30 ¶ [i] The ſons of Aſher; Imnah, and Iſuah, and Iſhuai, and Beriah, and Serah their ſiſter.

31 And the ſons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzavith.

32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their ſiſter.

33 And the ſons of Japhlet; Paſach, and Bimhal, and Aſhvath. Theſe *are* the children of Japhlet.

34 And the ſons of Shamer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the ſon of his brother Helem, Zophah, and Imna, and Sheleſh, and Amal.

36 The ſons of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilſhah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the ſons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Piſpah, and Ara.

39 And the ſons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All theſe *were* the children of Aſher, heads of *their* fathers houſe, choice *and* mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout ŷ genealogie of them that were apt to the war *and* to battel, *was* twenty and ſix thouſand men.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The ſons and chief men of Benjamin. 33 The ſtock of Saul and Jonathan.

NOw Benjamin begat [a] Bela his firſtborn, Aſhbel the ſecond, and Aharah the third,

[d] Or, *Nun*, Numb. 13. 8.
[e] Joſh. 16. 7.
† Heb. *daughters*
|| Or, *Adaſa*.
[f] 1 Mac. 7. 45.
[g] Joſh. 17. 7.
[h] Joſh. 17. 11.
[i] Gen. 46. 17.
[a] Gen. 46. 21. Numb. 26. 38. Chap. 7. 6.

2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
3 And the ſons of Bela were, || Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,
4 And Abiſhua, and Naaman, & Ahoah,
5 And Gera, & || Shephuphan, & Huram.
6 And theſe *are* the ſons of Ehud: theſe are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they removed them to [b] Manahath:
7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he removed them, & begat Uzza, & Ahihud.
8 And Shaharaim begat *children* in the countrey of Moab, after he had ſent them away; Huſhim and Baara *were* his wives.
9 And he begat of Hodeſh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Meſha, and Malcham,
10 And Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. Theſe *were* his ſons, heads of the fathers.
11 And of Huſhim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal.
12 The ſons of Elpaal; Eber, and Miſham, and Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod with the towns thereof:
13 Beriah alſo, and Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove away the inhabitants of Gath:
14 And Ahio, Shaſhak, and Jeremoth,
15 And Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader,
16 And Michael, and Iſpah, and Joha, the ſons of Beriah;
17 And Zebadiah, and Meſhullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,
18 Iſhmerai alſo, and Jezliah, and Jobab, the ſons of Elpaal;
19 And Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi,
20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel,
21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the ſons of || Shimhi;
22 And Iſhpan, and Heber, and Eliel,
23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,
24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothijah,
25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the ſons of Shaſhak;
26 And Shamſherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,
27 And Jareſiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the ſons of Jeroham.
28 Theſe *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. Theſe dwelt in Jeruſalem.
29 And at Gibeon dwelt the || father of Gibeon; whoſe [c] wives name *was* Maachah:
30 And his firſt-born ſon Abdon, and Zur, and Kiſh, and Baal, and Nadab,
31 And Gedor, and Ahio, and || Zacher.
32 And Mikloth begat || Shimeah. And theſe alſo dwelt with their brethren in Jeruſalem, over againſt them.
33 ¶ And [d] Ner begat Kiſh, and Kiſh begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, & Malchi-ſhua, and Abinadab, and || Eſh-baal.
34 And the ſon of Jonathan *was* || Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat [e] Micah.
35 And the ſons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and || Tarea, and Ahaz.
36 And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza.
37 And Moza begat Binea: Rapha *was* his ſon, Eleaſah his ſon, Azel his ſon:
38 And Azel had ſix ſons, whoſe names *are* theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Iſhmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All theſe *were* the ſons of Azel.
39 And the ſons of Eſhek his brother *were*, Ulam his firſt-born, Jehuſh the ſecond, and Eliphelet the third.
40 And the ſons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many ſons, and ſons ſons, an hundred and fifty. All theſe *are* of the ſons of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The original of Iſraels and Judahs genealogies.* 2 *The Iſraelites,* 10 *the prieſts,* 14 *and the Levites, with the Nethinims, which dwelt in Jeruſalem.* 27 *The charge of certain Levites.* 35 *The ſtock of Saul and Jonathan.*

SO all Iſrael were reckoned by genealogies, and behold, they *were* written in the book of the kings of Iſrael and Judah, *who* were carried away to Babylon for their tranſgreſſion.
2 ¶ Now the firſt inhabitants *that dwelt* in their poſſeſſions in their cities *were*, the Iſraelites, the prieſts, Levites, and the Nethinims.
3 And in [a] Jeruſalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin,

|| Or, *Ard*, Gen. 46. 21.
|| Or, *Shupham*, Numb. 26. 39.
[b] Chap. 2. 52.
|| Or, *Shema*, verſe 13.
[c] Called *Jehiel*, Chap. 9. 35.
[d] Chap. 9. 39.
|| Or, *Shimeam*, Chap. 8. 32.
[e] 1 Sam. 14. 51.
|| Or, *Meribbeſheth*. [f] 2 Sam. 4. 4.
[g] 2 Sam. 9. 12.
|| Or, *Tahrea*, Chap. 8. 35.
[a] Neh. 11. 1.

jamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh:

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.

5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the first-born, and his sons.

6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,

8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 ¶ And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

11 And Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;

12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer,

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; † very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah, the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters *were* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chief;

18 Who hitherto *waited* in the kings gate east-ward. They *were* porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the † gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers *being* over the host of the LORD *were* keepers of the entry.

20 And [b] Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.

21 *And* Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 All these *which were* chosen to be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages: whom [c] David and Samuel [d] the seer † did ordain in their || set office.

23 So they and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, *namely* the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come [e] after seven days from time to time with them.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* || set office, and were over the || chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

27 ¶ And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *was* upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained* to them.

28 And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministring vessels, that they should † bring them in and out by tale.

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the || instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oyl, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 And *some* of the sons of the priests made [f] the ointment of the spices.

31 And Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites,

† Heb. thresholds.

[b] Numb. 31. 6.

[c] Chap. 26. 1, 2.
[d] 1 Sam. 9. 9.
† Heb. founded.
|| Or, trust.

[e] 2 Kin. 11. 5.

|| Or, trust.
|| Or, store-houses.

† Heb. bring them in by tale, and carry them out by tale.
|| Or, vessels.

[f] Exod. 30. 23.

who *was* the firſt-born of Shallum the Korahite, had the || ſet office over the things that were made || in the pans.

32 And *other* of their brethren, of the ſons of the Kohathites, *were* over the † ſhew-bread to prepare *it* every ſabbath.

33 And theſe *are* [g] the ſingers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for † they were employed in *that* work day and night.

34 Theſe chief fathers of the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations. Theſe dwelt at Jeruſalem.

35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whoſe wives name *was* [h] Maachah:

36 And his firſt-born ſon Abdon, then Zur, and Kiſh, and Baal, and Ner, & Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they alſo dwelt with their brethren at Jeruſalem, over againſt their brethren.

39 [i] And Ner begat Kiſh, and Kiſh begat Saul; & Saul begat Jonathan, & Malchi-ſhua, and Abinadab, and Eſh-baal.

40 And the ſon of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah.

41 And the ſons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, [k] *and Ahaz*.

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his ſon, Eleaſah his ſon, Azel his ſon.

44 And Azel had ſix ſons, whoſe names *are* theſe, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Iſhmael, and Shearíah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. Theſe *were* the ſons of Azel.

CHAP. X.

2 Sauls overthrow and death. 8 The Philiſtines triumph over Saul. 11 The kindneſs of Jabeſh-gilead toward Saul and his ſons. 13 Sauls ſin; for which the kingdom was tranſlated from him to David.

NOw [a] the Philiſtines fought againſt Iſrael; and the men of Iſrael fled from before the Philiſtines, and fell down || ſlain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philiſtines followed hard after Saul, and after his ſons; and the Philiſtines ſlew Jonathan, and || Abinadab, and Malchi-ſhua, the ſons of Saul.

3 And the battel went ſore againſt Saul, and the † archers † hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

4 Then ſaid Saul to his armour-bearer, Draw thy ſword, and thruſt me through therewith; leſt theſe uncircumciſed come, and || abuſe me. But his armour-bearer would not; for he was ſore afraid. So Saul took a ſword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armour-bearer ſaw that Saul was dead, he fell likewiſe on the ſword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three ſons, and all his houſe died together.

7 And when all the men of Iſrael that *were* in the valley ſaw that they fled, and that Saul and his ſons were dead, then they forſook their cities, and fled; and the Philiſtines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to paſs on the morrow, when the Philiſtines came to ſtrip the ſlain, that they found Saul and his ſons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had ſtripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and ſent into the land of the Philiſtines round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

10 And they put his armour in the houſe of their gods, and faſtned his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 ¶ And when all Jabeſh-gilead heard all that the Philiſtines had done to Saul,

12 They aroſe, all the valiant men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his ſons, and brought them to Jabeſh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabeſh, and faſted ſeven days.

13 ¶ So Saul died for his tranſgreſſion which he † committed againſt the LORD, [b] *even* againſt the word of the LORD which he kept not, and alſo for asking *counſel* of one that had a familiar ſpirit, [c] to enquire *of it*;

14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he ſlew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the ſon of † Jeſſe.

CHAP.

‖ Or, truſt.
‖ Or, on flat plates, or ſlices.
† Heb. bread of ordering.
g Chap. 6. 31. & 25. 1.
† Heb. upon them.
h Chap. 8. 29.
i Chap. 8. 33.
k Chap. 8. 35.
a 2 Sam. 31. 1, 2.
‖ Or, wounded.
Or, Iſhui, 1 Sam. 14. 49.
† Heb. hunters with bows.
† Heb. found him.
‖ Or, mock me.
1 Sam. 31. 1.
† Heb. his ſword and fell upon it.
† Or, ran.
† Heb. by the hand of 1 Sam. 16. 13. 2 Sam. 5. 6.
† Heb. head.
‖ That is, Zion, 2 Sam. 5. 7.
† Heb. removed.
† Heb. went on going and encreaſing. 2 Sam. 21. 8. Or, held ſtrongly with him.
† Heb. tranſgreſſed. 1 Sam. 13. 13. & 15. 23. 1 Sam. 28. 7.
† Heb. Iſai.
Or, ſon of Ahimelech.

CHAP. XI.

1 David by a general consent is made king at Hebron. 4 He winneth the castle of Zion from the Jebusites by Joabs valour. 10 A catalogue of his mighty men.

THen [a] all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

2 And moreover † in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt || feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

3 Therefore came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD † by [b] Samuel.

4 ¶ And David and all Israel [c] went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land.

5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither. Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of David.

6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first, shall be † chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.

7 And David dwelt in the castle; therefore they called || it, The city of David.

8 And he built the city round about, even from Millo round about: and Joab † repaired the rest of the city.

9 So David † waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts *was* with him.

10 ¶ [d] These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ||strengthned themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And this *is* the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam ||an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains. He lift up his spear against three hundred, slain *by him* at one time.

12 And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, who *was one* of the three mighties.

13 He was with David at || Pas-dammim, and there ŷ Philistines were gathered together to battel, where was a parcel of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines.

14 And they || set themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great || deliverance.

15 ¶ Now || three of the thirty captains [e] went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam, and the host of the Philistines encamped in ŷ valley of Rephaim.

16 And David *was* then in the hold, and the Philistines garison *was* then at Bethlehem.

17 And David longed and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem that *is* at the gate!

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem that *was* by the gate, and took *it* and brought *it* to David: but David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD,

19 And said, My God forbid it me that I should do this thing: shall I drink the bloud of these men † that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy of* their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest.

20 ¶ And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the three.

21 [f] Of the three he was more honourable then the two; for he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto ŷ *first* three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, † who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab; also he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day.

23 And he slew an Egyptian, † a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptians hand *was* a spear like a weavers beam; & he went down to him with a staff,

[a] 2 Sam. 5. 1.

† Heb. into your sight day and also heretofore.

|| Or, rule.

† Heb. by the hand of. [b] 1 Sam. 16. 13. 2 Sam. 5. 3.

[c] 2 Sam. 5. 6.

† Heb. head.

[That is, Zion, 2 Sam. 5. 7.

† Heb. renewed.

† Heb. went in going and smiting.

[d] 2 Sam. 23. 8.

|| Or, held strongly with him.

† Heb. transgressed. [e] 1 Sam. 13. 13. 15. 23. [f] 1 Sam. 28. 7.

|| Or, Ephes-dammim 1 Sam. 17. 1.

|| Or, stood.

|| Or, salvation

|| Or, three captains over the thirty. [e] 2 Sam. 23. 13.

† Heb. with their lives.

[f] 2 Sam. 23. 19 &c.

† Heb. great of deeds.

† Heb. a man of measure.

and pluckt the ſpear out of the Egyptians hand, and ſlew him with his own ſpear.

24 Theſe *things* did Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, he was honourable among the thirty, but attained not to the *firſt* three. And David ſet him over his guard.

26 ¶ Alſo the valiant men of the armies *were* Aſah-el the brother of Joab, Elhanan the ſon of Dodo of Beth-lehem,

‖ Or, *Harodite.* 2 Sam. 23. 25.

27 Shammoth the ‖ Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 Sibbecai the Huſhathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the ſon of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the ſon of Ribai of Gibeah *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the brooks of Gaaſh, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

34 The ſons of Haſhem the Gizonite, Jonathan the ſon of Shage the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the ſon of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the ſon of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the ſon of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar ‖ the ſon of Haggeri,

‖ Or, *the Haggerite.*

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite the armour-bearer of Joab the ſon of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the ſon of Ahlai,

42 Adina the ſon of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the ſon of Maachah, and Joſhaphat the Mithnite,

44 Uzzia the Aſhterathite, Shama and Jehiel the ſons of Hothan the Aroerite,

45 Jediael the ‖ ſon of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

‖ Or, *Shimrites.*

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joſhaviah, the ſons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaſiel the Meſobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The companies that came to David at Ziklag.*
23 *The armies that came to him at Hebron.*

NOw [a] theſe *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, † while he yet kept himſelf cloſe becauſe of Saul the ſon of Kiſh: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the war.

[a] 1 Sam. 27. 2.
† Heb. being yet ſhut up.

2 *They were* armed with bowes, and could uſe both the right hand and the left in *hurling* ſtones, and *ſhooting* arrows out of a bowe, *even* of Sauls brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joaſh, the ſons of ‖ Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the ſons of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antothite,

‖ Or, *Haſmaah*

4 And Iſmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Joſabad the Gederathite,

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Jeſiah, and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jaſhobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Joelah, and Zebadiah, the ſons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there ſeparated themſelves unto David into the hold to the wilderneſs, men of might, *and* men † of war fit for the battel, that could handle ſhield and buckler, whoſe faces *were like* the faces of lions, and *were* † as ſwift as the roes upon the mountains;

† Heb. *of the hoſt.*

† Heb. *as the roes upon the mountains for ſwiftneſs.*

9 Ezer the firſt, Obadiah the ſecond, Eliab the third,

10 Miſhmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

11 Attai the ſixth, Eliel the ſeventh,

12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad ỹ ninth,

13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

14 Theſe *were* of the ſons of Gad, captains of the hoſt: ‖ one of the leaſt *was* over an

‖ Or, *one that was leaſt could reſiſt an hundred, and the greateſt a thouſand.*

an hundred, & ỹ greateſt over a thouſand.

15 Theſe *are* they that went over Jordan in the firſt moneth, when it had †overflown all his [b] banks; and they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the eaſt, and toward the weſt.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and of Judah to the hold unto David.

17 And David went out †to meet them, and anſwered and ſaid unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart ſhall † be knit unto you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, ſeeing *there is* no ‖ wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*, and rebuke *it*.

18 Then † the ſpirit came upon Amaſai, *who was* chief of the captains, *and he ſaid*, Thine *are* we, David, and on thy ſide, thou ſon of Jeſſe: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace *be* to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 And there fell *ſome* of Manaſſeh to David when he came with the Philiſtines againſt Saul to battel. But they helped them not: for the lords of the Philiſtines, upon adviſement, ſent him away, ſaying, [c] He will fall to his maſter Saul, † to *the jeopardy of* our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manaſſeh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thouſands that *were* of Manaſſeh.

21 And [d] they helped David ‖ againſt the band *of the rovers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, & were captains in the hoſt.

22 For at *that* time day by day there came to David to help him, untill *it was* a great hoſt, like the hoſt of God.

23 ¶ And theſe *are* the numbers of the ‖ † bands *that were* ready armed to the war, *and* [e] came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, [f] according to the word of the LORD.

24 The children of Judah, that bare ſhield and ſpear, *were* ſix thouſand and eight hundred, ready ‖ armed to the war.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, ſeven thouſand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Levi, four thouſand and ſix hundred.

27 And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thouſand and ſeven hundred.

28 And [g] Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his fathers houſe twenty and two captains.

29 And of the children of Benjamin the † kindred of Saul, three thouſand: for hitherto † [h] the greateſt part of them had kept the ward of the houſe of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim, twenty thouſand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, † famous throughout the houſe of their fathers.

31 And of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, eighteen thouſand, which were expreſſed by name to come and make David king.

32 And of the children of Iſſachar, *which were* [i] *men* that had underſtanding of the times, to know what Iſrael ought to do: the heads of them *were* two hundred, and all their brethren *were* at their commandment.

33 Of Zebulun, ſuch as went forth to battel, ‖ expert in war, with all inſtruments of war, fifty thouſand, which could ‖ keep rank: *they were* † not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali, a thouſand captains, and with them, with ſhield and ſpear, thirty and ſeven thouſand.

35 And of the Danites expert in war, twenty & eight thouſand and ſix hundred.

36 And of Aſher, ſuch as went forth to battel, ‖ expert in war, fourty thouſand.

37 And on the other ſide of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, with all manner of inſtruments of war for the battel, an hundred and twenty thouſand.

38 All theſe men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Iſrael: and all the reſt alſo of Iſrael *were* of one heart to make David king.

39 And there they were with David three

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[a] 1 Sam. 27. 2. † Heb. being yet ſtrong.

[b] Heb. filled over. [b] Joſh. 3. 15.

† Heb. before them.

† Heb. in me.

‖ Or, violence.

† Heb. the ſpirit clothed Amaſai. So Judg. 6. 34.

‖ Or, Hoſmaiah

[c] 1 Sam. 29. 4. † Heb. on our heads.

[d] 1 Sam. 30. 1, 9, 10. ‖ Or, with a band.

† Heb. of the hoſt.

† Heb. as the ſons of the mountains to make hoſt.

‖ Or, over the war hoſt could keep rank an hundred, and the greateſt a thouſand.

‖ Or, captains, or men. † Heb. heads. [e] 2 Sam. 2. 3, 4. [f] 1 Sam. 16. 1, 3.

‖ Or, prepared.

[g] 2 Sam. 8. 17.

† Heb. brethren. † Heb. a multitude of them. [h] 2 Sam. 2. 8, 9. † Heb. men of names.

[i] Eſth. 1. 13.

‖ Or, rangers of battel. or ranged in battel. ‖ Or, ſet the battel in array. † Heb. without a heart and a heart. ‖ Or, keeping their rank.

three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreover, they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar, and Zebulun, and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, & on oxen, *and* || meat, meal, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oyl, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

|| Or, vessels of meal.

CHAP. XIII.

1 David fetcheth the ark with great solemnity from Kirjath-jearim. 9 Uzza being smitten, the ark is left at the house of Obed-edom.

AND David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, *and* with every leader.

2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, † let us send abroad unto our brethren every where *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* † in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us.

† Heb. let us break forth and send.

† Heb. in the cities of their suburbs.

3 And let us † bring again the ark of our God to us: for we enquired not at it in the days of Saul.

† Heb. bring about.

4 And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So [a] David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entring of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim.

[a] 1 Sam. 7. 1. 2 Sam. 6. 2.

6 And David went up, and all Israel, to [b] Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjath jearim, which *belongeth* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*.

[b] Josh. 15. 9, 60.

7 And they † carried the ark of God in a new cart, out of the house of Abinadab. And Uzza and Ahio drave the cart.

† Heb. made the ark to ride

8 And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with † singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

† Heb. songs.

9 ¶ And when they came unto the threshing-floor of || Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark: for the oxen || stumbled.

|| Called Nacbon, 2 Sam. 6. 6.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, [c] because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God.

[c] Numb. 4. 15.

11 And David was displeased because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called || Perez-uzza to this day.

|| That is, The breach of Uzza.

12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me?

13 So David † brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

† Heb. removed.

14 And the ark of God remained with ŷ family of Obed-edom in his house three moneths. And the LORD blessed [d] the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

[d] 2 Sam. 6. 11.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Hirams kindness to David. 2 Davids felicity in people, wives, and children. 8 His two victories over the Philistines.

NOW [a] Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house.

[a] 2 Sam. 5. 11 &c.

2 And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel: for his kingdom was lift up on high, because of his people Israel.

3 ¶ And David took † mo wives at Jerusalem: and David begat mo sons and daughters.

† Heb. yet.

4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

7 And Elishama, and || Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

|| Or, Eliada, 2 Sam. 5. 16. 1 Chron. 14. 7.

8 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that [b] David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard *of it*, and went out against them.

[b] 2 Sam. 5. 17.

9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And

10 And David enquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand, like the breaking-forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place, || Baal-perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burnt with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet again spread themselves abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore David enquired again of God: & God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, [c] and come upon them over against ỹ mulberry-trees.

15 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battel: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

16 David therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of ỹ Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer.

17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 *David having prepared a place for the ark, ordereth the priests and Levites to bring it from Obed-edom.* 25 *He performeth the solemnity with great joy.* 29 *Michal despiseth him.*

AND *David* made him houses in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent.

2 Then David said, † None ought to carry the [a] ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever.

3 And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place which he had prepared for it.

4 And David assembled the children of Aaron, and the Levites.

5 Of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his || brethren an hundred and twenty.

6 Of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty.

7 Of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and thirty.

8 Of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred.

9 Of the sons of Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore.

10 Of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve.

11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said unto them, Ye *are* the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctifie yourselves *both* ye and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it.

13 For [b] because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders, with the staves thereon, as [c] Moses commanded, according to the word of the LORD.

16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites, to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

17 So the Levites appointed [d] Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, [e] Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, [f] Ethan the son of Kushaiah:

18 And with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab,

|| Or, kinsmen.

[b] 2 Sam. 6. 3. Chap. 13. 7.

[c] Exod. 25. 14. Numb. 4. 15. & 7. 9.

[d] Chap. 6. 33.

[e] Chap. 6. 39.

[f] Chap. 6. 44.

Eliab, & Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters.

19 So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass;

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth;

21 And Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps ‖ on the Sheminith to excell.

22 And Chenaniah chief of the Levites ‖ *was* for † song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilfull.

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

24 And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests ᵉ did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* door-keepers for the ark.

25 ¶ So ᵇ David and the elders of Israel and the captains over thousands went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy.

26 And it came to pass when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams.

27 And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song, with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen.

28 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

29 ¶ And it came to pass *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.

‖ Or, on the eighth to oversee.

‖ Or, was for the carriage: he instructed about the carriage.

† Heb. lifting up.

ᵉ Numb. 10. 8.

ᵇ 2 Sam. 6. 12, 13, &c.

‖ Or, carriage.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Davids festival sacrifice. 4 He ordereth a quire to sing thanksgiving. 7 The psalm of thanksgiving. 37 He appointeth ministers, porters, priests and musicians to attend continually on the ark.

SO ᵃ they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.

2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon *of wine*.

4 ¶ And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel † with psalteries, and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals:

6 Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 ᵇ Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk you of all his wondrous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoyce that seek the LORD.

11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen ones.

14 He *is* the LORD our God; his judgements *are* in all the earth.

15 Be

15 Be ye mindfull always of his covenant; the word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations;

16 *Even of the* [c] *covenant* which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;

17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, *and* to Israel *for* an everlasting covenant,

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, † the lot of your inheritance.

19 When ye were but † few, [d] even a few, and strangers in it;

20 And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people;

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he [e] reproved kings for their sakes,

22 *Saying*, [f] Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

23 [g] Sing unto the LORD all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations.

25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also *is* to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods [h] of the people *are* idols: but the LORD made the heavens.

27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence, strength and gladness *are* in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

30 Fear before him all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoyce: and let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoyce, and all that *is* therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because he cometh to judge the earth.

34 [i] O give thanks to the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. [i] Ps 107. 1. 118. 1. & 136. 1.

35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, *and* glory in thy praise.

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all [k] the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD. [k] Deut. 27. 15.

37 ¶ So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every days work required:

38 And Obed-edom, with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah *to be* porters:

39 And Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD, [l] in the high place that *was* at Gibeon, [l] 1 Kin. 3. 4.

40 To offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually [m] † morning and evening, and *to do* according to all *that is* written in the law of the LORD, which he commanded Israel; [m] Exod. 29. 38. Numb. 28. 3. † Heb. *in the morning, and in the evening.*

41 And with them Heman & Jeduthun, and the rest *that were* chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever;

42 And with them Heman & Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals, for those that should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun *were* † porters. † Heb. *for the gate.*

43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Nathan first approving the purpose of David to build God an house, 3 after by the word of God forbiddeth him. 11 He promiseth him blessings and benefits in his seed. 16 Davids prayer and thanksgiving.

NOw [a] it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains. [a] 2 Sam. 7. 1, &c.

2 Then

2 Then Nathan ſaid unto David, Do all that *is* in thine heart; for God *is* with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to paſs the ſame night, that the word of God came to Nathan, ſaying,

4 Go and tell David my ſervant, Thus ſaith the LORD, Thou ſhalt not build me an houſe to dwell in.

5 For I have not dwelt in an houſe ſince the day that I brought up Iſrael, unto this day; but † have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*.

† Heb. have been

6 Whereſoever I have walked with all Iſrael, ſpake I a word to any of the judges of Iſrael whom I commanded to feed my people, ſaying, Why have ye not built me an houſe of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus ſhalt thou ſay unto my ſervant David, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, I took thee from the *ſheep*-cote, *even* † from following the ſheep, that thou ſhouldſt be ruler over my people Iſrael.

† Heb. from after.

8 And I have been with thee whitherſoever thou haſt walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth.

9 Alſo I will ordain a place for my people Iſrael, and will plant them, and they ſhall dwell in their place, and ſhall be moved no more; neither ſhall the children of wickedneſs waſte them any more, as at the beginning,

10 And ſince the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Iſrael: moreover, I will ſubdue all thine enemies. Furthermore, I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an houſe.

11 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs, when thy days be expired that thou muſt go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raiſe up thy ſeed after thee, which ſhall be of thy ſons, and I will eſtabliſh his kingdom.

12 He ſhall build me an houſe, and I will ſtabliſh his throne for ever.

b 2 Sam. 7. 14.

13 b I will be his father, and he ſhall be my ſon: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from *him* that was before thee.

14 But I will ſettle him in mine houſe and in my kingdom for ever; and his throne ſhall be eſtabliſhed for evermore.

15 According to all theſe words and according to all this viſion ſo did Nathan ſpeak unto David.

16 ¶ And David the king came, and ſat before the LORD, and ſaid, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine houſe, that thou haſt brought me hitherto?

17 And *yet* this was a ſmall thing in thine eyes, O God: for thou haſt *alſo* ſpoken of thy ſervants houſe for a great while to come, and haſt regarded me according to the eſtate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What can David *ſpeak* more to thee for the honour of thy ſervant? for thou knoweſt thy ſervant.

19 O LORD, for thy ſervants ſake, and according to thine own heart haſt thou done all this greatneſs, in making known all *theſe* † great things.

† Heb. greatneſſes.

20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beſides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Iſrael, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own people, to make thee a name of greatneſs and terribleneſs, by driving out nations from before thy people whom thou haſt redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Iſrael didſt thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becameſt their God.

23 Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou haſt ſpoken concerning thy ſervant, and concerning his houſe, be eſtabliſhed for ever, and do as thou haſt ſaid.

24 Let it even be eſtabliſhed, that thy name may be magnified for ever, ſaying, The LORD of hoſts *is* ỹ God of Iſrael, *even* a God to Iſrael: and *let* the houſe of David thy ſervant *be* eſtabliſhed before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, † haſt told thy ſervant that thou wilt build him an houſe: therefore thy ſervant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.

† Heb. haſt revealed the ear of thy ſervant.

26 And now, LORD, thou art God, and

and haſt promiſed this goodneſs unto thy ſervant.

27 Now therefore ‖ let it pleaſe thee to bleſs the houſe of thy ſervant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou bleſſeſt, O LORD, and *it ſhall be* bleſſed for ever.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 David ſubdueth the Philiſtines, and the Moabites. 3 He ſmiteth Hadarezer, and the Syrians. 9 Tou ſendeth Hadoram with preſents to bleſs David. 11 The preſents and the ſpoil David dedicateth to God. 13 He putteth gariſons in Edom. 14 Davids officers.

NOw after this [a] it came to paſs that David ſmote the Philiſtines, and ſubdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philiſtines.

2 And he ſmote Moab; and the Moabites became Davids ſervants, & brought gifts.

3 ¶ And David ſmote ‖ Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went to eſtabliſh his dominion by the river Euphrates.

4 And David took from him a thouſand chariots, and ſeven thouſand horſemen, and twenty thouſand footmen. David alſo houghed all the chariot-*horſes*, but reſerved of them an hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of † Damaſcus came to help Hadarezer king of Zobah, David ſlew of the Syrians two and twenty thouſand men.

6 Then David put *gariſons* in Syria-damaſcus, & the Syrians became Davids ſervants, *and* brought gifts. Thus the LORD preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

7 And David took the ſhields of gold that were on the ſervants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jeruſalem.

8 Likewiſe from ‖ Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much braſs, wherewith [b] Solomon made the braſen ſea, and the pillars, and the veſſels of braſs.

9 ¶ Now when ‖ Tou king of Hamath heard how David had ſmitten all the hoſt of Hadarezer king of Zobah;

10 He ſent ‖ Hadoram his ſon to king David, ‖ to enquire of his welfare, and † to congratulate him, becauſe he had fought againſt Hadarezer, and ſmitten him; for Hadarezer † had warred with Tou; & *with him* all manner of veſſels of gold, and ſilver, and braſs.

11 ¶ Them alſo king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the ſilver and the gold that he brought from all *theſe* nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philiſtines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover, Abiſhai the ſon of Zeruiah ſlew of the Edomites in the valley of ſalt eighteen thouſand.

13 ¶ And he put gariſons in Edom; and all the Edomites became Davids ſervants. Thus the LORD preſerved David whitherſoever he went.

14 ¶ So David reigned over all Iſrael, and executed judgement and juſtice among all his people.

15 And Joab the ſon of Zeruiah *was* over the hoſt; and Jehoſhaphat the ſon of Ahilud, ‖ recorder;

16 And Zadok the ſon of Ahitub, and ‖ Abimelech the ſon of Abiathar, *were* the prieſts; and ‖ Shavſha *was* ſcribe;

17 And Benaiah the ſon of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the ſons of David *were* chief † about the king.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Davids meſſengers ſent to comfort Hanun the ſon of Nahaſh are villainouſly intreated. 6 The Ammonites, ſtrengthned by the Syrians, are overcome by Joab and Abiſhai. 16 Shophach, making a new ſupply of the Syrians, is ſlain by David.

NOw [a] it came to paſs after this that Nahaſh the king of the children of Ammon died, and his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

2 And David ſaid, I will ſhew kindneſs unto Hanun the ſon of Nahaſh, becauſe his father ſhewed kindneſs to me. And David ſent meſſengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the ſervants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the princes of the children of Ammon ſaid to Hanun, † Thinkeſt thou that David doth honour thy father, ỳ he hath ſent comforters unto thee? are not his ſervants come unto thee for to ſearch, and to overthrow, and to ſpie out the land?

4 Where-

‖ Or, remembrancer.
‖ 2 Sam. 8. 17. Ahimelech.
‖ Or, Seraiah, 2 Sam. 8. 17.
‖ Or, Shiſha, 1 K. 4. 3.
† Heb. at the hand of the king.
a 2 Sam. 10. 1, &c.
† Heb. In thine eyes doth David, &c.

4 Wherefore Hanun took Davids servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho untill your beards be grown, and *then* return.

† Heb. *were stinking.*

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves † odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah.

7 So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battel.

8 And when David heard *of it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battel in aray before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field.

† Heb. *the face of the battel was.* ‖ Or, *young men.*

10 Now when Joab saw that † the battel was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the ‖ choice of Israel, and put *them* in aray against the Syrians.

† Heb. *Abishai.*

11 And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of † Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in aray against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us behave our selves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

14 So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battel; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entred into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

16 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the ‖ river: and ‖ Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battel* in aray against them. So when David had put the battel in aray against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand men *which fought in* chariots, and fourty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host.

19 And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

1 Rabbah is besieged by Joab, spoiled by David, and the people thereof tortured. 4 Three giants are slain in three several overthrows of the Philistines.

AND [a] it came to pass, that † after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out *to battel*, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the countrey of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah: but David tarried at Jerusalem: and Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

† Or, *when the year was expired.*

2 And David [b] took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it † to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon Davids head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city.

† Or, *the weight.*

3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ¶ And

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this ‖ that there † arose war at ‖ Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew ‖ Sippai *that was* of the children of ‖ the giant, and they were subdued.

5 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of ‖ Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear-staff *was* like a weavers beam.

6 And yet again [d] there was war at Gath, where was † a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four and twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was † the son of the giant.

7 But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of ‖ Shimea Davids brother slew him.

8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAP. XXI.

1 David tempted by Satan, forceth Joab to number the people. 5 Their number being brought, David repenteth. 9 Having three plagues propounded by Gad, he chooseth the pestilence. 14 After the death of seventy thousand, by repentance he preventeth the destruction of Jerusalem. 18 By Gads direction he purchaseth Ornans threshing-floor: where having built an altar, God giveth a sign of his favour by fire, and stayeth the plague. 28 David sacrificeth there, being restrained from Gibeon by fear of the angel.

AND [a] Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

2 And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; & bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

3 And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lords servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel?

4 Nevertheless the kings word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they* of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword.

6 But [b] Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the kings word was abominable to Joab.

7 † And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

8 And David said unto God, [c] I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: [d] but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Gad Davids seer, saying,

10 Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I † offer thee *three* things; choose thee one of them that I may do *it* unto thee.

11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Choose thee

12 Either three years famine; or three moneths to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh *thee*; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thy self what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very ‖ great *are* his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

15 And God sent an [e] angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, & said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of ‖ Ornan the Jebusite.

16 And David lift up his eyes, and [f] saw ỳ angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel*, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

17 And

[a] 1 Chr. 27. 24.

† Heb. *And it was evil in the eyes of the LORD concerning this thing.*

[d] 2 Sam. 24. 10.

[b] 2 Sam. 24. 13.

† Heb. *Stretch out.*

† Heb. *Set thee.*

‖ Or, *many.*

[e] 2 Sam. 24. 16.

‖ Or, *Araunah*, 2 Sam. 24. 18. 2 Chr. 3. 1.

[f] 1 Chr. 21. 27.

17 And David ſaid unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbred? even I it is that have ſinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* theſe ſheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my fathers houſe; but not on thy people, that they ſhould be plagued.

a 2 Chr. 3. 1. 18 ¶ Then the a angel of the LORD commanded Gad to ſay to David that David ſhould go up and ſet up an altar unto the LORD in the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite.

19 And David went up at the ſaying of Gad, which he ſpake in the name of the LORD.

¶ Or, *When Ornan turned back and ſaw the angel, then he and his four ſons with him hid themſelves.* † Heb. *Give.*

20 ¶ And Ornan turned back, and ſaw the angel; and his four ſons with him hid themſelves. Now Ornan was threſhing wheat.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and ſaw David, and went out of the threſhing-floor, and bowed himſelf to David with *his* face to the ground.

22 Then David ſaid to Ornan, † Grant me the place of *this* threſhing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou ſhalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be ſtayed from the people.

23 And Ornan ſaid unto David, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do *that which is* good in his eyes: lo, I give *thee* the oxen *alſo* for burnt-offerings, and the threſhing-inſtruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering; I give it all.

24 And king David ſaid to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take *that* which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without coſt.

b 2 Sam. 24. 24. 25 So b David gave to Ornan for the place ſix hundred ſhekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he anſwered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering.

27 And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his ſword again into the ſheath thereof.

28 ¶ At that time, when David ſaw that the LORD had anſwered him in the threſhing-floor of Ornan the Jebuſite, then he ſacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moſes made in the wilderneſs, and the altar of the burnt-offering *were* at that ſeaſon in the high place at [1] Gibeon.

[1] 1 Kin. 3. 4. 1 Chron. 16. 39. & 21. 29.

30 But David could not go before it to enquire of God: for he was afraid becauſe of the ſword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *David foreknowing the place of the temple, prepareth abundantly for the building of it.* 6 *He inſtructeth Solomon in Gods promiſes, and his duty in building the temple.* 17 *He chargeth the princes to aſſiſt his ſon.*

THen David ſaid, a This is the houſe of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of the burnt-offering for Iſrael.

a Deut. 12. 5. 2 Sam. 24. 18.

2 And David commanded to gather together b the ſtrangers that *were* in the land of Iſrael; and he ſet maſons to hew wrought ſtones to build the houſe of God.

b 1 Kin. 9. 20. ¶ Or, *many people.*

3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joynings; and braſs in abundance without weight;

4 Alſo cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought much cedar-wood to David.

5 And David ſaid, c Solomon my ſon *is* young and tender, and the houſe *that is* to be builded for the LORD *muſt be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countreys: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

c 1 Chron. 29. 1. ¶ Or, *a child of tender years.*

6 ¶ Then he called for Solomon his ſon, and charged him to build an houſe for the LORD God of Iſrael.

7 And David ſaid to Solomon, My ſon, as for me, d it was in my mind to build an houſe e unto the name of the LORD my God.

d 2 Sam. 7. 2. e 1 Chron. 28. 2. 2 Chron. 6. 7.

8 But the word of the LORD came to me, ſaying, f Thou haſt ſhed bloud abundantly, and haſt made great wars: thou ſhalt not build an houſe unto my name, becauſe thou haſt ſhed much bloud upon the earth in my ſight.

f 1 Chron. 28. 3.

9 Behold,

9 Behold, a ſon ſhall be born to thee, who ſhall be a man of reſt; and I will give him reſt from all his enemies round about: for his name ſhall be ‖ Solomon, and I will give peace and quietneſs unto Iſrael in his days.

10 § He ſhall build an houſe for my name; and he ſhall be my ſon, and I *will be* his father; and I will eſtabliſh the throne of his kingdom over Iſrael for ever.

11 Now, my ſon, the LORD be with thee, and proſper thou, and build the houſe of the LORD thy God, as he hath ſaid of thee.

12 Onely the LORD give thee wiſdom and underſtanding, and give thee charge concerning Iſrael, that thou mayeſt keep the law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then ſhalt thou proſper, if thou takeſt heed to fulfill the ſtatutes and judgements which the LORD charged Moſes with concerning Iſrael. Be ſtrong, and of good courage; dread not, nor be diſmayed.

14 Now behold, ‖ in my trouble I have prepared for the houſe of the LORD an hundred thouſand talents of gold, and a thouſand thouſand talents of ſilver; and of braſs, and iron, without [h] weight: for it is in abundance: timber alſo and ſtone have I prepared; and thou mayeſt add thereto.

15 Moreover, *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers, and ‖ workers of ſtone and timber, and all manner of cunning men for every manner of work.

16 Of the gold, the ſilver, and the braſs, and the iron *there is* no number. Ariſe *therefore*, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

17 ¶ David alſo commanded all the princes of Iſrael to help Solomon his ſon, *ſaying*,

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* given you reſt on every ſide? for he hath given the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is ſubdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now ſet your heart and your ſoul to ſeek the LORD your God; ariſe therefore, and build ye the ſanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy veſſels of God, into the houſe that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *David in his old age maketh Solomon king.* 2 *The number and diſtribution of the Levites.* 7 *The families of the Gerſhonites.* 12 *The ſons of Kohath.* 21 *The ſons of Merari.* 24 *The offices of the Levites.*

SO when David was old and full of days, he made [a] Solomon his ſon king over Iſrael. [a] 1 Kin. 1. 33. 39. Chap. 28. 5.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the princes of Iſrael, with the prieſts and the Levites.

3 Now the Levites were numbred from the age of [b] thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thouſand. [b] Num. 4. 3.

4 Of which, twenty and four thouſand *were* ‖ to ſet forward the work of the houſe of the LORD; and ſix thouſand *were* [c] officers and judges: ‖ Or, *to overſee.* [c] Deut. 16. 18.

5 Moreover, four thouſand *were* porters; and four thouſand praiſed the LORD with the inſtruments which I made, *ſaid David*, to praiſe *therewith*.

6 And [d] David divided them into † courſes among the ſons of Levi, *namely*, Gerſhon, Kohath, and Merari. [d] Exod. 6. 16. Chap. 6. 1, &c. 2 Chro. 8. 14. & 29. 25. † Heb. *diviſions.*

7 ¶ Of the [e] Gerſhonites *were* ‖ Laadan, and Shimei. [e] Chap. 26. 21. ‖ Or, *Libni.* Chap. 6. 17.

8 The ſons of Laadan; the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

9 The ſons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. Theſe *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan.

10 And the ſons of Shimei *were*, Jahath, ‖ Zina, and Jeuſh, and Beriah. Theſe four *were* the ſons of Shimei. ‖ Or, *Zizah.* verſ. 11.

11 And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the ſecond: but Jeuſh and Beriah † had not many ſons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* fathers houſe. † Heb. *did not multiply ſins.*

12 ¶ The ſons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

13 The ſons of [f] Amram; Aaron, and Moſes. And [g] Aaron was ſeparated that he ſhould ſanctifie the moſt holy things, he and his ſons for ever, to burn incenſe [f] Exod. 6. 20. [g] Exod. 28. 1. Hebr. 5. 4.

before the LORD, to miniſter unto him, and [h] to bleſs in his name for ever.

14 Now *concerning* Moſes the man of God, his ſons were named of the tribe of Levi.

15 [i] The ſons of Moſes *were* Gerſhom, and Eliezer.

16 Of the ſons of Gerſhom, ‖ Shebuel *was* the chief.

17 And the ſons of Eliezer *were*, [k] Rehabiah ‖ the chief. And Eliezer had none other ſons; but the ſons of Rehabiah † were very many.

18 Of the ſons of Izhar, ‖ Shelomith the chief.

19 Of the ſons of Hebron; Jeriah the firſt, Amariah the ſecond, Jehaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 Of the ſons of Uzziel; Micah the firſt, and Jeſiah the ſecond.

21 ¶ The ſons of Merari; Mahli, and Muſhi. The ſons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kiſh:

22 And Eleazar died, and [l] had no ſons, but daughters: and their ‖ brethren the ſons of Kiſh took them.

23 The ſons of Muſhi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 ¶ Theſe *were* the ſons of [m] Levi after the houſe of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD, from the age of [n] twenty years and upward.

25 For David ſaid, The LORD God of Iſrael hath given reſt unto his people, ‖ that they may dwell in Jeruſalem for ever;

26 And alſo unto the Levites: They ſhall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any veſſels of it for the ſervice thereof.

27 For by the laſt words of David the Levites *were* † numbred from twenty years old and above:

28 Becauſe † their office *was* to wait on the ſons of Aaron, for the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the ſervice of the houſe of God;

29 Both for the ſhew-bread, and for [o] the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is* *baked in* the ‖ pan, and for that which is fryed, and for all manner of meaſure and ciſe;

30 And to ſtand every morning to thank and praiſe the LORD, and likewiſe at even;

31 And to offer all burnt-ſacrifices unto the LORD in the ſabbaths, in the new-moons, and on the ſet feaſts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them continually before the LORD:

32 And that they ſhould keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and ŷ charge of the ſons of Aaron their brethren, in the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *The diviſions of the ſons of Aaron by lot into four and twenty orders.* 20 *The Kohathites, 27 and the Merarites divided by lot.*

NOw theſe *are* the diviſions of the ſons of Aaron. [a] The ſons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 But [b] Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the prieſts office.

3 And David diſtributed them, both Zadok of the ſons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the ſons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their ſervice.

4 And there were mo chief men found of the ſons of Eleazar then of the ſons of Ithamar; and *thus* were they divided. Among the ſons of Eleazar *there were* ſixteen chief men of ŷ houſe of *their* fathers, and eight among the ſons of Ithamar according to the houſe of their fathers.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one ſort with another; for the governours of the ſanctuary, and governours *of the houſe* of God, were of the ſons of Eleazar, and of the ſons of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the ſon of Nethaneel the ſcribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king and the princes, and Zadok the prieſt, and Ahimelech the ſon of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers

[h] Numb. 6. 22.

[i] Exod. 2. 22. & 18. 3, 4.

‖ Shubael, chap. 24. 20.

[k] Chap. 26. 25.

‖ Or, the firſt.

† Heb. were highly multiplied.

‖ Shelomith, ch. 24. 22.

[l] Chap. 24. 28.

‖ Or, kinſmen.

[m] Num. 10. 17, 21.

[n] Num. 1. 3.

‖ Or, and he dwelleth in Jeruſalem, &c.

† Heb. numbers

† Heb. their ſtation was at the hand of the ſons of Aaron.

[o] Levit. 2. 10. chap. 9. &c.

‖ Or, flat plate.

[a] Levit. 10. 1, 6.

[b] Numb. 3. 4. & 26. 61.

fathers of the priests and Levites: one † principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to [c] Abijah,

11 The ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 The nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Jachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these.* Of the sons of Amram; [d] Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah.

21 Concerning Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites; [e] Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath.

23 And the sons *of* [f] *Hebron*; Jeriah *the first*, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth.

24 *Of* the sons of Uzziel; Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah.

26 The sons of Merari *were*, Mahli, and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno.

27 ¶ The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, [g] who had no sons.

29 Concerning Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel.

30 The sons also of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites, after ỹ house of their fathers.

31 These likewise cast lots over against their brethren the sons of Aaron, in the presence of David the king, and Zadok and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests & Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The number and offices of the singers.* 8 *Their division by lot into four and twenty orders.*

MOreover, David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of [a] Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesie with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen, according to their service, was:

2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and ‖ Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied † according to the order of the king.

3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ‖ Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ‖ six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.

4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ‖ Uzziel, ‖ Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:

5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the kings seer in the ‖ words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.

6 All these were under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries and harps, for the service of the house of God, † according to the kings order to Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman.

7 So the number of them, with their

[g] Chap. 23. 22.

[a] Chap. 6. 33, 39, 44.

‖ Or, *Jesharelah*, ver. 14.

† Heb. *by the hands of the king.*

‖ Or, *Izri*, ver. 11.

‖ With Shimei mentioned ver. 17.

‖ Or, *Uzzarel*, ver. 18.

‖ Or, *Shubael* ver. 20.

‖ Or, *matters.*

† Heb. *by the hands of the king.*

brethren that were inſtructed in the ſongs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, *was* two hundred fourſcore and eight.

8 ¶ And they caſt lots, ward againſt *ward*, as well the ſmall as the great, the teacher as the ſcholar.

9 Now the firſt lot came forth for Aſaph to Joſeph: the ſecond to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and ſons *were* twelve:

10 The third to Zaccur, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

11 The fourth to Izri, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

12 The fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

13 The ſixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

14 The ſeventh to Jeſharelah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

15 The eighth to Jeſhaiah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

17 The tenth to Shimei, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

18 The eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

19 The twelfth to Haſhabiah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

22 The fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

23 The ſixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

24 The ſeventeenth to Joſhbekaſhah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

25 The eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

30 The three & twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve:

31 The four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, *he*, his ſons and his brethren *were* twelve.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The diviſion of the porters. 13 The gates aſſigned by lot. 20 The Levites that had charge of the treaſures. 29 Officers and judges.

CONcerning the diviſions of the porters: Of the Korhites *was* ‖ Meſhelemiah the ſon of Kore, of the ſons of ‖ Aſaph.

2 And the ſons of Meſhelemiah *were*, Zechariah the firſt-born, Jediael ỹ ſecond, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the ſixth, Elioenai the ſeventh.

4 Moreover, the ſons of Obed-edom *were*, Shemaiah the firſt-born, Jehozabad the ſecond, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth,

5 Ammiel the ſixth, Iſſachar the ſeventh, Peulthai the eighth: for God bleſſed ‖ him.

6 Alſo unto Shemaiah his ſon were ſons born that ruled throughout the houſe of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour.

7 The ſons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whoſe brethren *were* ſtrong men; Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All theſe of the ſons of Obed-edom: they and their ſons and their brethren, able men for ſtrength for the ſervice, *were* threeſcore and two of Obed-edom.

9 And Meſhelemiah had ſons and brethren, ſtrong men, eighteen.

10 Alſo [a]Hoſah of the children of Merari had ſons; Simri the chief, (for *though* he was not the firſt-born, yet his father made him the chief)

11 Hilkiah the ſecond, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the ſons and brethren of Hoſah *were* thirteen.

12 Among theſe *were* the diviſions of the porters, *even* among the chief men, *having* wards one againſt another, to miniſter in the houſe of the LORD.

13 ¶ And they caſt lots ‖ as well the ſmall as the great, according to the houſe of their fathers, for every gate.

14 And

14 And the lot east-ward fell to ‖ Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a wise counseller, they cast lots; and his lot came out north-ward.

15 To Obed-edom, south-ward; and to his sons, the house of † Asuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hosah *the lot came forth* west-ward, with the gate Shallecheth, by the causey of ‖ the going up, ward against ward.

17 East-ward *were* six Levites, north-ward four a day, south-ward four a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two.

18 At Parbar west-ward, four at the causey, *and* two at Parbar.

19 These *are* the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, and among the sons of Merari.

20 And of the Levites, Ahijah *was* over [b] the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the † dedicate things.

21 *As concerning* the sons of ‖ Laadan: the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were*, ‖ Jehieli.

22 The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Uzzielites:

24 And [c] Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and [d] Shelomith his son.

26 Which Shelomith & his brethren *were* over all ŷ treasures of the dedicate things, which David the king & the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and ŷ captains of the host, had dedicated.

27 † Out of the spoils won in battels did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel [e] the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, *and* whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, *it was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for [f] officers and judges.

30 *And* of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* † officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan west-ward, in all business of the LORD, and in the service of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites *was* [g] Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fourtieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valour at Jazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and † [h] affairs of the king.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The twelve captains for every several moneth.* 16 *The princes of the twelve tribes.* 23 *The numbring of the people is hindred.* 25 *Davids several officers.*

NOw the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out moneth by moneth, throughout all the moneths of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand.

2 Over the first course for the first moneth *was* [a] Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

3 Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first moneth.

4 And over the course of the second moneth *was* ‖ Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand.

5 The third captain of the host for the third moneth *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada a ‖ chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

6 This

[f] Chap. 23. 4.

† Heb. over the charge.

[g] Chap. 23. 19.

† Heb. things.

[h] 2 Chr. 19. 11.

[a] 2 Sam. 23. 8. Chap. 11. 11.

‖ Or, Dodo, 2 Sam. 23. 9.

‖ Or, principal officer.

6 This *is that* Benaiah *who was* [b] mighty *among* the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his courſe *was* Amizabad his ſon.

7 The fourth *captain* for the fourth moneth *was* [c] Aſahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his ſon after him: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

8 The fifth captain for the fifth moneth *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

9 The ſixth *captain* for the ſixth moneth *was* [d] Ira the ſon of Ikkeſh the Tekoite: and in his courſe *were* twenty & four thouſand.

10 The ſeventh *captain* for the ſeventh moneth *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

11 The eighth *captain* for the eighth moneth *was* [e] Sibbecai the Huſhathite, of the Zarhites: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

12 The ninth *captain* for the ninth moneth *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

13 The tenth *captain* for the tenth moneth *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

14 The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh moneth *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

15 The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth moneth *was* ‖ Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his courſe *were* twenty and four thouſand.

16 ¶ Furthermore, over the tribes of Iſrael: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the ſon of Zichri; of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the ſon of Maachah;

17 Of the Levites, [f] Haſhabiah the ſon of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok;

18 Of Judah, [g] Elihu *one* of the brethren of David; of Iſſachar, Omri the ſon of Michael;

19 Of Zebulun, Iſhmaiah the ſon of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth the ſon of Azriel;

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoſhea the ſon of Azaziah; of the half-tribe of Manaſſeh, Joel the ſon of Pedaiah;

21 Of the half-*tribe* of Manaſſeh in Gilead, Iddo the ſon of Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaaſiel the ſon of Abner;

22 Of Dan, Azareel the ſon of Jeroham. Theſe *were* the princes of the tribes of Iſrael.

23 ¶ But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: becauſe [h] יהוה had ſaid he would increaſe Iſrael like to the ſtars of the heavens.

24 Joab the ſon of Zeruiah began to number, but he finiſhed not, becauſe [i] there fell wrath for it againſt Iſrael; neither † was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

25 ¶ And over the kings treaſures *was* Azmaveth the ſon of Adiel: and over the ſtore-houſes in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the caſtles, *was* Jehonathan the ſon of Uzziah.

26 And over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground *was* Ezri the ſon of Chelub.

27 And over the vineyards *was* Shimei the Ramathite: † over the increaſe of the vineyards for the wine-cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite.

28 And over the olive-trees and the ſycomore-trees that *were* in the low plains, *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oyl *was* Joaſh.

29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds *that were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the ſon of Adlai.

30 Over the camels alſo *was* Obil the Iſhmeelite: and over the aſſes *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite.

31 And over the flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All theſe *were* the rulers of the ſubſtance which *was* king Davids.

32 Alſo Jonathan Davids uncle was a counſeller, a wiſe man, and a ‖ ſcribe: and Jehiel the ‖ ſon of Hachmoni *was* with the kings ſons.

33 And [k] Ahithophel *was* the kings counſeller; and [l] Huſhai the Architе *was* the kings companion.

34 And

[b] 2 Sam. 23. 20, 22, 23. Chap. 11. 22, &c.
[c] 2 Sam. 23. 24. Chap. 11. 26.
[d] Chap. 11. 28.
[e] 2 Sam. 21. 18.
‖ Or, *Hired*, Chap. 11. 30.
[f] Chap. 26. 30.
[g] 1 Sam. 16. 6. *Eliab.*
[h] Gen. 15. 5. Chap. 27. 23.
[i] 2 Sam. 24. 1. Chap. 21. 1.
† Heb. *came not up in the number.*
† Heb. *the increaſings that increaſed for the ſtore.*
‖ Or, *ſecretary.*
‖ Or, *Hazmaveth.*
[k] 2 Sam. 15. 12. 1 Sam. 15. 37. 16. 17.

34 And after Ahithophel *was* Jehoiada the ſon of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the kings army *was* [m] Joab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 David in a ſolemn aſſembly, having declared Gods favour to him, and promiſe to his ſon Solomon, exhorteth them to fear God. 9, 20 He encourageth Solomon to build the temple. 11 He giveth him patterns for the form, and gold and ſilver for the materials.

AND David aſſembled all the princes of Iſrael, [a] the princes of the tribes, and [b] the captains of the companies that miniſtred to the king by courſe, and the captains over the thouſands, and the captains over the hundreds, and [c] the ſtewards over all the ſubſtance and ‖ poſſeſſion of the king, ‖ and of his ſons, with the ‖ officers, and with [d] the mighty men, and with all the valiant men unto Jeruſalem.

2 Then David the king ſtood up upon his feet, and ſaid, Hear me, my brethren, and my people; *As for me*, I had in mine heart to build an houſe of reſt for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footſtool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

3 But God ſaid unto me, [e] Thou ſhalt not build an houſe for my name, becauſe thou *haſt been* a man of war, & haſt ſhed †bloud.

4 Howbeit, the LORD God of Iſrael choſe me before all the houſe of my father to be king over Iſrael for ever. For he hath choſen [f] Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the houſe of Judah, the houſe of my father; and among the ſons of my father, he liked me to make *me* king over all Iſrael:

5 [g] And of all my ſons (for the LORD hath given me many ſons) he hath choſen Solomon my ſon to ſit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Iſrael.

6 And he ſaid unto me, [h] Solomon thy ſon, he ſhall build my houſe and my courts: for I have choſen him *to be* my ſon, and I will be his father.

7 Moreover, I will eſtabliſh his kingdom for ever, if he be † conſtant to do my commandments and my judgements, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the ſight of all Iſrael the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and ſeek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may poſſeſs this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

9 ¶ And thou, Solomon my Son, know thou the God of thy father, and ſerve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For [i] the LORD ſearcheth all hearts, and underſtandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts. If thou ſeek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forſake him, he will caſt thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now: for the LORD hath choſen thee to build an houſe for the ſanctuary: be ſtrong, and do *it*.

11 ¶ Then David gave to Solomon his ſon the pattern of the porch, and of the houſes thereof, and of the treaſuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy-ſeat,

12 And the pattern † of all that he had by the ſpirit, of the courts of the houſe of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treaſuries of the houſe of God, and of the treaſuries of ŷ dedicate things:

13 Alſo for the courſes of the prieſts and the Levites, and for all the work of the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD, & for all the veſſels of ſervice in the houſe of the LORD.

14 *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all inſtruments of all manner of ſervice; *ſilver alſo* for all inſtruments of ſilver, by weight, for all inſtruments of every kind of ſervice:

15 Even the weight for the candleſticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candleſtick, and for the lamps thereof; and for the candleſticks of ſilver by weight, *both* for the candleſtick and *alſo* for the lamps thereof, according to the uſe of every candleſtick.

16 And by weight *he gave* gold for the tables of ſhew bread, for every table; and *likewiſe* ſilver for the tables of ſilver;

17 Alſo pure gold for the fleſh-hooks, and the bowls and the cups: and for the golden baſons *he gave gold* by weight for every

i 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 King. 8. 39. Pſal. 7. 9. & 139. 2. Jer. 11. 20. & 17. 10. & 20. 12.

† Heb. *of all that was with him.*

every baſon; and *likewiſe ſilver* by weight for every baſon of ſilver:

18 And for the altar of incenſe, refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the [1] cherubims, that ſpread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

19 All *this, ſaid David*, [k] the LORD made me underſtand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

20 And David ſaid to Solomon his ſon, Be ſtrong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be diſmayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forſake thee, untill thou haſt finiſhed all the work for the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD.

21 And behold, the courſes of the prieſts and the Levites, *even they ſhall be with thee* for all the ſervice of the houſe of God: and *there ſhall be* with thee for all manner of workmanſhip every willing skilfull man, for any manner of ſervice: alſo the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy commandment.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 David by his example and intreaty 6 cauſeth the princes and people to offer willingly. 10 Davids thanksgiving and prayer. 20 The people having bleſſed God, and ſacrificed, make Solomon king. 26 Davids reign, and death.

FUrthermore, David the king ſaid unto all the congregation, Solomon my ſon, whom alone God hath choſen, *is yet* [a] young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the houſe of my God, the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the ſilver for *things* of ſilver, and the braſs for *things* of braſs, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx-ſtones, and *ſtones* to be ſet, gliſtring ſtones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious ſtones, and marble-ſtones in abundance.

3 Moreover, becauſe I have ſet my affection to the houſe of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and ſilver, *which* I have given to the houſe of my God, over and aboye all that I have prepared for the holy houſe,

4 *Even* three thouſand talents of gold of the gold of [b] Ophir, and ſeven thouſand talents of refined ſilver, to overlay the walls of the houſes *withall*:

5 The gold for *things* of gold, and the ſilver for *things* of ſilver, & for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing † to conſecrate his ſervice this day unto the LORD?

6 ¶ Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Iſrael, and the captains of thouſands and of hundreds, with [c] the rulers over the kings work, offered willingly,

7 And gave for the ſervice of the houſe of God, of gold, five thouſand talents, and ten thouſand drams; and of ſilver, ten thouſand talents; and of braſs, eighteen thouſand talents; and one hundred thouſand talents of iron.

8 And they with whom *precious* ſtones were found, gave *them* to the treaſure of the houſe of the LORD, by the hand of [d] Jehiel the Gerſhonite.

9 Then the people rejoyced, for that they offered willingly, becauſe with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king alſo rejoyced with great joy.

10 ¶ Wherefore David bleſſed the LORD before all the congregation: and David ſaid, Bleſſed *be* thou, LORD God of Iſrael our father, for ever and ever.

11 [e] Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatneſs, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majeſty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine *is* the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

12 Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reigneſt over all; & in thine hand *is* power and might; & in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give ſtrength unto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praiſe thy glorious name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we ſhould † be able to offer ſo willingly

[1] 1 Sam. 4. 4. 2 Kin. 19. 15, &c. Ezek. 1. 5, 40.
[a] Chap. 22. 5.
[k] Exod. 25. 9, 40.
[b] 1 Kin. 9. 28.
† Heb. to fill his hand.
[c] Chap. 27. 25.
[d] Chap. 26. 21.
[e] Matth. 6. 13. 1 Tim. 1. 17. Rev. 5. 13.
† Heb. reaſon, or obtain ſtrength.

lingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, & † of thine own have we given thee.

15 For [f] we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: [g] our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none † abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name, *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

17 I know also, my God, that thou [h] triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people which are ‖ present here to offer willingly unto thee.

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel our fathers, keep this for ever in ỹ imagination of ỹ thoughts of the heart of thy people, & ‖ prepare their heart unto thee

19 And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace *for* the which I have made provision.

20 ¶ And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD and the king.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and [i] anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governour, and Zadok *to be* priest.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in stead of David his father, & prospered, & all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, † submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, & [k] bestowed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

26 ¶ Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel *was* [l] fourty years; [m] seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honour. And Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ † book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countreys.

[f] 1 Kin. 9. 38.
[g] Chap. 29. 15.
† Heb. to fill the hand.
[h] Psal. 7. 9. Jer. 17. 10.
‖ Or, found.
[i] 1 Kin. 1. 39.
† Heb. gave the hand unto Solomon
[k] 1 Kin. 3. 13. 1 Chr. 29. 25.
[l] 1 Kin. 2. 11.
[m] 2 Sam. 5. 5.
‖ Or, history.
† Heb. words.

The second book of the CHRONICLES.

CHAP. I.

1 *The solemn offering of Solomon at Gibeon.* 7 *Solomons choice of wisdom is blessed by God.* 13 *Solomons strength and wealth.*

AND [a] Solomon the son of David was strengthned in his kingdom, and the LORD his God *was* with him, and magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governour in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

3 So Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that *was* at [b] Gibeon: for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD

[a] 1 Kin. 2. 46.
[b] 1 Kin. 3. 4. 1 Chron. 16. 39. & 21. 29.

LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 [c] But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to *the place which* David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.

5 Moreover, [d] the brasen altar that Bezaleel the son of Uri the son of Hur had made, || he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it.

6 And Solomon went up thither to the brasen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7 ¶ In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me [e] to reign in his stead.

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: [f] for thou hast made me king over a people † like the dust of the earth in multitude.

10 § Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may [h] go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, *that is so* great?

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thy self, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

12 Wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches and wealth, and honour, such as [i] none of the kings have had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon, to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

14 [k] And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, & twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem.

15 [l] And the king † made silver and gold at Jerusalem *as plenteous* as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycomore-trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.

16 [m] And † Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, & linen yarn: the kings merchants received the linen yarn at a price.

17 And they fetcht up and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty. And so brought they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, † by their means.

CHAP. II.

1, 17 *Solomons labourers for the building of the temple.* 3 *His embassage to Huram for workmen and provision of stuff.* 11 *Huram sendeth him a kind answer.*

AND Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.

2 And [a] Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to || Huram the king of Tyre, saying, [b] As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me.*

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him † sweet incense, and for the continual shew-bread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new-moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel.

5 And the house which I build *is* great: for great *is* our God above all gods.

6 [c] But who † is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then that I should build him an house, save onely to burn sacrifice before him?

7 Send

[c] 2 Sam. 6. 2. 17. 1 Chr. 16. 1.
[d] Exod. 38. 1.
|| Or, was there.
[e] 1 Chr. 28. 5.
[f] 1 Kin. 3. 7. † Heb. *mas the dust of the earth.*
[g] 1 Kin. 3. 9.
[h] Num. 27. 17.
[i] 1 Chr. 29. 25. Chap. 9. 22. Eccles 2. 9.
[k] 1 King. 4. 26. & 10. 26. &c.
[l] 1 Kin. 10. 27. Chap. 9. 27. † Heb. gave.
[m] 1 Kin. 10. 28. Chap. 9. 28. † Heb. the going forth of the horses which was Solomons. † He: by their hand.
[a] 1 Kin. 5. 15.
|| Or, Hiram, 1 King. 5. 1. 1 Chr. 14. 1.
† Heb. incense of spices.
[b] 1 Kin. 5. 8. † Heb. made to ascend. or offered up.

7 Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in ſilver, and in braſs, and in iron, and in purple, and crimſon, and blue, and that can skill † to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me in Judah and in Jeruſalem, whom David my father did provide.

8 Send me alſo cedar-trees, fir-trees, and || algum-trees out of Lebanon: for I know that thy ſervants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon: and behold, my ſervants *ſhall be* with thy ſervants,

9 Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the houſe which I am about to build *ſhall be* † wonderfull great.

10 And behold, I will give to thy ſervants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thouſand meaſures of beaten wheat, and twenty thouſand meaſures of barley, and twenty thouſand baths of wine, and twenty thouſand baths of oyl.

11 ¶ Then Huram the king of Tyre anſwered in writing, which he ſent to Solomon, Becauſe the LORD hath loved his people, he hath made thee king over them.

12 Huram ſaid moreover, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wiſe ſon, † endued with prudence and underſtanding, that might build an houſe for the LORD, and an houſe for his kingdom.

13 And now I have ſent a cunning man, endued with underſtanding, of Huram my fathers;

14 [d] The ſon of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre; skilfull to work in gold & in ſilver, in braſs, in iron, in ſtone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimſon; alſo to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which ſhall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheat, & the barley, the oyl, and the wine which my lord hath ſpoken of, let him ſend unto his ſervants.

16 And we will cut wood out of Lebanon, † as much as thou ſhalt need: and we will bring it to thee in flotes by ſea to † Joppa; and thou ſhalt carry it up to Jeruſalem.

17 ¶ [e] And Solomon numbred all † the ſtrangers that *were* in the land of Iſrael, after the numbring wherewith David his father had numbred them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thouſand and three thouſand and ſix hundred.

18 And he ſet [f] threeſcore and ten thouſand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourſcore thouſand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thouſand and ſix hundred overſeers to ſet the people a work.

[d] 1 K. 5. 13. & 9. 20.
† Heb. the men the ſtrangers.
[f] As v. 2.

CHAP. III.

1 The place and time of building the temple. 3 The meaſure and ornaments of the houſe. 10 The cherubims. 14 The vail and pillars.

THen [a] Solomon began to build the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem in mount Moriah, || where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threſhing-floor of [b] || Ornan the Jebuſite.

2 And he began to build in the ſecond *day* of the ſecond month, in the fourth year of his reign.

3 ¶ Now theſe *are the things* [c] wherein Solomon was † inſtructed for the building of the houſe of God. The length by cubits after the firſt meaſure *was* threeſcore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the [d] porch that *was* in the front *of the houſe*, the length *of it was* according to the breadth of the houſe, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred & twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater houſe he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and ſet thereon palm-trees and chains.

6 And he † garniſhed the houſe with precious ſtones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim.

7 He overlaid alſo the houſe, the beams, the poſts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof with gold, and graved cherubims on the walls.

8 And he made the moſt holy houſe, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the houſe, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold *amounting* to ſix hundred talents.

9 And

[a] 1 Kin. 6. 1. &c.
|| Or, which was ſeen of David his father.
[b] 1 Chr. 21. 18. & 22. 1.
|| Or, Araunah, 2 Sam. 24. 18.
[c] 1 Kin. 6. 2.
† Heb. founded.
[d] 1 Kin. 6. 3.
† Heb. covered.

9 And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 ¶ [c] And in the most holy house he made two cherubims ‖ of image-work, and overlaid them with gold.

11 And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing *of the one cherub was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub.

12 And *one* wing of ŷ other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of ŷ house; and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joyning to the wing of the other cherub.

13 The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* ‖ inward.

14 ¶ And he made the [f] veil *of* blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and † wrought cherubims thereon.

15 Also he made before the house [g] two pillars of thirty and five cubits † high, and the chapiter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits.

16 And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains.

17 And he [h] reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand, ‖ Jachin; and the name of that on the left, ‖ Boaz.

CHAP. IV.

1 The altar of brass. 2 The molten sea upon twelve oxen. 6 The ten lavers, candlesticks, and tables. 9 The courts, and the instruments of brass. 19 The instruments of gold.

MOreover, he made [a] an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

2 ¶ [b] Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits † from brim to brim, round in compass, and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about.

3 [c] And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about, ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast when it was cast.

4 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

5 And the thickness of it *was* an hand-breadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, ‖ with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also [d] ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them: † such things as they offered for the burnt offering, they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in.

7 [e] And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

8 [f] He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred ‖ basons of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore, [g] he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

10 And [h] he set the sea on the right side of the east-end, over against the south.

11 And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the ‖ basons. And Huram † finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;

12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and [i] the pommels, and the chapiters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pommels of the chapiters which *were* on the top of the pillars;

13 And four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths, two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapiters, which *were* † upon the pillars.

14 He

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[a] 1 Kin. 6. 23. ‖ Or, as some think, *of moveable work.*

‖ Or, *toward the house.* [f] Mat. 27. 51. † Heb. *caused to ascend.* [g] 1 King. 7. 15, 21. Jer. 52. 21. † Heb. *long.*

[h] 1 Kin. 7. 21. ‖ That is, *He shall establish.* ‖ That is, *In it is strength.*

[a] Ezek. 43. 13, 17.

[b] 1 King. 7. 23. † Heb. *from his brim to his brim.*

14 He made also bases, and ‖ lavers made he upon the bases;

15 One sea, and twelve oxen under it:

16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of † bright brass.

17 In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the † clay-ground, between Succoth and Zeredathah.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels that *were* for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the shew-bread *was set*;

20 Moreover, the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner, before ŷ oracle, of pure gold;

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *made he of* gold, *and* that † perfect gold;

22 And the snuffers, and the ‖ basons, and the spoons, and the censers, *of* pure gold. And the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple, *were of* gold.

CHAP. V.

1 *The dedicated treasures.* 2 *The solemn induction of the ark into the oracle.* 11 *God being praised, giveth a visible sign of his favour.*

THus all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: [a] and Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 ¶ [b] Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which *is* Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast, which *was* in the seventh moneth.

4 And all the elders of Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark.

5 And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and* the Levites bring up.

6 Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen which could not be told nor numbred for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house, into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims.

8 For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

9 And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And ‖ there it is unto this day.

10 *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses [c] put *therein* at Horeb, ‖ when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 ¶ And it came to pass when the priests were come out of the holy *place*, (for all the priests *that were* † present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course:

12 [d] Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east-end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lift up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, *saying*, [e] For *he is* good; for his mercy

‖ Or, *they are there*, as 1 King. 8. 8.

[c] Deut. 10. 2, 5.

‖ Or, *where*.

† Heb. *found*.

[d] 1 Chr. 25. 1.

[e] Psal. 136.

mercy endureth for ever: that *then* the houſe was filled with a cloud, *even* the houſe of the LORD;

14 So that the prieſts could not ſtand to miniſter by reaſon of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the houſe of God.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Solomon having bleſſed the people, bleſſeth God.* 12 *Solomons prayer at the conſecration of the temple.*

[a] 1 Kin. 8. 12, &c. [b] Levit. 16. 2.

THen [a] ſaid Solomon, The LORD hath ſaid that he would dwell in the [b] thick darkneſs.

2 But I have built an houſe of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever.

3 And the king turned his face, and bleſſed the whole congregation of Iſrael: and all the congregation of Iſrael ſtood.

4 And he ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael, who hath with his hands fulfilled *that* which he ſpake with his mouth to my father David, ſaying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I choſe no city among all the tribes of Iſrael to build an houſe in, that my name might be there; neither choſe I any man to be a ruler over my people Iſrael:

6 But I have choſen Jeruſalem, that my name might be there, and have choſen David to be over my people Iſrael.

[c] 2 Sam. 7. 2. 1 Chro. 28. 2.

7 Now [c] it was in the heart of David my father to build an houſe for the name of the LORD God of Iſrael.

8 But the LORD ſaid to David my father, Foraſmuch as it was in thine heart to build an houſe for my name, thou didſt well in that it was in thine heart:

9 Notwithſtanding, thou ſhalt not build the houſe; but thy ſon which ſhall come forth out of thy loyns, he ſhall build the houſe for my name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath ſpoken: for I am riſen up in the room of David my father, and am ſet on the throne of Iſrael, as the LORD promiſed, and have built the houſe for the name of the LORD God of Iſrael.

11 And in it have I put the ark, wherein *is* the covenant of the LORD that he made with the children of Iſrael.

12 ¶ And he ſtood before the altar of the LORD in the preſence of all the congregation of Iſrael, and ſpread forth his hands.

13 For Solomon had made a braſen ſcaffold, of five cubits † long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had ſet it in the midſt of the court: and upon it he ſtood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Iſrael, and ſpread forth his hands towards heaven,

14 And ſaid, O LORD God of Iſrael, [d] *there is* no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepeſt covenant, and *ſheweſt* mercy unto thy ſervants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

15 Thou which haſt kept with thy ſervant David my father that which thou haſt promiſed him; and ſpakeſt with thy mouth, and haſt fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Iſrael, keep with thy ſervant David my father that which thou haſt promiſed him, ſaying, [e] † There ſhall not fail thee a man in my ſight to ſit upon the throne of Iſrael; [f] yet ſo, that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou haſt walked before me.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Iſrael, let thy word be verified which thou haſt ſpoken unto thy ſervant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? [g] behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much leſs this houſe which I have built?

19 Have reſpect therefore to the prayer of thy ſervant, and to his ſupplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may be open upon this houſe day and night, upon the place whereof thou haſt ſaid that thou wouldeſt put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy ſervant prayeth || towards this place.

21 Hearken

† Heb. the length, &c.

[d] Exod. 15. 11.

[e] 2 Sam. 7. 12. 1 Kin. 2. 4. † Heb. There ſhall not want a man of, &c. Pſal. 132. 12.

[f] Pſal. 132. 12.

[g] Jer. 23. 24. Acts 7. 49.

|| Or, in this place.

21 Hearken therefore unto the ſupplications of thy ſervant, & of thy people Iſrael, which they ſhall †make towards this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, *even* from heaven; & when thou heareſt, forgive.

22 ¶ If a man ſin againſt his neighbour, † and an oath be laid upon him to make him ſwear, and the oath come before thine altar in this houſe;

23 Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy ſervants, by requiting ŷ wicked, by recompenſing his way upon his own head, & by juſtifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteouſneſs.

24 ¶ And if thy people Iſrael ‖ be put to the worſe before the enemy, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; and ſhall return and confeſs thy name, and pray and make ſupplication before thee ‖ in this houſe;

25 Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the ſin of thy people Iſrael, and bring them again unto ŷ land which thou gaveſt to them and to their fathers.

26 ¶ When the [l] heaven is ſhut up, and there is no rain, becauſe they have ſinned againſt thee; *yet* if they pray towards this place, and confeſs thy name, and turn from their ſin when thou doſt afflict them;

27 Then hear thou from heavens, and forgive the ſin of thy ſervants, and of thy people Iſrael, when thou haſt taught them ŷ good way wherein they ſhould walk; and ſend rain upon thy land which thou haſt given unto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ If there [l] be dearth in the land, if there be peſtilence, if there be blaſting, or mildew, locuſts, or caterpillers; if their enemies beſiege them † in the cities of their land; whatſoever ſore, or whatſoever ſickneſs *there be*:

29 *Then* what prayer *or* what ſupplication ſoever ſhall be made of any man, or of all thy people Iſrael, when every one ſhall know his own ſore and his own grief, and ſhall ſpread forth his hands ‖ in this houſe:

30 Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, & render unto every man according unto all his ways, whoſe heart thou knoweſt: (for thou onely † knoweſt ŷ hearts of the children of men)

31 That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways † ſo long as they live † in the land which thou gaveſt unto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreover, concerning the ſtranger, [l] which is not of thy people Iſrael, but is come from a far countrey for thy great names ſake, and thy mighty hand, and thy ſtretched-out arm; if they come and pray in this houſe:

33 Then hear thou from ŷ heavens, *even* from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the ſtranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Iſrael, and may know that † this houſe which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to war againſt their enemies by the way that thou ſhalt ſend them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou haſt choſen, and the houſe which I have built for thy name;

35 Then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their ſupplication, and maintain their ‖ cauſe.

36 If they ſin againſt thee, (for *there is* [m] no man which ſinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and † they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;

37 Yet, *if* they † bethink themſelves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, ſaying, We have ſinned, we have done amiſs, and have dealt wickedly;

38 If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their ſoul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land which thou gaveſt unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou haſt choſen, and toward the houſe which I have built for thy name:

39 Then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their ſupplication, and maintain their ‖ cauſe, and forgive thy people which have ſinned againſt thee.

40 Now, my God, let, I beſeech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent † unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

† Heb. all the days which. † Heb. upon the face of the land. [l] John 22.20. Acts 8. 27.

† Heb. thy name is called upon this houſe.

‖ Or, right.

[m] Prov. 20.9. Eccles. 7.20. Jam. 3.2. [l] John 1.8.

† Heb. they that take them captives carry them away.

[l] Heb. bring back to their heart.

‖ Or, right.

† Heb. to the prayer of this place.

41 Now [n] therefore ariſe, O LORD God, into thy reſting-place, thou, and the ark of thy ſtrength: let thy prieſts, O LORD God, be clothed with ſalvation, and let thy ſaints rejoyce in goodneſs.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember [o] the mercies of David thy ſervant.

CHAP. VII.

1 God having given teſtimony to Solomons prayer by fire from heaven, and glory in the temple, the people worſhip him. 4 Solomons ſolemn ſacrifice. 8 Solomon having kept the feaſt of tabernacles, and the feaſt of the dedication of the altar, diſmiſſeth the people. 12 God appearing to Solomon, giveth him promiſes upon condition.

NOw [a] when Solomon had made an end of praying, the [b] fire came down from heaven, and conſumed the burnt-offering and the ſacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the houſe.

2 And the prieſts could not enter into the houſe of the LORD, becauſe the glory of the LORD had filled the LORDS houſe.

3 And when all the children of Iſrael ſaw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the houſe, they bowed themſelves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worſhipped, and praiſed the LORD, *ſaying*, [c] For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 ¶ Then the king and all the people offered ſacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a ſacrifice of twenty and two thouſand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thouſand ſheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the houſe of God.

6 [d] And the prieſts waited on their offices: the Levites alſo with inſtruments of muſick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praiſe the LORD, becauſe his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praiſed † by their miniſtery: and the prieſts ſounded trumpets before them, and all Iſrael ſtood.

7 Moreover, Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the houſe of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, becauſe the braſen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Alſo at the ſame time Solomon kept the feaſt ſeven days, and all Iſrael with him, a very great congregation, from [e] the entring in of Hamath unto [f] the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made † a ſolemn aſſembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar ſeven days, and the feaſt ſeven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the ſeventh moneth he ſent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodneſs that the LORD had ſhewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Iſrael his people.

11 Thus [g] Solomon finiſhed the houſe of the LORD, and the kings houſe: and all that came into Solomons heart to make in the houſe of the LORD, and in his own houſe, he proſperouſly effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and ſaid unto him, I have heard thy prayer, [h] and have choſen this place to my ſelf for an houſe of ſacrifice.

13 If I ſhut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locuſts to devour the land, or if I ſend peſtilence among my people;

14 If my people, † which are called by my name, ſhall humble themſelves and pray, and ſeek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their ſin, and will heal their land.

15 Now [k] mine eyes ſhall be open, and mine ears attent † unto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

16 For now have [l] I choſen and ſanctified this houſe, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart ſhall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and ſhalt obſerve my ſtatutes and my judgements;

18 Then will I ſtabliſh the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with

[n] Pſal. 132. 8, &c.
[o] Iſa. 55. 3.
[a] 1 Kin. 8. 54.
[b] Lev. 9. 24. Judg. 6. 21. 1 King. 18. 38. 2 Chr. 21. 26.
[c] Chap. 5. 13.
[d] 1 Chr. 25. 26.
† Heb. By their hand.
[e] Joſh. 13. 3. † Heb. from the entring.
[f] 1 King. 8. 65.
[g] 1 King. 9. 1.
[h] Deut. 12. 5.
[k] Chap. 6. 40. † Heb. the prayer of this place.
[l] 1 King. 9. 3. † Heb. hallowed.

with David thy father, saying, [k] † There shalt not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel.

19 [l] But if ye turn away and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, [m] Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Solomons buildings. 7 The Gentiles which were left Solomon maketh tributaries; but the Israelites, rulers. 11 Pharaohs daughter removeth to her house. 12 Solomons yearly solemn sacrifices. 14 He appointeth the priests and Levites to their places. 17 The navy fetcheth gold from Ophir.

AND [a] it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house,

2 That the cities which Huram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, & caused ỹ children of Israel to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates and bars;

6 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, & all the chariot-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and † all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ *As for* all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel,

8 *But* of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not; them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work: but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chief of king Solomons officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

11 ¶ And Solomon [b] brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in ỹ house of David king of Israel, because *the places are* † holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before ỹ porch;

13 Even after a certain rate every [c] day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new-moons, and on the solemn feasts, [d] three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of David his father, the [e] courses of the priests to their service, and [f] the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the [g] porters also by their courses, at every gate: for † so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites, concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

17 ¶ Then

[b] 1 Kin. 3.1. & 7.8.

† Heb. holiness.

[c] Exod. 29.38.

[d] Exod. 23.14. Deut. 16.16.

[e] 1 Chr. 24.1.

[f] 1 Chr. 25.1.

[g] 1 Chr. 9.17. & 26.1.

† Heb. so was the commandment of David the man of God.

17 ¶ Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to ||Eloth, at the ſea-ſide in the land of Edom.

|| Or, Elath, Deut. 2. 8.

18 And Huram ſent him, by the hands of his ſervants, ſhips, and ſervants that had knowledge of the ſea; and they went with the ſervants of Solomon to Ophir, & took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The queen of Sheba admireth the wiſdom of Solomon.* 13 *Solomons gold.* 15 *His targets.* 17 *The throne of ivory.* 20 *His veſſels.* 23 *His preſents.* 25 *His chariots and horſe.* 26 *His tributes.* 29 *His reign and death.*

AND [a] when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, ſhe came to prove Solomon with hard queſtions at Jeruſalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare ſpices, and gold in abundance, and precious ſtones: and when ſhe was come to Solomon, ſhe communed with him of all that was in her heart.

[a] 1 Kin. 10. 1, &c. Matth. 12. 42. Luke 11. 31.

2 And Solomon told her all her queſtions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.

3 And when the queen of Sheba had ſeen the wiſdom of Solomon, and the houſe that he had built,

4 And the meat of his table, and the ſitting of his ſervants, & the attendance of his miniſters, and their apparel; his || cup-bearers alſo, and their apparel; and his aſcent by which he went up into the houſe of the LORD; there was no more ſpirit in her.

|| Or, butlers.

5 And ſhe ſaid to the king, *It was* a true †report which I heard in mine own land, of thine ||acts, and of thy wiſdom:

† Heb. word. || Or, ſayings.

6 Howbeit, I believed not their words, untill I came, and mine eyes had ſeen *it*. And behold, the one half of the greatneſs of thy wiſdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedeſt the fame that I heard.

7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* theſe thy ſervants, which ſtand continually before thee, and hear thy wiſdom.

8 Bleſſed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to ſet thee on his throne, *to be* king for the LORD thy God. Becauſe thy God loved Iſrael, to eſtabliſh them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement & juſtice.

9 And ſhe gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of ſpices great abundance, and precious ſtones: neither was there any ſuch ſpice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon.

10 And the ſervants alſo of Huram, and the ſervants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees, and precious ſtones.

11 And the king made *of* the algum-trees ||† terriſes to the houſe of the LORD, and to the kings palace, and harps and pſalteries for ſingers. And there were none ſuch ſeen before in the land of Judah.

|| Or, ſtaires. † Heb. Higheways.

12 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her deſire, whatſoever ſhe asked, beſides *that* which ſhe had brought unto the king. So ſhe turned, & went away to her own land, ſhe and her ſervants.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was ſix hundred and threeſcore & ſix talents of gold;

14 Beſides *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and || governours of the countrey brought gold and ſilver to Solomon.

|| Or, captains.

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets *of* beaten gold: ſix hundred *ſhekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred ſhields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *ſhekels* of gold went to one ſhield. And the king put them in the houſe of ý foreſt of Lebanon.

17 ¶ Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold.

18 And *there were* ſix ſteps to the throne, with a foot-ſtool of gold, *which were* faſtned to the throne, and † ſtays on each ſide of the ſitting place, and two lions ſtanding by the ſtays.

† Heb. hands.

19 And twelve lions ſtood there on the one ſide and on the other, upon the ſix ſteps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

20 ¶ And all the drinking-veſſels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the veſſels of the houſe of the foreſt of Lebanon *were of* † pure gold; † none *were of* ſilver: it

† Heb. gold of gold. || Or, there were none ſilver, &c. it

it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon.

21 For the kings ſhips went to Tarſhiſh with the ſervants of Huram; every three years once came the ſhips of Tarſhiſh bringing gold and ſilver, ‖ ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Solomon paſſed all the kings of the earth in riches and wiſdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth ſought the preſence of Solomon, to hear his wiſdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought every man his preſent, veſſels of ſilver, and veſſels of gold, and raiment, harneſs, and ſpices, horſes, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 ¶ And Solomon [b] had four thouſand ſtalls for horſes & chariots, & twelve thouſand horſemen; whom he beſtowed in the chariot-cities, & with ŷ king at Jeruſalem.

26 ¶ [c] And he reigned over all the kings, [d] from the ‖ river even unto the land of the Philiſtines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king † made ſilver in Jeruſalem as ſtones, and cedar-trees made he as the ſycomore-trees, that *are* in the low plains, in abundance.

28 [e] And they brought unto Solomon horſes out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¶ Now the reſt of the [f] acts of Solomon, firſt and laſt, *are* they not written in the † book of Nathan the prophet, and in the propheſie of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the viſions of [g] Iddo the ſeer againſt Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat?

30 And Solomon reigned in Jeruſalem over all Iſrael fourty years.

31 And Solomon ſlept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. X.

1 *The Iſraelites aſſembled at Shechem to crown Reboboam, by Jeroboam make a ſuit of relaxation unto him.* 6 *Rehoboam refuſing the old mens counſel, by the advice of young men, anſwereth them roughly.* 16 *Ten tribes revolting kill Hadoram, and make Rehoboam to flee.*

AND [a] Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Iſrael come to make him king.

2 And it came to paſs when Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled from the preſence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they ſent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Iſrael came, and ſpake to Rehoboam, ſaying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous; now therefore eaſe thou ſomewhat the grievous ſervitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will ſerve thee.

5 And he ſaid unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam took counſel with the old men that had ſtood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, ſaying, What counſel give ye *me* to return anſwer to this people?

7 And they ſpake unto him, ſaying, If thou be kind to this people, and pleaſe them, and ſpeak good words to them, they will be thy ſervants for ever.

8 But he forſook the counſel which the old men gave him, and took counſel with the young men that were brought up with him, that ſtood before him.

9 And he ſaid unto them, What advice give ye that we may return anſwer to this people, which have ſpoken to me, ſaying, Eaſe ſomewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

10 And ŷ young men that were brought up with him ſpake unto him, ſaying, Thus ſhalt thou anſwer the people that ſpake unto thee, ſaying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* ſomewhat lighter for us; thus ſhalt thou ſay unto them, My little *finger* ſhall be thicker then my fathers loins.

11 For whereas my father † put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chaſtiſed you with whips, but I *will chaſtiſe you* with ſcorpions. † Heb. added.

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, ſaying, Come again to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly: and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,

14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkned not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word which he spake by the [b] hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

[b] 1 Kirg 11.29.

16 ¶ And when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But *as for* the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* over the tribute; & the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam † made speed to get him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

† Heb. strengthned himself.

19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 Rehoboam raising an army to subdue Israel, is forbidden by Shemaiah. 5 He strengtheneth his kingdom with forts and provision. 13 The priests and Levites, and such as feared God, forsaken by Jeroboam, strengthen the kingdom of Judah. 18 The wives and children of Rehoboam.

[a] 1 Kin. 12. 21, &c.

AND [a] when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen *men* which were warriours, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Beth-zur, & Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, & Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah, and in Benjamin, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oyl and wine.

12 And in every several citie *he put* shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

13 ¶ And the priests and the Levites, that *were* in all Israel, † resorted to him out of all their coasts.

† Heb. presented themselves to him.

14 For the Levites left [b] their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: For [c] Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priests office unto the LORD:

[b] Num. 35.2. [c] Chap. 13.9.

15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthned the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse:

[d] 1 Kin. 15.2. Chap. 13.2. She is called Michaiah the daughter of Uriel.

19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 And after her, he took [d] Maachah the daughter

daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives & his concubines. For he took eighteen wives and threescore concubines; & begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.

22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countreys of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired † many wives.

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam forsaking the Lord is punished by Shishak. 5 He and the princes repenting at the preaching of Shemaiah, are delivered from destruction, but not from spoil. 13 The reign and death of Rehoboam.

AND it came to pass when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthned himself, [a] he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to pass *that* in the fifth year of king Rehoboam Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem [b] because they had transgressed against the LORD,

3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt, the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and *to* the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD *is* righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, ỹ word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them || some deliverance; & my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 Nevertheless, they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, & the service of the kingdoms of the countreys.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had [c] made.

10 In stead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the kings house.

11 And when the king entred into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fet them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether: || and also in Judah things went well.

13 ¶ So king Rehoboam strengthned himself in Jerusalem, and reigned. For [d] Rehoboam *was* one & fourty years old when he began to reign, & he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put his name there. And his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he || prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the † book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer, concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abijah succeeding, maketh war against Jeroboam. 4 He declareth the right of his cause. 13 Trusting in God, he overcometh Jeroboam. 21 The wives and children of Abijah.

NOW [a] in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem.

[a] 1 Kin. 10 16. Chap. 9. 15.

|| Or, and yet in Judah there were good things.

[d] 1 Kin. 14. 21.

|| Or, fixed.

† Heb. words.

[a] 1 Kin. 15. 1, &c.

His mothers name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 And Abijah † set the battel in aray with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battel in aray against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour.

† Heb. *bound together.*

4 ¶ And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, & said, Hear me thou Jeroboam, and all Israel,

5 Ought you not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by [b] a covenant of salt?

[b] Num. 18.19.

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath [c] rebelled against his lord.

[c] 1 Kin. 11.26.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men the children of Belial, and have strengthned themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; & ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam [d] made you for gods.

[d] 1 Kin. 12. 28.

9 [e] Have ye not cast out the priests of ỹ LORD the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so ỹ whosoever cometh † to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.

[e] Chap. 11.14.

† Heb. *to fill his hand.*

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests which minister unto the LORD *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business.

11 [f] And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt-sacrifices & sweet incense: the [g] *shew*-bread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, [h] to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God: but ye have forsaken him.

[f] Chap. 2.4.

[g] Levit. 24. 6.

[h] Exod. 27.21. Levit. 24. 3.

12 And behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and [i] his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, [k] fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for you shall not prosper.

[i] Num. 10.8.

[k] Acts 5.39.

13 ¶ But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battel *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof.

20 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD strook him, and he died.

21 ¶ But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the ‖ story of the prophet [l] Iddo.

‖ Or, *commentary.*

[l] 1 Chap. 12.15.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Asa succeeding, destroyeth idolatry. 6 Having peace, he strengthneth his kingdom with forts and armies. 9 Calling on God, he overthroweth Zerah, and spoileth the Ethiopians.

SO Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of David.

And

And [a] Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

3 For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, & brake down the †images, & cut down ỹ groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the †images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 ¶ And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls and towres, gates and bars, while the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought ỹ LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built, and prospered.

8 And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand, and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bowes, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ [b] And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battel in aray in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* [c] nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power. Help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not | man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were † destroyed before the LORD and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for [d] ỹ fear of the LORD came upon them: & they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattel, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 *Asa with Judah and many of Israel, moved by the prophesie of Azariah the son of Oded, make a solemn covenant with God.* 16 *He putteth down Maachah his mother for her idolatry.* 18 *He bringeth dedicate things into the house of God, and enjoyeth a long peace.*

AND the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded.

2 And he went out † to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; [a] The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you: but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

5 And [b] in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countreys.

6 And nation was † destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophesie of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the †abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

9 And

† Heb. before.

[a] Jam. 4. 8.

† Heb. before Asa.

[b] Judg. 5. 6.

† Heb. beaten in pieces.

† Heb. abominations.

[d] Gen. 35. 5. Chap. 17. 10.

9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and [c] the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third moneth, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they offered unto the LORD † the same time, of [d] the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen, and seven thousand sheep.

12 And they entred into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;

13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel [e] should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

14 And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Judah rejoyced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

16 ¶ And also *concerning* [f] Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an † idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless, the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Asa, by the aid of the Syrians, diverteth Baasha from building of Ramah.* 7 *Being reproved thereof by Hanani, he putteth him in prison.* 11 *Among his other acts, in his disease he seeketh not to God, but to the physicians.* 13 *His death and burial.*

IN the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa [a] Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the kings house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria that dwelt at † Damascus, saying,

3 *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Ben-hadad hearkned unto king Asa, and sent the captains of † his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was a building: and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 ¶ And at that time [b] Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

8 Were not [c] the Ethiopians and the Lubims †a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

9 For [d] the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, || to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect towards him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth [e] thou shalt have wars.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa † oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

11 ¶ And behold, the acts of Asa, first and

[a] Chap. 11. 16.
† Heb. in that day.
[d] Chap. 14. 13.
[e] Deut. 13. 5, 9, 15.
[f] 1 Kin. 15. 13.
† Heb. horrour.
[a] 1 Kin. 15. 17.
† Heb. Damascus.
† Heb. which were in.
[b] 1 Kin. 16. 1. Chap. 19. 2.
[c] Chap. 14. 9.
† Heb. a huge host.
[d] Zech. 4. 10.
|| Or, Himself to shew himself strong.
[e] 1 Kin. 15. 32.
† Heb. oppressed.

and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, untill his disease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.

13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in ỹ one & fourtieth year of his reign.

14 And they buried him in his own sepulchres which he had † made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries art: and they made a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Jehoshaphat succeeding Asa, reigneth well, and prospereth. 7 He sendeth Levites with the princes to teach Judah. 10 His enemies being terrified by God, some of them bring him presents and tribute. 12 His greatness, captains, and armies.

AND [a] Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthned himself against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways || of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah † brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart || was lift up in the ways of the LORD: moreover, [b] he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 ¶ Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama, and Jehoram, priests.

9 And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 ¶ And [c] the fear of the LORD † fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

12 ¶ And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah || castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.

15 And † next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow & shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.

19 These waited on the king, besides *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jehoshaphat, joyned in affinity with Ahab, is perswaded to go with him against Ramoth-gilead. 4 Ahab seduced by false prophets, according to the word of Micaiah, is slain there.

NOw Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joyned affinity with Ahab.

2 [a] And

[c] Gen. 35. 5.
† Heb. was.
|| Or, palaces.
† Heb. at his hand.

2 [a] And † after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and perswaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.

4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the kings hand.

6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD † besides, that we might enquire of him?

7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good unto me, but alwaies evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* ‖ officers, and said, † Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a ‖ void place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria untill † they be consumed.

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king † with one assent: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

13 And Micaiah said, *As* the LORD liveth, even what my God saith that will I speak.

14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth gilead to battel, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not prophesie good unto me, ‖ but evil?

18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and *on* his left.

19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

20 Then there came out a [b] spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

22 Now therefore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek,

[a] 1 Kin. 22. 2.
† Heb. *at the end of years.*
† Heb. *yet, or more.*
‖ Or, *eunuchs.*
† Heb. *Hasten.*
‖ Or, *first.*
† Heb. *thou shalt push Syria.*
† Heb. *with one mouth.*
‖ Or, *but evil?*
[b] Heb. 1. 6.

cheek, & said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go || into † an inner chamber to hide thy self.

25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governour of the city, and to Joash the kings son;

26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, untill I return in peace.

27 And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise my self, and will go to the battel; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went to the battel.

30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save onely with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him, and God moved them *to depart* from him.

32 For it came to pass, that when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again † from pursuing him.

33 And a *certain* man drew a bowe † at a venture, and smote the king of Israel † between the joynts of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot-man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am † wounded.

34 And the battel increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians untill the even: and about the time of the sun going down he died.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jehoshaphat reproved by Jehu visiteth his kingdom. 5 His instructions to the judges, 8 to the priests and Levites.

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and [a] love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless, there are [b] good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and † he went out again through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 ¶ And he set judges in the land, throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for [c] ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, [d] who *is* with you † in the judgement.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed, and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor [e] respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

8 ¶ Moreover, in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat [f] set of the Levites, and *of* the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgement of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between bloud and bloud, between law and commandment, statutes & judgements, ye shall even warn them that they trespass.

[a] Ps. 1. 139. 21.
[b] Chap. 17. 4, 6.
† Heb. *he returned & went out.*
[c] Deut. 1. 17. 4 Psal. 82. 1. Eccl. 5. 8.
† Heb. *in the matter of judgements.*
[e] Deut. 10. 17. Job 34. 19. Acts 10. 34. Rom. 2. 11. Ephes. 6. 9. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17.
[f] Deut. 16. 18.

treſpaſs not againſt the LORD, and ſo wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye ſhall not treſpaſs.

11 And behold, Amariah the chief prieſt *is* over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the ſon of Iſhmael, the ruler of the houſe of Judah, for all the kings matters: alſo the Levites *ſhall be* officers before you. † Deal couragiouſly, and the LORD ſhall be with the good.

† Heb. Take courage, and do.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Jehoſhaphat in his fear proclaimeth a faſt.* 5 *His prayer.* 14 *The propheſie of Jehaziel.* 20 *Jehoſhaphat exhorteth the people, and ſetteth ſingers to praiſe the Lord.* 22 *The great overthrow of the enemies.* 26 *The people, having bleſſed God at Berachah, return in triumph.* 31 *Jehoſhaphats reign.* 35 *The convoy of ſhips which he made with Ahaziah, according to the propheſie of Eliezer, unhappily periſheth.*

IT came to paſs after this alſo, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beſide the Ammonites, came againſt Jehoſhaphat to battel.

2 Then there came ſome that told Jehoſhaphat, ſaying, There cometh a great multitude againſt thee from beyond the ſea on this ſide Syria, and behold, they *be* in Hazazon tamar, which *is* En gedi.

3 And Jehoſhaphat feared, and ſet † himſelf to ſeek the LORD, and proclaimed a faſt throughout all Judah.

† Heb. his face.

4 And Judah gathered themſelves together to aſk *help* of the LORD; even out of all the cities of Judah they came to ſeek the LORD.

5 ¶ And Jehoſhaphat ſtood in the congregation of Judah and Jeruſalem, in the houſe of the LORD before the new court,

6 And ſaid, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and ruleſt *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, ſo that none is able to withſtand thee?

† Heb. thou.

7 *Art* not thou our God, † who didſt drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Iſrael, and gaveſt it to the ſeed of Abraham * thy friend for ever?

* Jam. 2.23.

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a ſanctuary therein for thy name, ſaying,

9 [b] If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the ſword, judgement, or peſtilence, or famine, we ſtand before this houſe, and in thy preſence, (for thy name *is* in this houſe) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

[b] 1 Kin. 8.33,37. 2 Chron. 6.28.

10 And now behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou [c] wouldſt not let Iſrael invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but [d] they turned from them, and deſtroyed them not;

[c] Deut. 2.4,5, 9, 19. [d] Num. 20.21.

11 Behold, *I ſay, how* they reward us, to come to caſt us out of thy poſſeſſion, which thou haſt given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might againſt this great company that cometh againſt us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.

13 And all Judah ſtood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives and their children.

14 ¶ Then upon Jahaziel the ſon of Zechariah, the ſon of Benaiah, the ſon of Jeiel, the ſon of Mattaniah, a Levite of the ſons of Aſaph, came the ſpirit of the LORD in the midſt of the congregation;

15 And he ſaid, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jeruſalem, and thou king Jehoſhaphat, Thus ſaith the LORD unto you, [e] Be not afraid, nor diſmayed by reaſon of this great multitude: for the battel *is* not yours, but Gods.

[e] Exod. 14.13, 14.

16 To morrow go ye down againſt them: behold, they come up by the † cliff of Ziz, and ye ſhall find them at the end of the || brook, before the wilderneſs of Jeruel.

† Heb. aſcent. || Or, valley.

17 Ye ſhall not *need* to fight in this *battel*: ſet your ſelves, ſtand ye *ſtill*, and ſee the ſalvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jeruſalem: fear not, nor be diſmayed; to morrow go out againſt them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

18 And Jehoſhaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem fell

fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood, and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; [c]Believe in the LORD your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and † that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and say, [e] Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

22 ¶ † And when they began † to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and ‖ they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped † to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch towre in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and † none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and pretious jewels, which they stript off for themselves, more then they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil; it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in ỹ valley of ‖ Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD. Therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

27 Then they returned every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the † forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoyce over their enemies.

28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries, and harps, and trumpets, unto the house of the LORD.

29 And [h] the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countreys, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

31 ¶ [i] And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. *He was* thirty and five years old when he began to reign, & he reigned twenty & five years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, & departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit, [k] the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the † book of Jehu the son of Hanani, [l] who † is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 ¶ And after this [m] did Jehoshaphat king of Judah joyn himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly.

36 And he joyned himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-gaber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joyned thy self with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Jehoram succeeding Jehoshaphat, slayeth his brethren. 5 His wicked reign. 8 Edom and Libnah revolt. 12 The prophesie of Elijah against him in writing. 16 Philistines and Arabians oppress him. 18 His incurable disease, infamous death, & burial.

NOw [a] Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in

† Heb. *head.*

[h] 2 Chap. 17. 10.

[i] 1 Kin. 22. 41, &c.

† See chap. 17. 6.

† Heb. *words.* [l] 1 Kin. 16. 1.

† Heb. *was made to ascend.*

[a] 1 Kin. 22. 50.

in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

2 And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these *were* the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 And their father gave them great gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he *was* the first-born.

b 2 Kin. 8.16, 17

4 Now b when Jehoram was risen up to the kingdom of his father, he strengthned himself, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.

5 ¶ Jehoram *was* thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had ŷ daughter of c Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD.

c Chap. 22. 2.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a †light to him and to his d sons for ever.

† Heb. *lamp*, or *candle*.

d 2 Sam. 7. 12. 1 King. 11. 36. 2 King. 8. 19. Psal. 132. 11, &c.

8 ¶ In his days the Edomites revolted from under the † dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king.

† Heb. *hand*.

9 Then Jehoram e went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots,

e 2 Kin. 8. 21.

10 So the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

11 Moreover, he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*.

12 ¶ And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah,

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy fathers house, *which were* better then thy self:

14 Behold, with † a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods.

† Heb. a great *breach*.

15 And thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians.

17 And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and † carried away all the substance *that was* found in the kings house, and his sons also and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save ‖ Jehoahaz the youngest of his sons.

† Heb. *carried captive*.

‖ Or, Ahaziah. Chap. 22. 1. or, Jehoahaz. ver. 6.

18 ¶ And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to pass that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like f the burning of his fathers.

f Chap. 16. 14.

20 Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed † without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

† Heb. *without desire*.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahaziah succeeding reigneth wickedly. 5 In his confederacy with Joram the son of Ahab he is slain by Jehu. 10 Athaliah destroying all the seed royal, save Joash, whom Jehoshabeath his aunt hid, usurpeth the kingdom.

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made g Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead. For the band of men that came with

g 2 Kin. 8. 24, &c.

with the Arabians to the camp had ſlain all the [b] eldeſt. So Ahaziah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

2 Fourty and two years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jeruſalem. His mothers name alſo *was* [c] Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

3 He alſo walked in the ways of the houſe of Ahab: for his mother was his counſeller to do wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did evil in the ſight of the LORD, like the houſe of Ahab: for they were his counſellers after the death of his father, to his deſtruction.

5 ¶ He walked alſo after their counſel, and went with Jehoram the ſon of Ahab king of Iſrael to war againſt Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians ſmote Joram.

6 And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, becauſe of the wounds † which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And || Azariah the ſon of Jehoram king of Judah went down to ſee Jehoram the ſon of Ahab at Jezreel, becauſe he was ſick.

7 And the † deſtruction of Ahaziah [d] was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram againſt Jehu the ſon of Nimſhi, whom the LORD had anointed [e] to cut off the houſe of Ahab.

8 And it came to paſs that when Jehu was executing judgement upon the houſe of Ahab, and [f] found the princes of Judah, and the ſons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that miniſtred to Ahaziah, he ſlew them.

9 [g] And he ſought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had ſlain him, they buried him, Becauſe, ſaid they, he *is* the ſon of Jehoſhaphat, who ſought the LORD with all his heart. So the houſe of Ahaziah had no power to keep ſtill the kingdom.

10 ¶ [h] But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah ſaw that her ſon was dead, ſhe aroſe, and deſtroyed all the ſeed royal of the houſe of Judah.

11 But Jehoſhabeath the daughter of the king took Joaſh the ſon of Ahaziah, and ſtole him from among the kings ſons *that were* ſlain, & put him and his nurſe in a bed-chamber. So Jehoſhabeath the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the prieſt (for ſhe was the ſiſter of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah, ſo [y] ſhe ſlew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the houſe of God ſix years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Jehoiada having ſet things in order maketh Joaſh king. 12 Athaliah is ſlain. 16 Jehoiada reſtoreth the worſhip of God.

AND [a] in the ſeventh year Jehoiada ſtrengthned himſelf, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the ſon of Jeroham, and Iſhmael the ſon of Jehohanan, and Azariah the ſon of Obed, & Maaſeiah the ſon of Adaiah, and Eliſhaphat the ſon of Zichri, into covenant with him.

2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Iſrael, and they came to Jeruſalem.

3 And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the houſe of God. And he ſaid unto them, Behold, the kings ſon ſhall reign, as the LORD hath [b] ſaid of the ſons of David.

4 This *is* the thing that ye ſhall do; A third part of you entring on the ſabbath of the prieſts and of the Levites *ſhall be* porters of the † doors;

5 And a third part *ſhall be* at the kings houſe; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *ſhall be* in the courts of the houſe of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the houſe of the LORD, ſave the prieſts, and they that miniſter of the Levites; they ſhall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people ſhall keep the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Levites ſhall compaſs the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoſoever *elſe* cometh into the houſe, he ſhall be put to death: but be you with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according

cording to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go *out* on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

9 Moreover, Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, & shields, that *had been* king Davids, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right † side of the † temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

† Heb. shoulder. † Heb. house.

11 Then they brought out the kings son, and put upon him the crown, and [c] *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, † God save the king.

[c] Deut. 17. 18.

† Heb. Let the king live.

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar, at the entring in, & the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoyced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick; and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, † Treason, treason.

† Heb. conspiracy.

14 Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entring of the horse-gate, by the kings house, they slew her there.

16 ¶ And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORDS people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and [d] slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

[d] Deut. 13. 9.

18 Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had [e] distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as *it is* written in the [f] law of Moses, with rejoycing and with singing, *as it was ordained* † by David.

[e] 1 Chron. 24. 1. [f] Num. 28. 2.

† Heb. by the hand of David.

19 And he set the [g] porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean in any thing should enter in.

[g] 1 Chron. 26. 1. &c.

20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governours of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the kings house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

21 And all the people of the land rejoyced, and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Joash reigneth well all the days of Jehoiada. 4 He giveth order for the repair of the temple. 15 Jehoiada his death and honourable burial. 17 Joash falling to idolatry, slayeth Zechariah the son of Jehoiada. 23 Joash is spoiled by the Syrians, and slain by Zabad and Jehozabad. 27 Amaziah succeedeth him.

JOash [a] *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fourty years in Jerusalem. His mothers name also *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba.

[a] 2 Kings 12. 1. &c.

2 And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 ¶ And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded † to repair the house of the LORD.

† Heb. to renew.

5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye haste the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastned *it* not.

6 And the king called for Jehoiada the

the chief, & said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection *according to the commandment* of [b] Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?

7 For the sons of Athaliah that wicked woman had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicate things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim.

8 And at the kings commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

9 And they made † a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the princes and all the people rejoyced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, untill they had made an end.

11 Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the kings office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money; the kings scribe and the high priests officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workmen wrought, and † the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthned it.

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and ‖ to offer *withall*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 ¶ But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died.

16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards God, and towards his house.

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeysance to the king. Then the king hearkned unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD, and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the spirit of God † came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

† Heb. *clothed*; as Judg. 6. 34.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king remembred not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

23 ¶ And it came to pass † at the end of the year, *that* the host of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of † Damascus.

† Heb. *in the revolution of the year.*

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

24 For the army of the Syrians [c] came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers: so they executed judgement against Joash.

[c] Levit. 26. 8. Deut. 32. 30. Isa. 30. 17.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases)

his own servants conspired against him, for the bloud of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed; and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

26 And these *are* they that conspired against him; ‖ Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of ‖ Shimrith a Moabitess.

‖ Or, *Jozachar*, 2 King. 12. 21.
‖ Or, *Shomer*.

27 ¶ Now *concerning* his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the † repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in the ‖ story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

† Heb. *founding*.
‖ Or, *commentary*.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Amaziah beginneth to reign well. 3 He executeth justice on the traitours. 5 Having hired an army of Israelites against the Edomites, at the word of a prophet he loseth an hundred talents, and dismisseth them. 11 He overthroweth the Edomites. 10, 13 The Israelites, discontented at their dismission spoil as they return home. 14 Amaziah proud of his victory, serveth the gods of Edom, and despiseth the admonitions of a prophet. 17 He provoketh Joash to his overthrow. 25 His reign. 27 He is slain by conspiracy.

AMaziah [a] *was* twenty and five years old *when* he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

[a] 2 Kin. 14. 1, &c.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

3 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was † established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

† Heb. *confirmed upon him*.

4 But he slew not their children, but *did* as *it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, [b] The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

[b] Deut. 24. 16. 2 Kings 14. 6. Jer. 31. 30. Ezek. 18. 20.

5 ¶ Moreover, Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbred them [c] from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

[c] Num. 1. 3.

6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver.

7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee: for the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, *with* all ȳ children of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt go, do *it*, be strong for the battel: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the † army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give thee much more then this.

† Heb. *band*.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go † home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home † in great anger.

† Heb. *to their place*.
† Heb. *in heat of anger*.

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthned himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand.

12 And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, & brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they were broken all in pieces.

13 ¶ But † the souldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battel, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

† Heb. *the sons of the band*.

14 ¶ Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto

unto him a prophet, which ſaid unto him, Why haſt thou ſought after the gods of the people which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to paſs as he talked with him, that *the king* ſaid unto him, Art thou made of the kings counſel? forbear; why ſhouldeſt thou be ſmitten? Then the prophet forbare, and ſaid, I know that God hath † determined to deſtroy thee, becauſe thou haſt done this, and haſt not hearkned unto my counſell.

17 ¶ Then [d] Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and ſent to Joaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz the ſon of Jehu king of Iſrael, ſaying, Come, let us ſee one another in the face.

18 And Joaſh king of Iſrael ſent to Amaziah king of Judah, ſaying, The ‖ thiſtle that *was* in Lebanon ſent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, ſaying, Give thy daughter to my ſon to wife: and there paſſed by † a wilde beaſt that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thiſtle.

19 Thou ſayeſt, Lo, thou haſt ſmitten the Edomites, and thine heart lifteth thee up to boaſt: abide now at home; why ſhouldſt thou meddle to *thine* hurt, ẏ thou ſhouldeſt fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not hear; for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand *of their enemies*, becauſe they ſought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Joaſh the king of Iſrael went up; and they ſaw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-ſhemeſh, which *belongeth* to Judah.

22 And Judah was † put to the worſe before Iſrael, and they fled every man to his tent.

23 And Joaſh the king of Iſrael took Amaziah king of Judah the ſon of Joaſh the ſon of Jehoahaz at Beth-ſhemeſh, and brought him to Jeruſalem, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem from the gate of Ephraim to † the corner-gate, four hundred cubits.

24 And *he took* all the gold and the ſilver, and all the veſſels *that were* found in the houſe of God with Obed-edom, and the treaſures of the kings houſe, hoſtages alſo, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the ſon of Joaſh king of Judah lived after ẏ death of Joaſh ſon of Jehoahaz king of Iſrael fifteen years.

26 Now the reſt of the acts of Amaziah, firſt & laſt, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael?

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turn away † from following the LORD, they † made a conſpiracy againſt him in Jeruſalem, and he fled to Lachiſh: but they ſent to Lachiſh after him, and ſlew him there.

28 And they brought him upon horſes, and buried him with his fathers in the city of ‖ Judah.

† Heb. *from after.*

† Heb. *conſpired a conſpiracy.*

‖ That is, *the city of David*, 2 Kings 14. 20.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Uzziah ſucceeding, and reigning well in the days of Zechariah, proſpereth. 16 Waxing proud, he invadeth the prieſts office, and is ſmitten with leproſie. 22 He dieth, and Jotham ſucceedeth him.

THen all the people of Judah took [a] ‖ Uzziah, who *was* ſixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Eloth, and reſtored it to Judah, after that the king ſlept with his fathers.

3 Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and two years in Jeruſalem. His mothers name alſo *was* Jecoliah of Jeruſalem.

4 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And he ſought God in the days of Zechariah, who had underſtanding † in the viſions of God: and as long as he ſought the LORD, God made him to proſper.

6 And he went forth and [b] warred againſt the Philiſtines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Aſhdod, and built cities ‖ about Aſhdod, and among the Philiſtines.

7 And God helped him againſt the Philiſtines, & againſt the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims.

8 And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name † ſpread abroad *even* to

† Heb. *in the ſeeing of God.*

[b] Iſa. 14. 29.

‖ Or, *in the confines of Aſhdod.*

† Heb. *went.*

the entring-in of Egypt: for he ſtrengthened *himſelf* exceedingly.

9 Moreover, Uzziah built towres in Jeruſalem at the [c] corner-gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and ‖ fortified them.

10 Alſo he built towres in the deſert, and ‖ digged many wells: for he had much cattel, both in the low-countrey, and in the plains: husbandmen *alſ*, and vine-dreſſers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved † husbandry.

11 Moreover, Uzziah had an hoſt of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Jeiel the ſcribe, and Maaſeiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah *one* of the kings captains.

12 The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour *were* two thouſand and ſix hundred.

13 And under their hand *was* † an army, three hundred thouſand and ſeven thouſand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king againſt the enemy.

14 And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the hoſt ſhields, and ſpears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and † ſlings *to caſt* ſtones.

15 And he made in Jeruſalem engines invented by cunning men, to be on the towres and upon the bulwarks, to ſhoot arrows and great ſtones withall. And his name † ſpread far abroad: for he was marvellouſly helped till he was ſtrong.

16 ¶ But when he was ſtrong, his heart was lifted up to *his* deſtruction: for he tranſgreſſed againſt the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incenſe upon the altar of incenſe.

17 And Azariah the prieſt went in after him, and with him fourſcore prieſts of the LORD, *that were* valiant men:

18 And they withſtood Uzziah the king, and ſaid unto him, *It* [d] *appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incenſe unto the LORD, but to the [e] prieſts the ſons of Aaron, *that are* conſecrated to burn incenſe: go out of the ſanctuary; for thou haſt treſpaſſed, neither *ſhall it be* for thine honour from the LORD God.

19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a cenſer in his hand to burn incenſe: and while he was wroth with the prieſts, the leproſie even roſe up in his forehead before the prieſts, in the houſe of the LORD, from beſide the incenſe-altar.

20 And Azariah the chief prieſt, and all the prieſts looked upon him, and behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thruſt him out from thence; yea, himſelf [f] haſted alſo to go out, becauſe the LORD had ſmitten him.

21 [g] And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a [h] † ſeveral houſe *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the houſe of the LORD: and Jotham his ſon *was* over the kings houſe, judging the people of the land.

22 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Uzziah, firſt and laſt, did Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz write.

23 So Uzziah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they ſaid, He *is* a leper. And Jotham his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Jotham reigning well proſpereth. 5 He ſubdueth the Ammonites. 7 His reign. 9 Ahaz ſucceedeth him.

JOtham [a] *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ſixteen years in Jeruſalem. His mothers name alſo *was* Jeruſhah the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entred not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the high gate of the houſe of the LORD, and on the wall of ‖ Ophel he built much.

4 Moreover, he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the foreſts he built caſtles and towres.

5 ¶ He fought alſo with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed againſt them. And the children of Ammon gave him the ſame

[c] Neh. 3. 13, 19. 32. Zech. 14. 10.
‖ Or, repaired.
‖ Or, cut out many ciſterns.
§ Or, fruitfull fields.
† Heb. ground.
† Heb. the power of an army.
† Heb. ſtones of ſlings.
† Heb. went forth.
[d] Numb. 18. 7.
[e] Exod. 30. 7.
[f] Ezra 8. 32.
[g] 2 King. 15. 5.
[h] † Heb. free.
‖ Or, a tower.

same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. † So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him both the second year and the third.

6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ‖ prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

7 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

8 He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem.

9 ¶ And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Ahaz reigning very wickedly, is greatly afflicted by the Syrians. 6 Judah being captivated by the Israelites, is sent home by the counsel of Oded the prophet. 16 Ahaz sending for aid to Assyria, is not helped thereby. 22 In his distress he groweth more idolatrous. 26 He dying, Hezekiah succeedeth him.

AHAZ [a] *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father.

2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

3 Moreover, he ‖ burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt [b] his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 He sacrificed also, and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to † Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.

6 ¶ For [c] Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all † valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.

† Heb. *sons of valour.*

7 And Zichri a mighty man of Ephraim slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governour of the house, and Elkanah *that was* † next to the king.

† Heb. *the second to the king.*

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand women, sons and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.

9 But a prophet of the LORD was there whose name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, [d] because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* reacheth up unto heaven.

[d] Psa. 69. 26. Isa. 10. 5. & 47. 6. Ezek. 25. 12, 15. & 26. 2. Obad. 10, &c. Zech. 1. 15.

10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bond men and bond-women unto you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God?

11 Now hear me therefore, and deliver the captives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you.

12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war,

13 And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil, before the princes and all the congregation.

15 And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink,

and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho [c] the city of palm-trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him.

17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away † captives.

18 [d] The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low-country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Judah low, because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

20 And [g] Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthned him not.

21 For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this *is that* king Ahaz.

23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of † Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruine of him and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

25 And in every several city of Judah he made high places || to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts, and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Hezekiah his good reign. 3 He restoreth religion. 5 He exhorteth the Levites. 12 They sanctifie themselves, and cleanse the house of God. 20 Hezekiah offereth solemn sacrifices, wherein the Levites were more forward then the priests.

HEzekiah [a] began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 ¶ He in the first year of his reign, in the first moneth, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east-street,

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctifie now your selves, and sanctifie the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and † turned *their* backs.

7 Also [b] they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burnt incense, nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy *place*, unto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, & he hath delivered them to † trouble, to astonishment, & to [c] hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

9 For lo, [d] our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

10 Now

* Deut. 25. 3. Judg. 1. 16.

† Heb. *a captivity.*

* Ezek. 16. 57.

g 2 Kin. 15. 29.

† Heb. *Darmesek.*

|| Or, *to offer.*

1 Kin. 18. 1.

† Heb. *removed.*

b Chap. 28. 24.

† Heb. *commotion.*

c Chap. 29. 8. & 30. 7. d Chap. 28. 5, 6.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, ‖ be not now negligent: for the LORD hath [c] chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that you should minister unto him, and ‖ burn incense.

12 ¶ Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari; Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehaleel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, ‖ by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD, into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first moneth to sanctifie, and on the eighth day of the moneth came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and in the sixteenth day of the first moneth they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shew-bread-table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the vessels which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a [f] sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received ỹ bloud, and [g] sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled ỹ bloud upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the bloud upon the altar.

23 And they brought † forth the he-goats *for* the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their [h] hands upon them.

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their bloud upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel. For the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all Israel.

25 [i] And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, [k] according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment † of the LORD † by his prophets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments [l] of David, and the priests with [m] the trumpets.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And † when the burnt-offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the † instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the † singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and* all *this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all *that were* † present with him bowed themselves and worshipped.

30 Moreover,

[f] Levit. 4. 3, 14.

[g] Levit. 8. 15, 15. 19. 24. Heb. 9. 21.

† Heb. *took.*

[h] Levit. 4. 15, 24.

[i] 1 Chr. 16. 4. & 25. 6.

[k] 1 Chr. 23. 5. & 25. 1.

† Heb. *by the hand of the LORD.*

† Heb. *by the hand of.* [l] 1 Chr. 23. 5. Amos 6. 5.

[m] Num. 10. 10.

† Heb. *in the time.*

† Heb. *hands of instruments.*

† Heb. *songs.*

† Heb. *found.*

30 Moreover, Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to ſing praiſe unto the LORD, with the words of David, and of Aſaph the ſeer. And they ſang praiſes with gladneſs, and they bowed their heads and worſhipped.

31 Then Hezekiah anſwered and ſaid, Now ye have ‖ conſecrated your ſelves unto the LORD, come near and bring ſacrifices and [n] thank-offerings into ỹ houſe of the LORD. And the congregation brought in ſacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a free heart, burnt-offerings.

‖ Or, filled your hand. [n] Lev. 7. 12.

32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the congregation brought was threeſcore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, *and* two hundred lambs: all theſe *were* for a burnt-offering to the LORD.

33 And the conſecrated things *were* ſix hundred oxen, and three thouſand ſheep.

34 But the prieſts were too few, ſo that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites † did help them till the work was ended, & untill the *other* prieſts had ſanctified themſelves: for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to ſanctifie themſelves then the prieſts.

† Heb. ſtrengthened them.

35 And alſo the burnt-offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for *every* burnt-offering. So the ſervice of the houſe of the LORD was ſet in order.

36 And Hezekiah rejoyced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* ſuddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Hezekiah proclaimeth a ſolemn paſsover on the ſecond moneth for Judah and Iſrael. 13 The aſſembly having deſtroyed the altars of idolatry, keep the feaſt fourteen days. 27 The prieſts and Levites bleſs the people.

AND Hezekiah ſent to all Iſrael and Judah, and wrote letters alſo to Ephraim and Manaſſeh, that they ſhould come to the houſe of the LORD at Jeruſalem, to keep the paſsover unto the LORD God of Iſrael.

2 For the king had taken counſel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jeruſalem, to keep the paſsover in the ſecond [a] moneth.

[a] Num. 9. 10, 11.

3 For they could not keep it at that time, becauſe the prieſts had not ſanctified themſelves ſufficiently, neither had the people gathered themſelves together to Jeruſalem.

4 And the thing † pleaſed the king, and all the congregation.

† Heb. was right in the eyes of the king.

5 So they eſtabliſhed a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Iſrael, from Beer-ſheba even to Dan, that they ſhould come to keep the paſsover unto the LORD God of Iſrael at Jeruſalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time in ſuch ſort* as it was written.

6 So the poſts went with the letters † from the king and his princes throughout all Iſrael and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, ſaying, Ye children of Iſrael, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Iſaac and Iſrael, and he will return to the remnant of you that are eſcaped out of the hand of [b] the kings of Aſſyria.

† Heb. From the hand.

[b] 2 King. 15. 19, 29.

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which treſpaſſed againſt the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to deſolation, as ye ſee.

8 Now † be ye not ſtiff-necked, as your fathers *were*, *but* † yeeld your ſelves unto the LORD, and enter into his ſanctuary, which he hath ſanctified for ever: & ſerve the LORD your God, that the fierceneſs of his wrath may turn away from you.

† Heb. harden not your necks. † Heb. give the hand.

9 For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *ſhall find* compaſſion before them that led them captive, ſo that they ſhall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* [c] gracious and mercifull, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him.

[c] Exod. 34. 6.

10 So the poſts paſſed from city to city through the countrey of Ephraim and Manaſſeh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to ſcorn, and mocked them.

11 Nevertheleſs; [d] divers of Aſher and Manaſſeh

[d] So Chap. 11. 16.

Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

12 Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second moneth, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose, and took away the altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron.

15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second moneth: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in † their place after their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the bloud, *which they received* of the hand of the Levites.

17 For *there were* many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctifie *them* unto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, *even* many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise then it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one

19 *That* prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *clearsed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkned to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

21 And the children of Israel *that were* † present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with † loud instruments unto the LORD.

22 And Hezekiah spake † comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep [f] other seven days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah † did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks, and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoyced.

26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem.

27 ¶ Then the priests the Levites arose, and [g] blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to † his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *The people is forward in destroying idolatry.* 2 *Hezekiah ordereth the courses of the priests and Levites, and provideth for their work and maintenance.* 5 *The peoples forwardness in offerings and tithes.* 11 *Hezekiah appointeth officers to dispose of the tithes.* 20 *The sincerity of Hezekiah.*

NOw when all this was finished, all Israel *that were* † present went out to the cities of Judah, and [a] brake the † images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, † untill they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned every man to his possession into their own cities.

2 ¶ And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to minister and

† Heb. *to the heart of all, &c.*

[f] See 1 King. 8. 65.

† Heb. *lifted up, or offered.*

[g] Num. 6. 23.

† Heb. *the habitation of his holiness.*

† Heb. *found.*

[a] 2 Kin. 18. 4.

† Heb. *images.*

† Heb. *untill to make an end.*

and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 *He appointed* also the kings portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new-moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written [b] in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover, he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.

5 ¶ And assoon as the commandment † came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oyl, and ‖ honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly.

6 And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the [c] tithe of holy things, *which were* consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* † by heaps.

7 In the third moneth they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh moneth.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps.

10 And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said; [d] Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people: and that which is left, *is* this great store.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare ‖ chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*,

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicate *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next.

13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah *were* overseers † under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the free-will offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

15 And † next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in [e] the cities of the priests, in *their* ‖ set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small:

16 Beside their genealogie of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entreth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses;

17 Both to the genealogie of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses;

18 And to the genealogie of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their ‖ set office they sanctified themselves in holiness.

19 Also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in [f] the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth before the LORD his God.

21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law and in the commandments to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP.

[b] Numb. 28. & 29.

† Heb. broke forth.

‖ Or, dates.

[c] Levit. 27. 30. Deut. 14. 28.

† Heb. heaps heaps.

[d] Mal. 3. 10.

‖ Or, store-houses.

† Heb. at the hand.

† Heb. at his hand. [e] Josh. 21. 9.

‖ Or, trust.

[f] Levit. 25. 34. Numb. 35. 2.

CHAP. XXXII.

Sennacherib invading Judah, Hezekiah fortificth himself, and encourageth his people. 9 Against the blasphemies of Sennacherib by message and letters Hezekiah and Isaiah pray. 21 Sennacheribs host is destroyed by an angel, and himself by his sons. 24 Hezekiah praying in his sickness, God giveth him a sign of recovery. 25 He waxing proud, is humbled by God. 27 His wealth and works. 31 His errour. 32 His death, and successour.

AFter [a] *these* things and the establishment *thereof*, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entred into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought † to win them for himself.

2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that † he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem;

3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men, to stop the waters of the fountains which *were* without the city. And they did help him.

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopt all the fountains, and the brook that † ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?

5 Also [b] he strengthned himself, & built up all the wall *that was* broken, and raised *it* up to the towres, and another wall without, and repaired [c] Millo *in* the city of David, and made || darts and shields in abundance.

6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and † spake comfortably to them, saying,

7 Be strong and couragious, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for [d] *there be* mo with us then with him.

8 With him *is* an [e] arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us, and to fight our battels. And the people † rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 ¶ [f] After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege* against Lachish, and all his † power with him) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide || in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Doth not Hezekiah perswade you to give over your selves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations, that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor perswade you on this manner, neither yet beleeve him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

17 [g] He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand.

18 [h] Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city.

19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the people of

[a] Heb. *in the truth.*
[b] Josh. 15. 9.
[c] Or, *house.*
[d] Heb. *are more.*
[e] Jer. 17. 5.
[f] 2 Chron. 32. 1.
[g] 2 Kin. 19. 9.
[h] 2 Kin. 18. 28.
|| Or, *in the strong hold.*
|| Or, *darts.*
† Heb. *to the hand.*
† Heb. *to the heart.*
† Heb. *to the face.*
† Heb. *to the eyes.*
† Heb. *to the ear.*
† Heb. *to the mouth.*
† Heb. *to the heart

of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man.

f 2 Kin. 19. 15. 20 f And for this *cauſe* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

g 2 Kin. 19. 35, &c. 21 ¶ g And the LORD ſent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Aſſyria. So he returned with ſhame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the houſe of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels † ſlew him there with the ſword.

† Heb. made him fall.

22 Thus the LORD ſaved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Aſſyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every ſide.

† Heb. precious things.

23 And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jeruſalem, and † preſents to Hezekiah king of Judah: ſo that he was magnified in the ſight of all nations from thenceforth.

h 2 K. 20. 1. & 38. 1. ‖ Or, wrought a miracle for him.

24 ¶ h In thoſe days Hezekiah was ſick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he ſpake unto him, and he ‖ gave him a ſign.

25 But Hezekiah rendred not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jeruſalem.

† Heb. the lifting up.

26 Notwithſtanding, Hezekiah humbled himſelf for † the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, ſo that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 ¶ And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himſelf treaſuries for ſilver, and for gold, and for pretious ſtones, & for ſpices, & for ſhields, and for all manner of † pleaſant jewels;

† Heb. inſtruments of deſire.

28 Store-houſes alſo for the increaſe of corn, and wine, and oyl; and ſtalls for all manner of beaſts, and cotes for flocks.

29 Moreover, he provided him cities, and poſſeſſions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him ſubſtance very much.

e Iſa. 22. 9, 11. 30 m This ſame Hezekiah alſo ſtopped the upper water-courſe of Gihon, and brought it ſtraight down to the weſt ſide of the city of David. And Hezekiah proſpered in all his works.

31 ¶ Howbeit, in *the buſineſs of* the † embaſſadours of the princes of Babylon, who n ſent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

32 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Hezekiah, and his † goodneſs, behold, they *are* written in o the viſion of Iſaiah the prophet the ſon of Amoz, *and* in p the book of the kings of Judah and Iſrael.

33 And Hezekiah ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ‖ chiefeſt of the ſepulchres of the ſons of David. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem did him honour at his death. And Manaſſeh his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Manaſſeh his wicked reign. 3 He ſetteth up idolatry, and will not be admoniſhed. 11 He is carried into Babylon. 12 Upon his prayer to God he is releaſed, and putteth down idolatry. 18 His acts. 20 He dying, Amon ſucceedeth him. 21 Amon reigning wickedly, is ſlain by his ſervants. 25 The murderers being ſlain, Joſiah ſucceedeth him.

MAnaſſeh a *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jeruſalem:

2 But did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, like unto the b abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had caſt out before the children of Iſrael.

3 ¶ For † he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had c broken down, and *he* reared up altars for Baalim, and d made groves, and worſhipped e all the hoſt of heaven, and ſerved them.

4 Alſo he built altars in the houſe of the LORD, whereof the LORD had ſaid, f In Jeruſalem ſhall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the hoſt of heaven in the two courts of the houſe of the LORD.

6 And he g cauſed his children to paſs through the fire in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom: alſo he obſerved times, and uſed enchantments, and uſed witchcraft, and

h dealt

h dealt with a familiar ſpirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the ſight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he ſet a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the houſe of God, of which God had ſaid to David and to Solomon his ſon, In i this houſe, and in Jeruſalem, which I have choſen before all the tribes of Iſrael, will I put my name for ever.

8 k Neither will I any more remove the foot of Iſrael from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; ſo that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the ſtatutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moſes.

9 So Manaſſeh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem to erre, & to do worſe then the heathen whom the LORD had deſtroyed before the children of Iſrael.

10 And the LORD ſpake to Manaſſeh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 ¶ Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the hoſt † of the king of Aſſyria, which took Manaſſeh among the thorns, and bound him with ‖ fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he beſought ŷ LORD his God, and humbled himſelf greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed unto him: and he was entreated of him, and heard his ſupplication, and brought him again to Jeruſalem into his kingdom. Then Manaſſeh knew that the LORD he *was* God.

14 Now after this, he built a wall without the city of David, on the weſt ſide of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entring in at the fiſh-gate, and compaſſed about ‖ Ophel, and raiſed it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15 And he took away the ſtrange gods, and the idol out of the houſe of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the houſe of the LORD, and in Jeruſalem, and caſt *them* out of the city.

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and ſacrificed thereon peace-offerings and l thank-offerings, and commanded Judah to ſerve the LORD God of Iſrael.

17 Nevertheleſs, the people did ſacrifice ſtill in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD their God onely.

18 ¶ Now the reſt of the acts of Manaſſeh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of m the ſeers that ſpake to him in the name of the LORD God of Iſrael, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Iſrael.

19 His prayer alſo, and *how God* was entreated of him, and all his ſin, and his treſpaſs, and the places wherein he built high places, & ſet up groves and graven images before he was humbled; behold, they *are* written among the ſayings of ‖ the ſeers.

20 ¶ So Manaſſeh ſlept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own houſe. And Amon his ſon reigned in his ſtead.

21 ¶ n Amon *was* two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jeruſalem.

22 But he did *that which was* evil in the ſight of the LORD, as did Manaſſeh his father: for Amon ſacrificed unto all the carved images which Manaſſeh his father had made, and ſerved them;

23 And humbled not himſelf before the LORD, as Manaſſeh his father had humbled himſelf; but Amon † treſpaſſed more and more.

24 And his ſervants conſpired againſt him, and ſlew him in his own houſe.

25 ¶ But the people of the land ſlew all them that had conſpired againſt king Amon; and the people of the land made Joſiah his ſon king in his ſtead.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Joſiah his good reign. 3 He deſtroyeth idolatry. 8 He taketh order for the repair of the temple. 14 Hilkiah having found a book of the law, Joſiah ſendeth to Huldah to enquire of the Lord. 23 Huldah propheſieth the deſtruction of Jeruſalem, but reſpite thereof in Joſiahs time. 29 Joſiah cauſing it to be read in a ſolemn aſſembly, renewеth the covenant with God.

JOſiah o *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jeruſalem one and thirty years.

2 And

i Levit. 7. 12.

m 1 Sam. 9. 9.

‖ Or, Hoſai.

n 2 Kin. 21. 19, &c.

† Heb. multiplied treſpaſſe.

o 2 Kings 22. 1, &c.

2 And he did *that which was* right in the ſight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand nor to the left.

3 ¶ For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to ſeek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began [b] to purge Judah and Jeruſalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 [c] And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his preſence; and the || images that *were* on high above them he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images he brake in pieces, and made duſt *of them*, and ſtrowed *it* upon the † graves of them that had ſacrificed unto them.

5 And [d] he burnt the bones of the prieſts upon their altars, and cleanſed Judah and Jeruſalem.

6 And *ſo did he* in the cities of Manaſſeh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their || mattocks, round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images † into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Iſrael, he returned to Jeruſalem.

8 ¶ Now [e] in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, & the houſe, he ſent Shaphan the ſon of Azaliah, and Maaſeiah the governour of the city, & Joah the ſon of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the houſe of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high prieſt, they delivered the money *that was* brought into the houſe of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manaſſeh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Iſrael, and of all Judah, and Benjamin, and they returned to Jeruſalem.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workmen that had the overſight of the houſe of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the houſe of the LORD, to repair and mend the houſe:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn ſtone, and timber for couplings, and || to floor the houſes which the kings of Judah had deſtroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overſeers of them *were* Jahath, and Obadiah, the Levites, of the ſons of Merari; and Zechariah, and Meſhullam, of the ſons of the Kohathites, to ſet *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of inſtruments of muſick.

13 Alſo *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overſeers of all that wrought the work in any manner of ſervice: and of the Levites *there were* ſcribes, and officers and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money *that was* brought into the houſe of the LORD, Hilkiah the prieſt [f] found the book of the law of the LORD, *given* † by Moſes.

15 And Hilkiah anſwered and ſaid to Shaphan the ſcribe, I have found the book of the law in the houſe of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, ſaying, All that was committed † to thy ſervants, they do *it*.

17 And they have † gathered together the money *that was* found in the houſe of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overſeers, and to the hand of the workmen.

18 Then Shaphan the ſcribe told the king, ſaying, Hilkiah the prieſt hath given me a book. And Shaphan read † it before the king.

19 And it came to paſs when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, and || Abdon the ſon of Micah, and Shaphan the ſcribe, and Aſaiah a ſervant of the kings, ſaying,

21 Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Iſrael and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that

[b] 1 Kin. 13. 2.

[c] Levit. 26. 30. 2 King. 23. 4. || Or, *ſun-images.*

† Heb. *face of the graves.*

[d] 2 Kin. 23. 20.

|| Or, *mauls.*

† Heb. *to make powder.*

[e] 2 Kin. 22. 3.

that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all *that is* written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of ‖ Hasrah, keeper of the † wardrobe. Now she dwelt in Jerusalem ‖ in the college. And they spake to her to that *effect*.

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses *that are* written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah.

25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard,

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thy self before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thy self before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, & upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

29 ¶ § Then the king sent, and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people † great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant *that was* found in the house of the LORD. † Heb. *from great even to small.*

31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant *which are* written in this book.

32 And he caused all *that were* † present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. † Heb. *found.*

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countreys that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all *that were* present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. *And* all his days they departed not † from following the LORD, the God of their fathers. † Heb. *from after.*

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Josiah keepeth a most solemn passover.* 20 *He provoking Pharaoh-necho, is slain at Megiddo.* 25 *Lamentations for Josiah.*

MOreover, [a] Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the [b] fourteenth *day* of the first moneth. [a] 2 King. 23. 21, 22. [b] Exod. 12. 6.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD,

3 And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; [c] *it shall* not *be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel, [c] 1 Chr. 23. 26. [d] 1 Chr. 9. 10. [e] 1 Chr. 23. and 24. and 25. and 26. [f] Chap. 8. 14.

4 And prepare *your selves* by the [d] houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the [e] writing of David king of Israel, and according to the [f] writing of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of † the families of the † Heb. *the house of the fathers.*

fathers of your brethren † the people, and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

† Heb. *the sons of the people.*

6 So kill the passover, and [z] sanctifie your selves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

[z] Chap. 29. 5, 15. & 30. 3, 15. Ezr. 6. 20.

7 And Josiah † gave to the people of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all *that were* present, to the number of thirty thousand; and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the kings substance.

† Heb. *offered.*

8 And his princes † gave willingly unto the people, to the priests and to the Levites: Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattel*, and three hundred oxen.

† Heb. *offered*

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, † gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand *small cattel*, and five hundred oxen.

† Heb. *offered.*

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the kings commandment.

11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites [b] flayed *them*.

[b] See Chap. 29. 34.

12 And they removed ŷ burnt-offerings, that they might give according to ŷ divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written [c] in the book of Moses. And so *did they* with the oxen.

[c] Lev. 3. 3.

13 And they [d] rosted the passover with fire, according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy *offerings* sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and † divided *them* speedily among all the people.

[d] Exod. 12. 8, 9.

† Heb. *made them run.*

14 And afterward they made ready for themselves and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat untill night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sons of Asaph *were* in their † place, according to the [e] commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the kings seer; and the porters [m] *waited* at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

† Heb. *station.*

[e] 1 Chr. 25. 1, 2, &c. 2 Chr. 29. 25, 26, 30.

16 So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel *that were* † present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

† Heb. *found.*

18 And [n] there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel *that were* present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[n] 1 Kin. 23. 22.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.

20 ¶ [o] After all this, when Josiah had prepared ŷ † temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

[o] 2 Kin. 23. 29. 2 Chr. 35. 20.

† Heb. *house.*

21 But he sent embassadours to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against † the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling* with God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not.

† Heb. *house of my war.*

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but [p] disguised himself that he might fight with him, and hearkned not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

[p] 2 Kin. 23. 29.

23 And the archers shot at king Josiah: and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore † wounded.

† Heb. *made sick.*

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he *had*, and they brought him to

to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried ‖ in *one of the* sepulchres of his fathers. And [q] all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 ¶ And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing-men and the singing-women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and behold, they *are* written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his † goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD,

27 And his deeds first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Jehoahaz succeeding is deposed by Pharaoh, and carried into Egypt. 5 Jehoiakim reigning ill, is carried bound into Babylon. 9 Jehoiachin succeeding, reigneth ill, and is brought into Babylon. 11 Zedekiah succeeding, reigneth ill, and despiseth the prophets, and rebelleth against Nebuchadnezzar. 14 Jerusalem for the sins of the priests and people is wholly destroyed. 22 The proclamation of Cyrus.

THen [a] the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his fathers stead in Jerusalem.

2 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three moneths in Jerusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt † put him down at Jerusalem, and † condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ¶ Jehoiakim *was* twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 [b] Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in ‖ fetters to carry him to Babylon.

7 [c] Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and *that which was* found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. And ‖ Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ [d] Jehoiachin *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three moneths and ten days in Jerusalem; and he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

10 And † when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the † goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made ‖ [e] Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ¶ [f] Zedekiah *was* one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

12 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet, *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And [g] he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffned his neck, and hardned his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

14 ¶ Moreover, all the chief of the priests and the people transgressed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

15 [h] And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them † by his messengers, rising up ‖ betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling-place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, untill the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no † remedy.

17 [i] Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Caldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him

‖ Or, *Jeconiah*.
‖ Chr. 36. or, *Coniah*, Jer. 22. 24.
[d] 2 Kin. 24. 8.
† Heb. *at the return of the year*.
† Heb. *vessels of desire*.
‖ Or, *Mattaniah*.
[e] 2 King. 24. 17.
[f] Jer. 37. 1. 2 Kin. 24. 18. Jer. 52. 1, &c.
[g] Ezek. 17. 15, 18.
[h] Jer. 25. 3, 4. & 35. 15.
† Heb. *by the hand of his messengers*.
‖ That is, *continually and carefully*.
† Heb. *healing*.
[i] 2 Kin. 25. 1, &c.

that ſtooped for age: he gave *them* all into his hand.

18 And all the veſſels of the houſe of God, great and ſmall, and the treaſures of the houſe of the LORD, and the treaſures of the king, and of his princes; all *thoſe* he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the houſe of God, and brake down the wall of Jeruſalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and deſtroyed all the goodly veſſels thereof.

† Heb. the remainder from the ſword.

20 And †them that had eſcaped from the ſword carried he away to Babylon: where they were ſervants to him and his ſons untill the reign of the kingdom of Perſia:

[k] Jer. 25. 9, 12. & 26. 6, 7. & 29. 10.

21 To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of [k] Jeremiah, untill the land had enjoyed her ſabbaths: *for* as long as ſhe lay deſolate, ſhe kept ſabbath, to fulfill threeſcore and ten years.

Levit. 26. 34, 35, 43.

22 ¶ [m] Now in the firſt year of Cyrus king of Perſia, that the word of the LORD *ſpoken* by the mouth of [n] Jeremiah might be accompliſhed, the LORD ſtirred up the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* alſo in writing, ſaying,

[m] Ezra 1. 1.

[n] Jer. 25. 12, 13. and 29. 10.

23 Thus ſaith Cyrus king of Perſia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an houſe in Jeruſalem which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

EZRA.

CHAP. I.

1 The proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the temple. 5 The people provide for their return. 7 Cyrus reſtoreth the veſſels of the temple to Sheſhbazzar.

[a] 2 Chr. 36. 22.

NOw [a] in the firſt year of Cyrus king of Perſia, that ỹ word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, might be fulfilled, the LORD ſtirred up the ſpirit of Cyrus king of Perſia, that he † made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* alſo in writing, ſaying,

† Heb. *cauſed a voice to paſs.*

2 Thus ſaith Cyrus king of Perſia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath [b] charged me to build him an houſe at Jeruſalem which *is* in Judah.

[b] Iſa. 44. 28 and 45. 13.

3 Who *is there* among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jeruſalem which *is* in Judah, and build the houſe of the LORD God of Iſrael (he *is* the God) which *is* in Jeruſalem.

4 And whoſoever remaineth in any place where he ſojourneth, let the men of his place † help him with ſilver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beaſts, beſides the free-will-offering for the houſe of God that *is* in Jeruſalem.

† Heb. *lift him up.*

5 ¶ Then roſe up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the prieſts & the Levites, with all *them* whoſe ſpirit God had raiſed to go up, to build the houſe of the LORD which *is* in Jeruſalem.

6 And all they that *were* about them ‖ ſtrengthned their hands with veſſels of ſilver, with gold, with goods, and with beaſts, and with precious things, beſides all *that* was willingly offered.

‖ Or, *were ſtrong in their place.*

7 ¶ Alſo Cyrus the king brought forth the veſſels of the houſe of the LORD, [c] which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jeruſalem, and had put them in the houſe of his gods;

[c] 2 Kin. 24. 13. & 2 Chron. 36. 7.

8 Even thoſe did Cyrus king of Perſia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treaſurer, and numbred them unto [d] Sheſhbazzar the prince of Judah.

[d] See Chap. 5. 14.

9 And this *is* the number of them: Thirty chargers of gold, a thouſand chargers of ſilver, nine and twenty knives,

10 Thirty baſons of gold, ſilver baſons of a ſecond *ſort* four hundred and ten, *and* other veſſels a thouſand.

11 All the veſſels of gold and of ſilver, *were* five thouſand and four hundred. All *theſe*

these did Sheshbazzar bring up with *them* of † the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

CHAP. II.

1 *The number that return* 3 *of the people*, 36 *of the priests*, 40 *of the Levites*, 43 *of the Nethinims*, 55 *of Solomons servants*, 62 *of the priests which could not shew their pedegree.* 64 *The whole number of them, with their substance.* 68 *Their oblations.*

NOw [a] these *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon; and they came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ‖ Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel.

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, [b] seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of [c] Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua *and* Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred fourty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of ‖ Bani, six hundred fourty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of ‖ Jorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of ‖ Gibbar, ninety & five.

21 The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of ‖ Azmaveth, fourty and two.

25 The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and fourty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.

31 The children of the other [d] Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

33 The children of Lod, ‖ Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred fourty and five.

35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 ¶ The priests: the children of [e] Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of [f] Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of [g] Pashur, a thousand two hundred fourty and seven.

39 The children of [h] Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

40 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of ‖ Hodaviah, seventy and four.

41 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

42 ¶ The

† Ezra 1. 1.

* Jer. 25. 12. and 29. 10.

a Ezra 2. 1. Levit. 26. 34. 35. 43.

b Ezra 2. 5.

c Ezra 2. 6.

d See Ezra 2. 31.

e 1 Chr. 24. 7.

f 1 Chr. 24. 14.

g 1 Chr. 9. 12.

h 1 Chr. 24. 8.

‖ Or, *Haripha*, Neh. 10. 7. 24.

‖ Or, *Gibeon*, Neh. 7. 25.

‖ Or, *Beth-azmaveth*, Neh. 7. 28.

‖ Or, *Hadid*, as it is in some copies.

‖ Or, *Judah*, Chap. 3. 9. called also *Hodevah*, Neh. 7. 43.

42 ¶ The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in* all an hundred thirty and nine.

43 ¶ [i] The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Haſupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,

45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,

46 The children of Hagab, the children of ‖ Shalmai, the children of Hanan,

47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,

48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,

49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paſeah, the children of Beſai,

50 The children of Aſnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephuſim,

51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

52 The children of ‖ Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harſha,

53 The children of Barkos, the children of Siſera, the children of Thamah,

54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 ¶ The children of [k] Solomons ſervants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ‖ Peruda,

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Ami.

58 All the [l] Nethinims, and the children of [m] Solomons ſervants, *were* three hundred ninety and two.

59 And theſe *were* they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harſa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not ſhew their fathers houſe, and their ‖ ſeed, whether they *were* of Iſrael:

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, ſix hundred fifty and two.

61 ¶ And of the children of the prieſts: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai: which took a wife of the daughters of [n] Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.

62 Theſe ſought their regiſter *among* thoſe that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore † were they, as polluted, put from the prieſthood.

63 And the ‖ Tirſhatha ſaid unto them that they ſhould not eat of the moſt holy things till there ſtood up a prieſt with [o] Urim and with Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole congregation together *was* fourty and two thouſand three hundred *and* threeſcore,

65 Beſides their ſervants and their maids, of whom *there were* ſeven thouſand three hundred thirty and ſeven: and *there were* among them two hundred ſinging-men and ſinging-women.

66 Their horſes *were* ſeven hundred thirty and ſix; their mules, two hundred fourty and five;

67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* aſſes, ſix thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty.

68 ¶ And *ſome* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the houſe of the LORD which *is* at Jeruſalem, offered freely for the houſe of God to ſet it up in his place.

69 They gave after their ability unto the [p] treaſure of the work threeſcore and one thouſand drams of gold, and five thouſand pound of ſilver, and one hundred prieſts garments.

70 So the prieſts and the Levites, and *ſome* of the people, and the ſingers, and the porters, and the Nethinims dwelt in their cities, and all Iſrael in their cities.

CHAP. III.

1 *The altar is ſet up.* 4 *Offerings frequented.* 7 *Workmen prepared.* 8 *The foundations of the temple are laid in great joy and mourning.*

AND when the ſeventh moneth was come, and the children of Iſrael *were* in the cities, the people gathered themſelves together as one man to Jeruſalem.

2 Then ſtood up ‖ Jeſhua the ſon of Jozadak,

[i] 1 Chr. 9. 2.

‖ Or, *Shamlai.*

‖ Or, *Barſlith*, Nehem. 7. 54.

[k] 1 Kin. 9. 21.

‖ Or, *Perida*, Neh. 7. 57.

‖ Or, *Amon*, Neh. 7. 59.

[l] Joſh. 9. 21. 27. 1 Chron. 9. 2. = 1 Kin. 9. 21.

‖ Or, *pedegree.*

[n] 2 Sam. 17. 27.

† Heb. *they were polluted from the prieſthood.*

‖ Or, *governour.*

[o] Exod. 28. 30. Num. 27. 21.

[p] 1 Chron. 26. 20.

Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and ‖ Zerubbabel the son of [a] Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as *it is* [b] written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear *was* upon them because of the people of those countreys: & they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt-offerings morning and evening.

4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, [c] as *it is* written, and [d] *offered* the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, † as the duty of every day required;

5 And afterward *offered* the continual burnt-offering, both of the new-moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD, *that were* consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free-will-offering unto the LORD.

6 From the first day of ŷ seventh moneth began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD. But † the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not *yet* laid.

7 They gave money also unto the masons, and to the ‖ carpenters, and meat, and drink, and oyl unto them of Zidon and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of [e] Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second moneth, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jeshua, *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ‖ Judah † together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the [f] ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And [g] they sung together by course, in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites, and chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The adversaries being not accepted in the building of the temple with the Jews, endeavour to hinder it.* 7 *Their letter to Artaxerxes.* 17 *The decree of Artaxerxes.* 23 *The building is hindred.*

NOw when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that † the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel;

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him, since the days of [a] Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, You have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we our selves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakned the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

[a] 1 Chr. 6. 31. & 16. 7. & 25. 1.
[b] Exod. 15. 21. 2 Chr. 7. 3.

† Heb. the sons of the transportation.

[a] 2 Kin. 17. 24. & 19. 37.

5 And hired counſellers againſt them to fruſtrate their purpoſe, all the days of Cyrus king of Perſia, even untill the reign of Darius king of Perſia.

† Heb. Ahaſhuerus.

6 And in the reign of † Ahaſuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accuſation againſt the inhabitants of Judah and Jeruſalem.

‖ Or, in peace. † Heb. ſecretary.

7 ¶ And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote ‖ Biſhlam, Mithridath, Tabeel, and the reſt of their † companions unto Artaxerxes king of Perſia; and the writing of ý letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

‖ Or, ſecretary

8 Rehum the chancellour and Shimſhai the ‖ ſcribe wrote a letter againſt Jeruſalem to Artaxerxes the king, in this ſort:

† Chald. ſecurities.

9 Then *wrote* Rehum the chancellour, and Shimſhai the ſcribe, and the reſt of their † companions; the Dinaites, the Apharſathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharſites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Suſanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites,

10 And the reſt of the nations whom the great and noble Aſnappar brought over, and ſet in the cities of Samaria, and the reſt *that are* on this ſide the river, and † at ſuch a time.

† Chald. Chenethe.

11 ¶ This *is* the copy of the letter that they ſent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy ſervants the men on this ſide the river, and at ſuch a time.

12 Be it known unto the king that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jeruſalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have ‖ ſet up the walls *thereof*, and † joyned the foundations.

‖ Or, finiſhed. † Chald. ſowed together.

13 Be it known now unto the king that if this city be builded, and the walls ſet up *again*, *then* will they not † pay toll, tribute and cuſtom, and ſo thou ſhalt endamage the ‖ revenue of the kings.

† Chald. give. ‖ Or, ſtrength.

14 Now becauſe † we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to ſee the kings diſhonour; therefore have we ſent and certified the king,

† Chald. we are ſalted with the ſalt of the palace.

15 That ſearch may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: ſo ſhalt thou find in the book of the records, and know, that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtfull unto kings and provinces, and that they have † moved ſedition † within the ſame of old time: for which cauſe was this city deſtroyed.

† Chald. made. † Chald. in the midſt thereof.

16 We certifie the king, that if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof ſet up, by this means thou ſhalt have no portion on this ſide the river.

17 ¶ *Then* ſent the king an anſwer unto Rehum the chancellour, & *to* Shimſhai the ſcribe, and *to* the reſt of their † companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the reſt beyond the river, Peace, and at ſuch a time.

† Chald. ſecurities.

18 The letter which ye ſent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

19 And † I commanded, and ſearch hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath † made inſurrection againſt kings, and *that* rebellion and ſedition have been made therein.

† Chald. By me a decree is ſet. † Chald. Is found to have ſo.

20 There have been mighty kings alſo over Jeruſalem, which have ruled over all *countreys* beyond the river; and toll, tribute and cuſtom was paid unto them.

21 † Give ye now commandment to cauſe theſe men to ceaſe, and that this city be not builded, untill *another* commandment ſhall be given from me.

† Chald. make a decree. † Chald. to the end that.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why ſhould damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 ¶ Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes letter *was* read before Rehum and Shimſhai the ſcribe, and their companions, they went up in haſte to Jeruſalem unto the Jews, and made them to ceaſe † by force and power.

† Chald. By arm and power.

24 Then ceaſed the work of the houſe of God which *is* at Jeruſalem. So it ceaſed unto the ſecond year of the reign of Darius king of Perſia.

CHAP. V.

1 Zerubbabel and Jeſhua, incited by Haggai and Zechariah, ſet forward the building of the temple. 3 Tatnai and Shethar-boznai could not hinder the Jews. 6 Their letter to Darius againſt the Jews.

THen the prophets, [a] Haggai the prophet, and [b] Zechariah the ſon of Iddo, pro-

[a] Hag. 1. 1. [b] Zech. 1. 1.

prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them.

2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai governour on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall?

4 Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men † that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai governour on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king:

7 They sent a letter unto him † wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it known unto the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with † great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, & to make up these walls?

10 We asked their names also, to certifie thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them.

11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded [d] and set up.

12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of [e] Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first year of [f] Cyrus the king of Babylon, *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And [g] the vessels also of gold and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one* whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whom he had made ‖ governour;

15 And said unto him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is* in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem. And since that time even untill now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search made in the kings treasure-house, which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so* that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

1 Darius finding the decree of Cyrus, maketh a new decree for the advancement of the building. 13 By the help of the enemies and the directions of the prophets the temple is finished. 16 The feast of the dedication is kept, 19 and the passover.

THen Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the † rolls, where the treasures were † laid up in Babylon.

2 And there was found at ‖ Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record thus written:

3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, *the same* Cyrus the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem,

Let

[d] 2 Kin. 24. 2. & 25. 8.

[f] Chap. 1. 1.

[g] Chap. 1. 7, 8. & 6. 5.

‖ Or, deputy.

† Chald. books.

† Chald. made to descend.

‖ Or, Ecbatana, or, in a coffer.

Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof threescore cubits:

4 *With* three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expenses be given out of the kings house.

5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and † brought again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his place, and place *them* in the house of God.

† Chal'd. *go.*

6 Now *therefore* Tatnai governour beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and † your companions the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be ye far from thence.

† Chald. *their societies.*

7 Let the work of this house of God alone: let the governour of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover, †I make a decree what ye shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God; that of the kings goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be not † hindred.

† Chal'. *by me a decree is made.*

† Chald. *made to cease.*

9 And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oyl, according to the appointment of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail:

10 That they may offer sacrifices † of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons.

† Chal'. *of rest.*

11 Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, † let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.

† Chald. *let him be destroyed.*

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai governour on this side the river, Shethar-boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the † commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

† Chal. *decree.*

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the moneth Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

16 ¶ And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, & the rest of † the children of the captivity, kept [a] the dedication of this house of God with joy,

† Chal. *the sons of the transportation.*

[a] 1 Esd. 8. 63. & 7. 57.

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God which *is* at Jerusalem; † [b] as it is written in the book of Moses.

† Chal. *according to the writing in the book of Num. 3. 6. & 8. 9.*

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover [c] upon the fourteenth *day* of the first moneth.

[c] Exod. 12. 6.

20 For the priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat,

22 And kept the feast of unleavened bread

bread ſeven days with joy: for the LORD had made them joyfull, and turned the heart of the king of Aſſyria unto them, to ſtrengthen their hands in the work of the houſe of God, the God of Iſrael.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ezra goeth up to Jeruſalem. 11 The gracious commiſſion of Artaxerxes to Ezra. 27 Ezra bleſſeth God for his favour.

NOw after theſe things, in the reign of [a] Artaxerxes king of Perſia, Ezra [b] the ſon of Seraiah, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Hilkiah,

2 The ſon of Shallum, the ſon of Zadok, the ſon of Ahitub,

3 The ſon of Amariah, the ſon of Azariah, the ſon of Meraioth,

4 The ſon of Zerahiah, the ſon of Uzzi, the ſon of Bukki,

5 The ſon of Abiſhua, the ſon of Phinehas, the ſon of Eleazar, the ſon of Aaron the chief prieſt:

6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he *was* a ready ſcribe in the law of Moſes, which the LORD God of Iſrael had given: and the king granted him all his requeſt, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

7 And there went up *ſome* of the children of Iſrael, and of the prieſts, and the Levites, and the ſingers, and the porters, and [c] the Nethinims, unto Jeruſalem, in the ſeventh year of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jeruſalem in the fifth moneth, which *was* in the ſeventh year of the king.

9 For upon the firſt *day* of the firſt moneth † began he to go up from Babylon, and on the firſt *day* of the fifth moneth came he to Jeruſalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to ſeek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Iſrael ſtatutes and judgements.

11 ¶ Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe, *even a* ſcribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his ſtatutes to Iſrael.

12 Artaxerxes king of kings, unto Ezra the prieſt, a ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*, and at ſuch a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Iſrael, and *of* his prieſts, and Levites in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go up to Jeruſalem, go with thee.

14 Foraſmuch as thou art ſent † of the king, and of his [d] ſeven counſellers, to enquire concerning Judah and Jeruſalem, according to the law of thy God which *is* in thine hand;

15 And to carry the ſilver and gold which the king and his counſellers have freely offered unto the God of Iſrael, whoſe habitation *is* in Jeruſalem,

16 [e] And all the ſilver and gold that thou canſt find in all the province of Babylon, with the free-will-offering of the people, and of the prieſts, offering willingly for the houſe of their God which *is* in Jeruſalem:

17 That thou mayeſt buy ſpeedily with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat offerings and their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the houſe of your God which *is* in Jeruſalem.

18 And whatſoever ſhall ſeem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the reſt of the ſilver and gold, that do after the will of your God.

19 The veſſels alſo that are given thee for the ſervice of the houſe of thy God, *thoſe* deliver thou before the God of Jeruſalem.

20 And whatſoever more ſhall be needfull for the houſe of thy God, which thou ſhalt have occaſion to beſtow, beſtow *it* out of the kings treaſure-houſe.

21 And I, *even* I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treaſurers which *are* beyond the river, that whatſoever Ezra the prieſt, the ſcribe of the law of the God of heaven, ſhall require of you, it be done ſpeedily;

22 Unto an hundred talents of ſilver, and to an hundred † meaſures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oyl, and ſalt without preſcribing *how much*.

23 † What-

† Chald. from before the king.

[d] Eſth. 1. 14.

[e] Chap. 8. 25.

† Chald. cors.

† Heb. Whatsoever is of the decree.

23 †Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

24 Also we certifie you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawfull to impose toll, tribute or custom upon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that *are* beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know *them* not.

26 And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgement be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or † to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

† Chald. *to rooting out.*

27 ¶ Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as this in the kings heart, to beautifie the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem:

28 And hath extended mercy unto me before the king and his counsellers, and before all the kings mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The companions of Ezra who returned from Babylon. 15 He sendeth to Iddo for ministers for the temple. 21 He keepeth a fast. 24 He committeth the treasures to the custody of the priests. 31 From Ahava they come to Jerusalem. 33 The treasure is weighed in the temple. 36 The commission is delivered.

THese *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogie of them that went up with me from Babylon in the reign of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush.

3 Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of [a] Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogie of the males an hundred and fifty.

[a] Chap. 2. 3.

4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerahiah, and with him two hundred males.

5 Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males.

7 And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males.

8 And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males.

9 Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males.

10 And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan ‖ the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

‖ Or, *the youngest son.*

13 And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, & with them threescore males.

14 Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and ‖ Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

‖ Or, *Zaccur, a some read, Or, Jacchi.*

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there ‖ abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

17 And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and † I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God.

† Heb. *put words in their mouth.*

18 And

18 And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren eighteen;

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons twenty;

20 [b] Also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict our selves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For [c] I was ashamed to require of the king a band of souldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him, but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this; and he was entreated of us.

24 ¶ Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed unto them the silver and the gold and the vessels, *even* the offering of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellers, and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered.

26 I even weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents, *and* of gold an hundred talents;

27 Also twenty basons of gold of a thousand drams; and two vessels of † fine copper, † precious as gold.

28 And I said unto them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also; and the silver and the gold *are* a free-will offering unto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep *them*, untill ye weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So took the priests and the Levites the weight of the silver and the gold and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth *day* of the first moneth, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God, by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites:

34 By number & by weight of every one. And all the weight was written at ỳ time.

35 *Also* the children of those that had been carried away which were come out of the captivity, [d] offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats *for* a sin-offering: all *this was* a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

[d] So ch. 6. 17.

36 ¶ And they delivered the kings commissions unto the kings lieutenants, and to the governours on this side the river: and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 *Ezra mourneth for the affinity of the people with strangers.* 5 *He prayeth unto God with confession of sins.*

NOw when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For

2 For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those* lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and pluckt off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonied.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonied untill the evening sacrifice.

5 ¶ And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my ‖ heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,

‖ Or, *affliction.*

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our ‖ trespass is grown up unto the heavens.

‖ Or, *guiltiness*

7 Since the days of our fathers *have* we *been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

8 And now for a † little space grace hath been *shewed* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us ‖ a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

† Heb. *moment*

‖ Or, *a pin: That is, a constant and sure abode. See* Is. 22. 23.

9 For we *were* bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and † to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

† Heb. *to set up.*

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,

† Heb. *by the hand of thy servants.*

11 Which thou hast commanded † by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land unto which ye go to possess it is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it † from one end to another with their uncleanness.

† Heb. *from mouth to mouth.*

12 Now therefore ‖ give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children for ever.

‖ Heb. *Deut.* 23. 3, 6. *Neh.* 13. 25.

13 And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God † hast punished us less then our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this;

† Heb. *Hast given less then our iniquities deserve.*

14 Should we again break thy commandments, and joyn in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

CHAP. X.

1 Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reform the strange marriages. 6 Ezra mourning, assembleth the people. 9 The people at the exhortation of Ezra repent, and promise amendment. 15 The care to perform it. 18 The names of them which had married strange wives.

NOw when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people † wept very sore.

† Heb. *wept a great weeping.*

2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God, † to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according

† Heb. *to bring forth.*

cording to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at [a] the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

4 Arise; for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear that they should do according to this word. And they sware.

6 ¶ Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away.

7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem, unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem;

8 And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be † forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth moneth, and the twentieth *day* of the moneth; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for † the great rain.

10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and † have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel.

11 Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate your selves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.

12 Then all the congregation answered, and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do.

13 But the people are many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for || we are many that have transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, untill the fierce wrath of our God || for this matter be turned from us.

15 ¶ Onely Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah † were employed about this *matter*: and Meshullam & Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

17 And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first moneth.

18 ¶ And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their trespass.

20 And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah.

21 And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

22 And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

23 Also of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah, (the same *is* Kelita) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover, of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah,

Or, we have greatly offended in this thing.

|| Or, rid this matter be dispatched. † Heb. stood.

Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sons also of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai.

29 And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, *and* Shemariah.

33 Of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.

34 Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chellub,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, & Nathan, & Adaiah,

40 ‖ Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph.

43 Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by whom they had children.

‖ Or, Machbadebai, according to some copies.

The book of NEHEMIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 *Nehemiah understanding by Hanani the misery of Jerusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth.* 5 *His prayer.*

THE words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the moneth Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also [a] *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

[a] 2 Kin. 25. 10.

4 ¶ And it came to pass when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,

5 And said, I beseech thee, [b] O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, [c] that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

[b] Dan. 9. 4.

[c] Exod. 20. 6.

6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now day and night for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my fathers house have sinned.

7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, & have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgements which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, [d] *If* ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

[d] Lev. 26. 33. Deut. 4. 25, &c. Deut. 30. 1.

9 But *if* ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; [e] though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, *yet* will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.

10 Now these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy

thy great power and by thy strong hand.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the kings cup-bearer.

CHAP. II.

Artaxerxes understanding the cause of Nehemiah's sadness, sendeth him with letters and commission to Jerusalem. 9 Nehemiah, to the grief of the enemies, cometh to Jerusalem. 12 He vieweth secretly the ruines of the walls. 17 He inciteth the Jews to build in despite of the enemies.

AND it came to pass in the moneth Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that* wine *was* before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said unto the king, [a] Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers sepulchres, *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldst send me unto Judah unto the city of my fathers sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king said unto me, the † queen also sitting by him, For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him [b] a time.

7 Moreover, I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to ŷ governours beyond ŷ river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah;

8 And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the kings forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, [c] according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the governours beyond the river, and gave them the kings letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army, and horsemen with me.

10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the servant the Ammonite heard *of it*, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon.

13 And I went out by night by the gate of the valley, even before the dragon-well, and to the dung-port, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountain, and to the kings pool: but *there was* no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass.

15 Then went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and turned back, and entred by the gate of the valley, and *so* returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 ¶ Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire: come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the kings words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthned their hands for this good *work*.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the ſervant the Ammonite, and Geſhem the Arabian heard *it*, they laughed us to ſcorn, and deſpiſed us, and ſaid, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebell againſt the king?

20 Then anſwered I them, and ſaid unto them, The God of heaven, he will proſper us; therefore we his ſervants will ariſe and build: but [d] you have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jeruſalem.

[d] Ezra 4. 3.

CHAP. III.

1 *The names and order of them that builded the wall.*

THen [a] Eliaſhib the high prieſt roſe up with his brethren the prieſts, and they built the ſheep gate; they ſanctified it, and ſet up the doors of it; even unto the towre of Meah they ſanctified it, unto the towre of [b] Hananeel.

[a] Chap. 12. 10.

[b] Jer. 31. 38.

2 And † next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the ſon of Imri.

† Heb. *at his hand.*

3 But [c] the fiſh-gate did the ſons of Haſſenaah build, who *alſo* laid the beams thereof, and ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

[c] 2 Chr. 33. 14. Zeph. 1. 10.

4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the ſon of Urijah, the ſon of Koz. And next unto them repaired Meſhullam the ſon of Berechiah, the ſon of Meſhezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the ſon of Baana.

5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to [d] the work of their Lord.

[d] Judg. 5. 23.

6 Moreover, the old gate repaired Jehoiada the ſon of Paſeah, and Meſhullam the ſon of Beſodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and ſet up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governour on this ſide the river.

8 Next unto him repaired Uzziel the ſon of Harhaiah, of the goldſmiths. Next unto him alſo repaired Hananiah the ſon of *one of* the apothecaries, and they || fortified Jeruſalem unto the broad wall.

9 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the ſon of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jeruſalem.

10 And next unto them repaired Jedaiah the ſon of Harumaph, even over againſt his houſe. And next unto him repaired Hattuſh the ſon of Haſhabniah.

11 Malchijah the ſon of Harim and Haſhub the ſon of Pahath-moab repaired the † other piece, and the towre of the furnaces.

† Heb. *from the wall.*

12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the ſon of Haloheſh, the ruler of the half part of Jeruſalem, he & his daughters.

13 [c] The valley-gate repaired Hanun, & the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, & ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thouſand cubits on the wall unto [f] the dung-gate.

[c] Chap. 2. 13.

[f] Chap. 2. 13.

14 But the dung-gate repaired Malchiah the ſon of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem; he built it, and ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

15 But [g] the gate of the fountain repaired Shallum the ſon of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and ſet up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of [h] Siloah by the kings garden, and unto the ſtairs that go down from the city of David.

[g] Chap. 2. 14.

[h] John 9. 7.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the ſon of Azbuk the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto *the place* over againſt the ſepulchres of David, and to the [i] pool *that was* made, and unto the houſe of the mighty.

[i] 2 Kings 20. 20.

17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the ſon of Bani. Next unto him repaired Haſhabiah the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the ſon of Henadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the ſon of Jeſhua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece over againſt the going up to the armory at the turning *of the wall.*

20 After

20 After him Baruch the ſon of ‖ Zabbai earneſtly repaired ỷ other piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the houſe of Eliaſhib the high prieſt.

21 After him repaired Meremoth the ſon of Urijah, the ſon of Koz, another piece, from the door of the houſe of Eliaſhib even to the end of the houſe of Eliaſhib.

22 And after him repaired the prieſts, the men of the plain.

23 After him repaired Benjamin, and Haſhub, over againſt their houſe. After him repaired Azariah the ſon of Maaſeiah, the ſon of Ananiah, by his houſe.

24 After him repaired Binnui the ſon of Henadad, another piece, from the houſe of Azariah unto the turning *of the wall*, even unto the corner.

25 Palal the ſon of Uzai, over againſt the turning *of the wall*, & the towre which lieth out from the kings high houſe, that *was* by the [k] court of the priſon. After him, Pedaiah the ſon of Paroſh.

26 Moreover, the Nethinims dwelt in ‖ Ophel, unto *the place* over againſt [m] the water-gate toward the eaſt, and the towre that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, over againſt the great towre that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel.

28 From above [n] the horſe-gate repaired ỷ prieſts, every one over againſt his houſe.

29 After them repaired Zadok the ſon of Immer over againſt his houſe. After him repaired alſo Shemaiah the ſon of Shechaniah, the keeper of the eaſt-gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah ỷ ſon of Shelemiah, and Hanun the ſixth ſon of Zalaph, another piece. After him repaired Meſhullam the ſon of Berechiah over againſt his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah the goldſmiths ſon, unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over againſt the gate Miphkad, and to the ‖ going-up of the corner.

32 And between the going-up of the corner unto the ſheep-gate repaired the goldſmiths and the merchants.

CHAP. IV.

1 *While the enemies ſcoff, Nehemiah prayeth, and continueth the work.* 7 *Underſtanding the wrath and ſecrets of the enemy, he ſetteth a watch.* 13 *He armeth the labourers,* 19 *and giveth military precepts.*

BUt it came to paſs that when [a] Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

2 And he ſpake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and ſaid, What do theſe feeble Jews? will they † fortifie themſelves? will they ſacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the ſtones out of the heaps of the rubbiſh, which are burnt?

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he ſaid, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he ſhall even break down their ſtone-wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are † deſpiſed: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity.

5 And [b] cover not their iniquity, and let not their ſin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joyned together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 ¶ But it came to paſs *that* when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Aſhdodites heard that the walls of Jeruſalem † were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be ſtopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conſpired all of them together to come *and* to fight againſt Jeruſalem, and † to hinder it,

9 Nevertheleſs, we made our prayer unto our God, and ſet a watch againſt them day and night, becauſe of them.

10 And Judah ſaid, The ſtrength of the bearers of burdens is decaied, and *there is* much rubbiſh, ſo that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adverſaries ſaid, They ſhall not know, neither ſee, till we come in the midſt among them, and ſlay them, and cauſe the work to ceaſe.

[a] Chap. 2. 10.

† Heb. *leave it to themſelves.*

† Heb. *deſpiſe.*

[b] Pſal. 68. 27, 28. & 109. 14, 15.

† Heb. *aſcended.*

† Heb. *to make an error to it.*

12 And it came to pass that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, || From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be upon you.*

|| Or, That from all places ye must return to us.

13 ¶ Therefore set I † in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

† Heb. from the lower parts of the place, &c.

14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD *which is* great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.

15 And it came to pass when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

16 And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other *hand* held a weapon.

18 For the builders, every one had his sword girded † by his side, and *so* builded. And he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me.

† Heb. on his loins.

19 ¶ And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work *is* great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

20 In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us. Our God shall fight for us.

21 So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears, from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labour on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, || *saving that* every one put them off for washing.

|| Or, every one went with his weapon for washing.

CHAP. V.

1 The Jews complain of their debt, morgage, and bondage. 6 Nehemiah rebuketh the usurers, and causeth them to make a covenant of restitution. 14 He forbeareth his own allowance, and keepeth hospitality.

AND there was a great cry of the people, and of their wives, against their brethren the Jews.

2 For there were that said, We, our sons, and our daughters *are* many: therefore we take up corn *for them*, that we may eat, and live.

3 *Some* also there were that said, We have morgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the kings tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*: neither *is it* in our power *to redeem them*; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words.

7 Then † I consulted with my self, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, You exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them.

† Heb. my heart consulted upon me.

8 And I said unto them, We, after our ability, have [a] redeemed our brethren the Jews, *which were* sold unto the heathen; and will you even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer*.

[a] Lev. 25. 48.

9 Also I said, It *is* not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk [b] in the fear of our

[b] Lev. 25. 17.

our God, becauſe of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewiſe, *and* my brethren, and my ſervants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this uſury.

11 Reſtore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their olive-yards, and their houſes, alſo the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine, & the oyl, that ye exact of them.

12 Then ſaid they, We will reſtore *them*, and will require nothing of them; ſo will we do as thou ſayeſt. Then I called the prieſts, and [c] took an oath of them, that they ſhould do according to this promiſe.

13 Alſo I ſhook my lap, and ſaid, So God ſhake out every man from his houſe, and from his labour, that performeth not this promiſe, even thus be he ſhaken out and † emptied. And all the congregation ſaid, Amen, and praiſed the LORD. And the people did according to this promiſe.

14 ¶ Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governour in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year, even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governour.

15 But the former governours that *had been* before me were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beſide fourty ſhekels of ſilver; yea, even their ſervants bare rule over the people: but ſo did not I, becauſe of the fear of God.

16 Yea, alſo I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my ſervants *were* gathered thither unto the work.

17 Moreover, *there were* at my table an hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beſides thoſe that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us.

18 Now *that* which was prepared *for me* daily, *was* one ox, *and* ſix choice ſheep; alſo fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days ſtore of all ſorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governour, becauſe the bondage was heavy upon this people.

19 [d] Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people. [d] Chap. 13. 22.

CHAP. VI.

1 Sanballat practiſeth by craft, by rumours, by hired propheſies, to terrifie Nehemiah. 15 The work is finiſhed to the terrour of the enemies. 17 Secret intelligence paſſeth between the enemies and the nobles of Judah.

NOw it came to paſs, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geſhem the Arabian, and the reſt of our enemies heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not ſet up the doors upon the gates)

2 That Sanballat and Geſhem ſent unto me, ſaying, Come, let us meet together in *ſome one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me miſchief.

3 And I ſent meſſengers unto them, ſaying, I *am* doing a great work, ſo that I cannot come down: why ſhould the work ceaſe, whilſt I leave it and come down to you?

4 Yet they ſent unto me four times after this ſort; and I anſwered them after the ſame manner.

5 Then ſent Sanballat his ſervant unto me in like manner the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand;

6 Wherein *was* written, It is reported among the heathen, and ‖ Gaſhmu ſaith *it*, *that* thou and the Jews think to rebell: for which cauſe thou buildeſt the wall, that thou mayeſt be their king, according to theſe words. ‖ Or, Geſhem. ver. 2.

7 And thou haſt alſo appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jeruſalem, ſaying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now ſhall it be reported to the king according to theſe words. Come now therefore, and let us take counſel together.

8 Then I ſent unto him, ſaying, There are no ſuch things done as thou ſayeſt, but thou feigneſt them out of thine own heart.

9 For they all made us afraid, ſaying,

Their hands shall be weakned from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, & let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who *is there* that *being as I am* would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in.

12 And lo, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophesie against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me.

14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 ¶ So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the moneth* Elul, in fifty and two days.

16 And it came to pass that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 ¶ Moreover, in those days the nobles of Judah † sent many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto them.

18 For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because he *was* the son in law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my ‖ words to him. *And* Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

† Heb. multiplied their letters passing to Tobiah.

‖ Or, matters

CHAP. VII.

1 *Nehemiah committeth the charge of Jerusalem to Hanani and Hananiah.* 5 *A register of the genealogy of them which came at the first out of Babylon,* 6 *of the people,* 39 *of the priests,* 43 *of the Levites,* 46 *of the Nethinims,* 57 *of Solomons servants,* 63 *and of the priests which could not find their pedegree.* 66 *The whole number of them, with their substance.* 70 *Their oblations.*

NOw it came to pass when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

2 That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithfull man, and feared God above many.

3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over against his house.

4 Now the city *was* † large and great: but the people *were* few therein, and the houses *were* not builded.

† Heb. broad on both sides.

5 ¶ And my God put into mine heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogie. And I found a register of ỹ genealogie of them which came up at the first, and found written therein,

6 ª These *are* the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city;

ª Ezra 2. 1. &c.

7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, ‖ Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Misperet, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel *was this*;

‖ Or, Seraiah

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11 The children of Pahath moab, of the children

children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred fourty and five.

14 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

15 The children of ‖ Binnui, six hundred fourty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19 The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

20 The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

24 The children of ‖ Hariph, an hundred and twelve.

25 The children of ‖ Gibeon, ninety and five.

26 The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The men of ‖ Beth-azmaveth, fourty and two.

29 The men of ‖ Kirjath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred fourty and three.

30 The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one.

31 The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34 The children of the other [b] Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

36 The children of Jericho, three hundred fourty and five.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.

38 The children of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 ¶ The priests: the children of [c] Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. [c] 1 Chr. 24. 7.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

41 The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred fourty and seven.

42 The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen.

43 ¶ The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of ‖ Hodevah, seventy and four. ‖ Or, Hodaviah, Ezr. 2. 40. or Judah, Ezr. 3. 9.

44 ¶ The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred fourty and eight.

45 ¶ The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita,, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight.

46 ¶ The Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmai,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The children of Solomons servants:

the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

58 The children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ‖ Amon.

‖ Or, Ami.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomons servants, were three hundred ninety and two.

61 [d] And these were they which went up also from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers house, nor their ‖ seed, whether they were of Israel.

d Ezra 2. 59.

‖ Or, pedigree.

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fourty and two.

63 ¶ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took one of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they as polluted, put from the priesthood.

‖ Or, the governour,

65 And ‖ the Tirshatha said unto them that they should not eat of the most holy things till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole congregation together was fourty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,

67 Beside their man-servants and their maid servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred fourty and five singing-men and singing-women.

68 Their horses, seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred fourty and five;

69 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; six thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

† Heb. part.

70 ¶ And † some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests garments.

71 And some of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver.

72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh moneth came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The religious manner of reading and hearing the law. 9 The people are comforted. 13 The forwardness of them to hear and be instructed. 16 They keep the feast of tabernacles.

AND all [a] the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water-gate; and they spake unto Ezra the [b] scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.

a Ezra 3. 1.

b Ezra 7. 6.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all † that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh moneth.

† Heb. that could understand to hearing.

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water-gate, † from the morning untill mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

† Heb. from the light.

4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a † pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, & Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

† Heb. tower of wood.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the † sight of all the people; for he was above all the people: and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

† Heb. eyes.

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, Amen,

Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: & they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

8 So they read in the book, in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah, which *is* ‖ the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, [c] This day *is* holy unto the LORD your God; [d] mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this* day *is* holy unto our Lord: neither be you sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day *is* holy; neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eat and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even ‖ to understand the words of the law.

14 And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded † by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in [e] booths in the feast of the seventh moneth;

15 And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive-branches, and pine-branches, and myrtle-branches, and palm-branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as *it is* written.

16 ¶ So the people went forth, and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the street of the water-gate, and in the street of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in ŷ book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day *was* † a solemn assembly, [f] according unto the manner.

† Heb. *a restraint.*
[f] Levit. 23. 36.

CHAP. IX.

1 *A solemn fast, and repentance of the people.* 4 *The Levites make a religious confession of Gods goodness, and their wickedness.*

NOw in the twenty and fourth day of [a] this moneth the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them.

[a] Chap. 8. 2.

2 And [b] the seed of Israel separated themselves from all † strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.

[b] Ezr. 10. 11. Chap. 13. 30.
† Heb. *strange children.*

3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 ¶ Then stood up upon the ‖ stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God.

‖ Or, *scaffold.*

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, *even* thou art LORD alone: [c] thou hast made heaven, [d] the heaven of heavens,

[c] Gen. 1. 1.
[d] Deut. 10. 14.

heavens, with [c] all their hoſt, the earth and all *things* that *are* therein, the ſeas and all that *is* therein, & thou preſerveſt them all; and the hoſt of heaven worſhippeth thee.

7 Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didſt chooſe [d] Abram, and broughteſt him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gaveſt him the name of [e] Abraham:

8 And foundeſt his heart [h] faithfull before thee, and madeſt a [i] covenant with him, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebuſites, and the Girgaſhites, to give *it*, *I ſay*, to his ſeed, and haſt performed thy words; for thou *art* righteous:

9 And [k] didſt ſee the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and [l] heardeſt their cry by the Red ſea:

10 And [m] ſhewedſt ſigns and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his ſervants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewſt that they dealt proudly againſt them. So didſt thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day

11 [n] And thou didſt divide the ſea before them, ſo that they went through the midſt of the ſea on the dry land; and their perſecuters thou threweſt into the deeps, as a ſtone into the [o] mighty waters.

12 Moreover, thou [p] leddeſt them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they ſhould go.

13 [q] Thou cameſt down alſo upon mount Sinai, & ſpakeſt with them from heaven, & gaveſt them right judgements and † true laws, good ſtatutes and commandments:

14 And madeſt known unto them thy holy ſabbath, and commandedſt them precepts, ſtatutes and laws by the hand of Moſes thy ſervant:

15 And [r] gaveſt them bread from heaven for their hunger, and [s] broughteſt forth water for them out of the rock for their thirſt, and promiſedſt them that they ſhould [t] go in to poſſeſs the land † which thou hadſt ſworn to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardned their necks, and hearkned not to thy commandments,

17 And refuſed to obey, neither were mindfull of thy wonders that thou didſt among them; but hardned their necks, and in their rebellion appointed [u] a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* † a God ready to pardon, [x] gracious and mercifull ſlow to anger, and of great kindneſs, and forſookeſt them not.

18 Yea, [y] when they had made them a molten calf, and ſaid, This *is* thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations;

19 Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forſookeſt them not in the wilderneſs: the [z] pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither [a] pillar of fire by night, to ſhew them light, and the way wherein they ſhould go.

20 Thou gaveſt alſo thy [b] good ſpirit to inſtruct them, and withheldeſt not thy [b] manna from their mouth, and gaveſt them [c] water for their thirſt.

21 Yea, [d] fourty years didſt thou ſuſtain them in the wilderneſs *ſo that* they lacked nothing; their [e] clothes waxed not old, and their feet ſwelled not.

22 Moreover, thou gaveſt them kingdoms and nations, & didſt divide them into corners. So they poſſeſſed the land of [f] Sihon, and the land of the king of Heſhbon, and the land of Og king of Baſhan.

23 Their children alſo multiplieddſt thou as the ſtars of heaven, and broughteſt them into the land concerning which thou hadſt promiſed to their fathers that they ſhould go in to poſſeſs *it*.

24 So the children went in and poſſeſſed the land, and thou ſubduedſt before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gaveſt them into their hands, with their kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them † as they would.

25 And they took ſtrong cities, and a fat land, and poſſeſſed houſes full of all goods, || wells digged, vineyards and olive-yards and † fruit trees in abundance. So they did eat, and were filled and [g] became fat, & delighted themſelves in thy great goodneſs.

26 Never-

[c] Gen. 2. 1.
[d] Gen. 11. 31. & 12. 1.
[e] Ge. 17. 5.
[h] Gen. 15. 6.
[i] Gen. 12. 7. & 15. 8. & 17. 7, 8.
[k] Exod. 2. 25. & 3. 7.
[l] Exo. 14. 10.
[m] Exod. 7. 8, 9, 10, 12. & 14 chapter.
[n] Exod. 14. 21, 22.
[o] Exod. 15. 5, 10.
[p] Exod. 13. 21.
[q] Exod. 19. 20. & 20. 1.
† Heb. *laws of truth.*
[r] Exod. 16. 14, 15.
[s] Exod. 17. 6. Numb. 20. 9, &c.
[t] Deut. 1. 8.
† Heb. *which thou hadſt lift up thine hand to give them*

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and [h] cast thy law behind their backs, and [i] slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations.

27 [k] Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven; & according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, † they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned and cried unto thee, thou heardest *them* from heaven, and many times didst thou deliver them, according to thy mercies:

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkned not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, [l] which if a man do, he shall live in them; and † withdrew the shoulder, and hardned their neck, and would not hear.

30 Yet many years didst thou † forbear them, and testifiedst [m] against them by thy spirit † in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

31 Nevertheless, for thy great mercies sake thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou *art* a gracious and mercifull God.

32 Now therefore our God, the great, the [n] mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy; let not all the † trouble seem little before thee † that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day.

33 Howbeit, thou *art* just in all that is brought upon us: for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

34 Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers kept thy law, nor hearkned unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testifie against them.

35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

36 Behold, we *are* servants this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants in it.

37 And it yeeldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion over our bodies and over our cattel at their pleasure, and we *are* in great distress.

38 And because of all this we make a sure *covenant*, and write *it*; and our princes, Levites, *and* priests † seal *unto it*. † Heb. *are at the sealing*, or, *sealed*.

CHAP. X.

1 *The names of them that sealed the covenant.* 29 *The point of the covenant.*

NOw † those that sealed *were*, Nehemiah ‖ the Tirshatha, the son of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, † Heb. *in the sealing.* ‖ Or, *the governour.*

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,
3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchijah,
4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the priests.

9 And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel;

10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,
11 Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
13 Hodijah, Bani, Beninu.
14 The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zatthu, Bani,
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,
17 Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur,
18 Hodijah,

18 Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Jaddua,
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
26 And Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,
27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

a Ezr. 2. 28 ¶ a And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge and having understanding;

29 They clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entred into a curse and into an oath, to walk in Gods law, which was given † by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and his judgements and his statutes:

† Heb. by the hand of.

b Exod. 34. 16. Deut. 7. 3.

30 And that we would not give b our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons:

c Exod. 20. 10. Levit. 23. 3. Deut. 5. 12. Chap. 13. 15, &c.

31 c And *if* the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that* we would leave the d seventh year, and the e exaction of † every debt.

d Levit. 25. 4.

e Deut. 15. 2.

† Heb. every hand.

32 Also we made ordinances for us, to charge our selves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God,

33 For the shew bread, and for the continual meat offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, f of the sabbaths, of the new-moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin-offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God.

f See Numb. 28, &c. 29.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, g as it *is* written in the law:

g Lev. 6. 12.

35 And h to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

h Exod. 23. 19. 34. 26. Levit. 19. 23.

36 Also the first born of our sons, and of our cattel, as *it is* written i in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God:

i Exod. 13. 2, 12. Lev. 27. 26. Numb. 18. 15, 16.

37 k And *that* we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oyl, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and l the tithes of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.

k Levit. 23. 17. Numb. 15. 19, 20. Deut. 18. 4. Ezek. 44. 30.

l Lev. 27. 30. Numb. 18. 21.

38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites m when the Levites take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house.

m Num. 18. 26.

39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi n shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine and the oyl, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary, & the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

n Deut. 12. 6, 11.

CHAP. XI.

1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man cast by lot, dwell at Jerusalem. 3 A catalogue of their names. 20 The residue dwell in other cities.

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

3 ¶ Now these *are* the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, & the Levites, and a the Nethinims, and

a Ezr. 2. 43.

and [b] the children of Solomons servants.

4 And [c] at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez;

5 And Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni.

6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these *are* the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah.

8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty and eight.

9 And Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin.

11 Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the work of the house *were* eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren chief of the fathers, two hundred fourty and two: and Amashai the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer,

14 And their brethren mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel ‖ the son of *one* of the great men.

15 Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni.

16 And Shabbethai, and Jozabad of the chief of the Levites, † *had* the oversight of [d] the outward business of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the principal to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son Jeduthun.

18 All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four.

19 Moreover, the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept † the gates, *were* an hundred seventy and two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the priests *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance.

21 [e] But the Nethinims dwelt in ‖ Ophel: and Ziha and Gispa *were* over the Nethinims.

22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house of God.

23 For *it was* the kings commandment concerning them, that ‖ a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba and *in* the villages thereof, and at Dibon and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel & *in* the villages thereof,

26 And at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet,

27 And at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba and *in* the villages thereof,

28 And at Ziklag, and at Mekonah and in the villages thereof,

29 And at En-rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish and the fields thereof, at Azekah and *in* the villages thereof. And they

† Heb. were over. 1 Chr. 26. 29.

† Heb. at the gates.

[e] See Chap. 3. 26. ‖ Or, the tower.

‖ Or, a sure ordinance.

they dwelt from Beer-ſheba unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children alſo of Benjamin *dwelt* from Geba, || Or, of Geba. || Or, to Michmaſh. at Michmaſh, and Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages,

32 *And* at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, & Ono, [f] the valley of craftſmen.

36 And of the Levites, *were* diviſions *in* Judah, *and* in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

1 The prieſts & and the Levites which came up with Zerubbabel. 10 The ſucceſſion of the high prieſts. 22 Certain chief Levites. 27 The ſolemnity of the dedication of the walls. 44 The offices of the prieſts and Levites appointed in the temple.

NOw theſe *are* the [a] prieſts and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel, and Jeſhua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, || Malluch, Hattuſh,

3 || Shechaniah, || Rehum, || Meremoth,

4 Iddo, || Ginnetho, Abijah,

5 || Miamin, || Maadiah, Bilgah,

6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

7 || Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. Theſe *were* the chief of the prieſts and of their brethren in the days of Jeſhua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeſhua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over || the thankſgiving, he and his brethren.

9 Alſo Bakbukiah, & Unni, their brethren, *were* over againſt them in the watches.

10 ¶ And Jeſhua begat Joiakim, Joiakim alſo begat Eliaſhib, and Eliaſhib begat Joiada,

11 And Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were prieſts, the chief of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

13 Of Ezra, Meſhullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

14 Of Melicu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joſeph;

15 Of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai;

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meſhullam;

17 Of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

18 Of Bilgah, Shammuah; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

19 And of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

21 Of Hilkiah, Haſhabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel.

22 ¶ The Levites in the days of Eliaſhib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* recorded chief of the fathers: alſo the prieſts, to the reign of Darius the Perſian.

23 The ſons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, *were* written in the book of the [b] chronicles, even untill the days of Johanan the ſon of Eliaſhib.

24 And the chief of the Levites: Haſhabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeſhua the ſon of Kadmiel, with their brethren over againſt them, to praiſe *and* to give thanks [c] according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over againſt ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meſhullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the || threſholds of the gates.

26 Theſe *were* in the days of Joiakim the ſon of Jeſhua, the ſon of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governour, and of Ezra the prieſt the ſcribe.

27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall of Jeruſalem they ſought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jeruſalem, to keep the dedication with gladneſs, both with thankſgivings, and with ſinging *with* cymbals, pſalteries, and with harps.

28 And the ſons of the ſingers gathered themſelves together, both out of the plain countrey round about Jeruſalem, and from the villages of Netophathi,

29 Alſo from the houſe of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba, and Azmaveth: for the ſingers had builded them villages round about Jeruſalem.

30 And the prieſts and the Levites purified themſelves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah

[a] Ezra 2. 1.

[b] 1 Chr. 4. 14.

|| Or, Melicu, verſ. 14.

|| Or, Shechaniah, verſ. 14.

|| Or, Harim, verſ. 15.

|| Or, Meraioth, verſ. 15.

|| Or, Ginnethon, verſ. 16.

|| Or, Miniamin, verſ. 17.

|| Or, Moadiah, verſ. 17.

|| Or, Sallai, verſ. 20.

|| That is, the pſalm of thankſgiving.

[c] 1 Chr. 24. 3, & 25. & 26.

|| Or, threſholds, or, gates.

Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward [d] the dung-gate:

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and half of the princes of Judah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah,

35 And *certain* of the priests sons [e] with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with [f] the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them.

37 And at [g] the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up by [h] the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto [i] the water-gate east-ward.

38 And the other *company of them that gave* thanks went over against *them*, and I after them: and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond [k] the towre of the furnaces even unto [l] the broad wall;

39 And from above [m] the gate of Ephraim, and above [n] the old gate, and above [o] the fish-gate, and the towre of Hananeel, and [p] the towre of Meah, even unto the sheep-gate: and they stood still in [q] the prison-gate.

40 So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:

41 And the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah with trumpets;

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers † sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoyced: for God had made them rejoyce with great joy: ỹ wives also and the children rejoyced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions || of the law for the priests and Levites: † for Judah rejoyced for the priests and for the Levites † that waited.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, [r] according to the commandment of David *and* of Solomon his son.

46 For in the days of David [s] and Asaph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise & thanksgiving unto God.

47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day his portion: and they || sanctified *holy things* unto the Levites; [t] and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the children of Aaron.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Upon the reading of the law, separation is made from the mixed multitude. 4 Nehemiah at his return causeth the chambers to be cleansed. 10 He reformeth the offices in the house of God. 15 the violation of the sabbath, 23 and the marriages with strange wives.

ON that day † they read in the book of Moses in the † audience of the people; and therein was found written [a] that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but [b] hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to pass when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this, Eliashib the priest, † having the oversight of ỹ chamber of the house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah:

5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels; and the tithes of the corn, the new

[d] Neh. 2. 13. 3. 13. 14. 26. 27. 31.
[e] 1 Chr. 15. 24.
[f] 1 Chr. 16. 5. 42. 25. 1. 6.
[g] Neh. 2. 14. 3. 15.
[h] 1 Chr. 29. 11. 2 Chr. 24. 27. 32. 5.
[i] Neh. 3. 26.
[k] 2 Chr. 26. 9.
[l] Neh. 3. 8.
[m] Neh. 8. 16.
[n] Neh. 3. 6.
[o] Neh. 3. 3.
[p] Neh. 3. 1.
[q] Neh. 12. 39.
[r] That is, appointed by the law.
[s] 1 Chr. 25. 1. &c.
[t] That is, set apart. Numb. 8. 26.
[a] Deut. 23. 3, 4.
[b] Num. 22. 5. Josh. 24. 9.
† Heb. there was read.
† Heb. eyes.
† Heb. being set over.

new wine, and the oyl, † which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the ſingers, and the porters, and the offerings of the prieſts.

† Heb. *the commandment of the Levite.*

6 But in all this *time* was not I at Jeruſalem. For in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and † after certain days ‖ obtained I leave of the king.

† Heb. *at the end of days.* ‖ Or, *earneſtly requeſted.*

7 And I came to Jeruſalem, and underſtood of the evil that Eliaſhib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the houſe of God.

8 And it grieved me ſore: therefore I caſt forth all the houſhold ſtuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.

9 Then I commanded, and they cleanſed the chambers: and thither brought I again the veſſels of the houſe of God, with the meat-offering and the frankincenſe.

10 ¶ And I perceived that [c] the portions of the Levites had not been given *them*: for the Levites and ỹ ſingers, that did the work, were fled every one to [d] his field.

[c] Mal. 3. 8.

[d] Numb. 35. 2.

11 Then contended I with the rulers, and ſaid, Why is the houſe of God forſaken? And I gathered them together, and ſet them in their † place.

† Heb. *ſtanding.*

12 Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn, and the new wine, and the oyl, unto the ‖ treaſuries.

¶ Or, *ſtore-houſes.*

13 And I made treaſurers over the treaſuries, Shelemiah the prieſt, and Zadok the ſcribe, and of the Levites Pedaiah: and † next to them *was* Hanan the ſon of Zaccur, the ſon of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithfull, and † their office *was* to diſtribute unto their brethren.

† Heb. *at their hand.* † Heb. *it was upon them.* [c] ver. 22.

14 [c] Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my † good deeds that I have done for the houſe of my God, and for the ‖ offices thereof.

† Heb. *kindneſſes.* ‖ Or, *obſervations.*

15 ¶ In thoſe days ſaw I in Judah *ſome* treading wine preſſes on the ſabbath, and bringing in ſheaves, and lading aſſes; as alſo wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jeruſalem on the ſabbath-day: and I teſtified *againſt them* in the day wherein they ſold victuals.

16 There dwelt men of Tyre alſo therein, which brought fiſh, and all manner of ware, and ſold on the ſabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jeruſalem.

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and ſaid unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the ſabbath-day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, & upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Iſrael by profaning the ſabbath.

19 And it came to paſs, that when the gates of Jeruſalem [e] began to be dark before the ſabbath, I commanded that the gates ſhould be ſhut, and charged that they ſhould not be opened till after the ſabbath: and *ſome* of my ſervants ſet I at the gates, *that* there ſhould no burden be brought in on the ſabbath-day.

[e] Lev. 23. 32.

20 So the merchants and ſellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jeruſalem once or twice.

21 Then I teſtified againſt them, and ſaid unto them, Why lodge ye † about the wall? if ye do *ſo* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the ſabbath.

† Heb. *from before the wall.*

22 And I commanded the Levites that [f] they ſhould cleanſe themſelves, and *that* they ſhould come *and* keep ỹ gates, to ſanctifie ỹ ſabbath-day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this alſo, and ſpare me according to the ‖ greatneſs of thy mercy.

[f] Chap. 12. 30.

‖ Or, *multitude.* † Heb. *according to the goodneſs.*

23 ¶ In thoſe days alſo ſaw I Jews *that* † [h] had married wives of Aſhdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab:

† Heb. *made to dwell.*

24 And their children ſpake half in the ſpeech of Aſhdod, and † could not ſpeak in the Jews language, but according to the language † of each people.

† Heb. *by the mouth of.* † Heb. *peoples.*

25 And I contended with them, and ‖ curſed them, and ſmote certain of them, and pluckt off their hair, and made them ſwear by God, *ſaying*, Ye ſhall not give your daughters unto their ſons, nor take their daughters unto your ſons, or for your ſelves.

‖ Or, *reviled.* 1 Kings 3. 1. & 11. 1. 2 Chron. 1. 14.

26 Did not Solomon king of Iſrael ſin by theſe things? yet [i] among many nations

was

was there no king like him, [k] who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: [l] nevertheless, even him did outlandish women cause to sin.

27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God, in marrying strange wives?

28 And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, † because they have defiled the priesthood, and [m] the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and [n] appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;

31 And for [o] the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

† Heb. *for the defilings.*

[m] Mal. 2. 4, 11, 12.

[n] Chap. 12. 1, &c.

[o] Chap. 10. 34.

The book of ESTHER.

CHAP. I.

1 *Ahasuerus maketh royal feasts.* 10 *Vashti sent for refuseth to come.* 13 *Ahasuerus by the counsel of Memucan maketh the decree of mens sovereignty.*

NOw it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces)

2 *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace,

3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him:

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honour of his excellent majesty, many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.

5 And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people *that were* † present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the kings palace;

6 *Where were* white, green, and ‖ blue *hangings*, fastned with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings, and pillars of marble: the beds *were of* gold, and silver, upon a pavement ‖ of red, and blue, and white, and black marble.

7 And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold, the vessels being divers one from another, and † royal wine in abundance, † according to the state of the king.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compell: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every mans pleasure.

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus.

10 ¶ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven ‖ chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king, with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* † fair to look on.

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the kings commandment † by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13 ¶ Then the king said to the wisemen, [a] which knew the times, (for so *was* the kings manner towards all that knew law and judgement:

14 And the next unto him *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, *and* Memucan, the [b] seven princes of Persia and Media, [c] which saw the kings face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom)

15 † What shall we do unto the queen Vashti

† Heb. *wine of the kingdom.*

† Heb. *according to the hand of the king.*

‖ Or, *eunuchs.*

† Heb. *good of countenance.*

† Heb. *which was by the hand of his eunuchs.*

[a] 1 Chr. 12. 32.

[b] Ezra 7. 14.

[c] 2 Kin. 25. 19.

† Heb. *What to do.*

Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king onely, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17 For *this* deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

18 *Likewise* shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the kings princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.

† Heb. *If it be good with the king*

† Heb. *from before him.*

† Heb. *that it pass not away.* chap. 8. 8.

† Heb. *unto her companion.*

† Heb. *was good in the eyes of the king,*

† Heb. *that one should publish it according to the language of his people.*

19 † If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment † from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, † that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate † unto another that is better then she.

20 And when the kings decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

21 And the saying † pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan.

22 For he sent letters into all the kings provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and † that *it* should be published according to the language of every people.

CHAP. II.

1 *Out of the choice of virgins a queen is to be chosen.* 5 *Mordecai, the nursing-father of Esther.* 8 *Esther is preferred by Hegai before the rest.* 12 *The manner of purification, and going in to the king.* 15 *Esther, best pleasing the king, is made queen.* 21 *Mordecai, discovering a treason, is recorded in the chronicles.*

AFter these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembred Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then said the kings servants, that ministred unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king.

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, † unto the custody of ‖ Hege the kings chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them.*

† Heb. *in the hand,* ‖ Or, *Hegai.*

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen in stead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 ¶ *Now* in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew whose name *was* Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite:

6 [a] Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

[a] 2 King. 24. 14, 15. 2 Chron. 36. 6, 10. Jer. 24. 1.

7 And he † brought up Hadassah, that *is* Esther, his uncles daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* † fair and beautifull: whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

† Heb. *was brought up.* † Heb. *daughter of form and of countenance.*

8 ¶ So it came to pass, when the kings commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the kings house, to the custody of Hegai keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with † such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the kings house: and † he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

† Heb. *her parts.* † Heb. *evil.*

10 Esther had not shewed her people, nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it.*

11 And Mordecai walked every day before

before the court of the womens house, † to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

12 ¶ Now when every maids turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve moneths, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six moneths with oyl of myrrh, and six moneths with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women)

13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; Whatsoever she desired was given her, to go with her out of the house of the women unto the kings house.

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz the kings chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

15 ¶ Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail, ỹ uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the kings chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus, into his house royal, in the tenth moneth, which *is* the moneth Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and ‖ favour † in his sight more then all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen in stead of Vashti.

18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esthers feast; and he made a † release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the kings gate.

20 Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred, nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him.

21 ¶ [b] In those days, while Mordecai sat in the kings gate, two of the kings chamberlains, ‖ Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept † the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

22 And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name.

23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out: therefore they were both hanged on a tree. And it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

[b] See Esth. 12. 1.

‖ Or, *Bigthana*, Chap. 6. 2.

† Heb. *the threshold.*

CHAP. III.

1 *Haman advanced by the king, and despised by Mordecai, seeketh revenge upon all the Jews.* 7 *He casteth lots.* 8 *He obtaineth by calumniation a decree of the king to put the Jews to death.*

AFter these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha [a] the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

[a] See Esth. 16. 10.

2 And all the kings servants that *were* in the kings gate bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai [b] bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.

[b] Esth. 13. 14.

3 Then the kings servants, which *were* in the kings gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the kings commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkned not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai his matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that

were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first moneth, that *is* the moneth Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, [c] they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman, from day to day, and from moneth to moneth, *to* the twelfth *moneth*, that *is* the moneth Adar.

8 ¶ And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people, in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and [d] their laws *are* diverse from all people, neither keep they the kings laws: therefore it *is* not † for the kings profit to suffer them.

9 If it please the king, let it be written † that they may be destroyed: and I will † pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the kings treasuries.

10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews ‖ enemy.

11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them, as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then were the kings ‖ scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first moneth, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the kings lieutenants, and to the governours that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the kings ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the kings provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth moneth, which *is* the moneth Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

14 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.

15 The posts went out, being hastned by the kings commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city Shushan was perplexed.

CHAP. IV.

1 The great mourning of Mordecai and the Jews. 4 Esther understanding it, sendeth to Mordecai; who sheweth the cause, and adviseth her to undertake the suit. 10 She excusing her self, is threatned by Mordecai. 15 She appointing a fast, undertaketh the suit.

WHen Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

2 And came even before the kings gate: for none *might* enter into the kings gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in every province whithersoever the kings commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing; and † many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 ¶ So Esthers maids and her † chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not.

5 Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the kings chamberlains, † whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai, unto the street of the city, which *was* before the kings gate.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had hapned unto him, and of the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the kings treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.

8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king,

[c] Chap. 9. 24.

[d] Ezr. 4. 13. Acts 16. 20.

† Heb. meet, or equal.

† Heb. to destroy them.

† Heb. weigh.

‖ Or, oppressour.

‖ Or, secretaries.

† Heb. kitchin and chest were laid under me.

† Heb. eunuchs.

† Heb. given in charge before her.

king to make ſupplication unto him, and to make requeſt before him for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Eſther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Again Eſther ſpake unto Hatach, & gave him commandment unto Mordecai;

11 All the kings ſervants and the people of the kings provinces do know, that whoſoever, whether man or woman, ſhall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except ſuch to whom the king ſhall hold out the golden ſceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king theſe thirty days.

12 And they told to Mordecai Eſthers words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to anſwer Eſther, Think not with thy ſelf that thou ſhalt eſcape in the kings houſe, more then all the Jews.

14 For if thou altogether holdeſt thy peace at this time, *then* ſhall there † enlargement and deliverance ariſe to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy fathers houſe ſhall be deſtroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *ſuch* a time as this?

15 ¶ Then Eſther bade *them* return Mordecai *this anſwer*,

16 Go, gather together all the Jews *that are* † preſent in Shuſhan, and faſt ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I alſo and my maidens will faſt likewiſe; and ſo will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I periſh, I periſh.

17 So Mordecai † went his way, and did according to all that Eſther had commanded him.

CHAP. V.

1 Eſther adventuring on the kings favour, obtaineth the grace of the golden ſceptre, and inviteth the king and Haman to a banquet. 6 She being encouraged by the king in her ſuit, inviteth them to another banquet the next day. 9 Haman, proud of his advancement, repineth at the contempt of Mordecai 14 By the counſel of Zereſh he buildeth for him a pair of gallows.

NOw it came to paſs on the third day, that Eſther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and ſtood in the inner court of the kings houſe, over againſt the kings houſe: & the king ſat upon his royal throne in the royal houſe, over againſt the gate of the houſe.

2 And it was ſo when the king ſaw Eſther the queen ſtanding in the court, *that* [a] ſhe obtained favour in his ſight: and the king held out to Eſther the golden ſceptre that *was* in his hand. So Eſther drew near and touched the top of the ſceptre.

3 Then ſaid the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Eſther? and what *is* thy requeſt? [b] it ſhall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

4 And Eſther anſwered, If *it ſeem* good unto the king, let the king & Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king ſaid, Cauſe Haman to make haſte, that he may do as Eſther hath ſaid. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Eſther had prepared.

6 ¶ And the king ſaid unto Eſther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it ſhall be granted thee: and what *is* thy requeſt? even to the half of the kingdom it ſhall be performed.

7 Then anſwered Eſther, and ſaid, My petition and my requeſt *is*;

8 If I have found favour in the ſight of the king, and if it pleaſe the king to grant my petition and † to perform my requeſt, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I ſhall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath ſaid.

9 ¶ Then went Haman forth that day joyfull, & with a glad heart: but when Haman ſaw Mordecai in the kings gate, that he ſtood not up nor moved for him, he was full of indignation againſt Mordecai.

10 Nevertheleſs, Haman refrained himſelf: and when he came home, he ſent and † called for his friends, and Zereſh his wife.

11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and ſervants of the king.

12 Haman

[a] See Eſth. 15. 7.

[b] So Mark 6. 23.

† Heb. to do.

† Heb. cauſed to come.

12 Haman ſaid moreover, Yea, Eſther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that ſhe had prepared, but my ſelf; and to morrow am I invited unto her alſo with the king.

13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, ſo long as I ſee Mordecai the Jew ſitting at the kings gate.

14 ¶ Then ſaid Zereſh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a † gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow ſpeak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleaſed Haman, and he cauſed [c] the gallows to be made.

† Heb. tree.

[c] Chap. 7. 10.

CHAP. VI.

1 Ahaſuerus reading in the chronicles of the good ſervice done by Mordecai, taketh care for his reward. 4 Haman coming to ſue that Mordecai might be hanged, unawares giveth counſel that he might do him honour. 12 Complaining of his misfortune, his friends tell him of his final deſtiny.

ON that night † could not the king ſleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

† Heb. the kings ſleep fled away.

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of ‖ Bigthana and Tereſh, two of the kings chamberlains, the keepers of the † door, who ſought to lay hand on the king Ahaſuerus.

‖ Or, Bigthan, Chap. 2. 21. † Heb. threſh. id.

3 And the king ſaid, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then ſaid the kings ſervants that miniſtred unto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 ¶ And the king ſaid, Who *is* in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the kings houſe to ſpeak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

5 And the kings ſervants ſaid unto him, Behold, Haman ſtandeth in the court. And the king ſaid, Let him come in.

6 So Haman came in: and the king ſaid unto him, What ſhall be done unto the man † whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more then to my ſelf?

† Heb. in whoſe honour the king delighteth.

7 And Haman anſwered the king, For the man † whom ỹ king delighteth to honour,

8 † Let the royal apparel be brought † which the king *uſeth* to wear, and [a] the horſe that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is ſet upon his head:

† Heb. Let them bring the apparel of the king delighteth. † Heb. and the horſe. † Heb. crown royal. [a] 1 King. 1. 33.

9 And let this apparel and horſe be delivered to ỹ hand of one of the kings moſt noble princes, that they may aray the man *withall* whom the king delighteth to honour, & † bring him on horſeback through the ſtreet of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus ſhall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

† Heb. cauſe him to ride.

10 Then the king ſaid to Haman, Make haſte, *and* take the apparel and the horſe, as thou haſt ſaid, and do even ſo to Mordecai the Jew that ſitteth at the kings gate: † let nothing fail of all that thou haſt ſpoken.

† Heb. let not a word fall.

11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horſe, and arayed Mordecai, and brought him on horſeback through the ſtreet of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus ſhall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

12 ¶ And Mordecai came again to the kings gate. But Haman haſted to his houſe mourning, and having his head covered.

13 And Haman told Zereſh his wife and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then ſaid his wiſe men and Zereſh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the ſeed of the Jews, before whom thou haſt begun to fall, thou ſhalt not prevail againſt him, but ſhalt ſurely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the kings chamberlains, and haſted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Eſther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

1 Eſther entertaining the king and Haman, maketh ſuit for her own life and her peoples. 5 She accuſeth Haman. 7 The king in his anger underſtanding of the gallows which Haman had made for Mordecai, cauſeth him to be hanged thereon.

SO the king and Haman came † to banquet with Eſther the queen.

† Heb. to drink.

2 And the king ſaid again to Eſther, on the ſecond day, [a] at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Eſther? and it ſhall

[a] Chap. 5. 6.

shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed *even* to the half of the kingdom.

3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4 For we are[b] sold, I and my people, † to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bond-men and bond-women, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the kings damage.

5 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he? and where is he † that durst presume in his heart to do so?

6 And Esther said, †The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid ‖ before the king and the queen.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace-garden; and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen: for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace-garden into the place of the banquet of wine. And Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also † before me in the house? As the word went out of ỳ kings mouth, they covered Hamans face.

9 And ‹Harbonah, one of the chamberlains said before the king, Behold also the † gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the kings wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Mordecai is advanced.* 3 *Esther maketh suit to reverse Hamans letters.* 7 *Ahasuerus granteth to the Jews to defend themselves.* 15 *Mordecai's honour, and the Jews joy.*

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he *was* unto her.

2 And the king took off [a] his ring which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, † and besought him with tears, to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device ỳ he had devised against the Jews.

4 Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse † the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, ‖ which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all the kings provinces.

6 For how can I † endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

8 Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the kings name, and seal *it* with the kings ring: for the writing which is written in the kings name, and sealed with the kings ring, [b] may no man reverse.

9 Then were the kings scribes called at that time in the third moneth, that *is* the moneth Sivan, on the three and twentieth *day* thereof; and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing

[a] Chap. 3. 10.

† Heb. *and she wept and besought him.*

† Heb. *the device.*

‖ Or, *who wrote.*

† Heb. *be able that I may see.*

[b] See Chap. 1. 19. Dan. 6. 8. 12, 15.

writing and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahaſuerus name, and ſealed *it* with the kings ring, and ſent letters by poſts on horſeback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young dromedaries:

11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city, to gather themſelves together, and to ſtand for their life, to deſtroy, to ſlay, and to cauſe to periſh all the power of the people and province that would aſſault them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the ſpoil of them for a prey;

12 Upon one day, in all the provinces of king Ahaſuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth moneth, which *is* the moneth Adar.

13 The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, *was* † publiſhed unto all people, and that the Jews ſhould be ready againſt that day to avenge themſelves on their enemies.

† Heb. revealed.

14 *So* the poſts that rode upon mules & camels went out, being haſtned and preſſed on by the kings commandment. And ẏ decree was given at Shuſhan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the preſence of the king in royal apparel of ‖ blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen, and purple: and the city of Shuſhan rejoyced and was glad:

‖ Or, violet.

16 The Jews had light, and gladneſs, and joy, and honour.

17 And in every province and in every city, whitherſoever the kings commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladneſs, a feaſt and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAP. IX.

1 The Jews (the rulers, for fear of Mordecai, helping them) ſlay their enemies, with the ten ſons of Haman. 11 Ahaſuerus at the requeſt of Eſther granteth another day of ſlaughter, and Hamans ſons to be hanged. 20 The two days of Purim are made feſtival.

NOw in the twelfth moneth, that *is* the moneth Adar, on the thirteenth day of the ſame, when the kings commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them)

2 The Jews gathered themſelves together in their cities, throughout all the provinces of the king Ahaſuerus, to lay hand on ſuch as ſought their hurt: and no man could withſtand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and †officers of the king helped the Jews; becauſe the fear of Mordecai fell upon them.

† Heb. thoſe that did the buſineſs of the king, that were ouerſeers of the workes.

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the kings houſe, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

† Heb. longed to be long.

5 Thus the Jews ſmote all their enemies with the ſtroke of the ſword, and ſlaughter and deſtruction, and did † what they would unto thoſe that hated them.

† Heb. according to their will.

6 And in Shuſhan the palace the Jews ſlew and deſtroyed five hundred men.

7 And Parſhandatha, and Dalphon, and Aſpatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmaſhta, and Ariſai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha,

10 The ten ſons of Haman the ſon of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, ſlew they; but on the ſpoil laid they not their hand.

11 ¶ On that day the number of thoſe that were ſlain in Shuſhan the palace † was brought before the king.

† Heb. came.

12 And the king ſaid unto Eſther the queen, The Jews have ſlain and deſtroyed five hundred men in Shuſhan the palace, and the ten ſons of Haman; what have they done in the reſt of the kings provinces? now what *is* thy petition? and it ſhall be granted thee: or what *is* thy requeſt further? and it ſhall be done.

13 Then ſaid Eſther, If it pleaſe the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shuſhan

Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this days decree, and † let Hamans ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Hamans ten sons.

15 For the Jews that *were* in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the moneth Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

16 But the other Jews that *were* in the kings provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand; but they laid not their hands on the prey.

17 On the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar, and on the fourteenth day † of the same, rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

18 But the Jews that *were* at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day* thereof and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of ỹ same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.

19 Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar *a day of* gladness and feasting, and a good day, & of sending portions one to another.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far,

21 To stablish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar and the fifteenth day of the same yearly,

22 As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the moneth which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of [a] sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

23 And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them.

24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, & [b] had cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, to † consume them and to destroy them;

25 But † when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device which he devised against the Jews should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows:

26 Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of ‖ Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and *of that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, & upon all such as joyned themselves unto them, so as it should not † fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing & according to their *appointed* time every year;

28 And that these days *should be* remembred and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not † fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them † perish from their seed.

29 Then Esther the queen the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with † all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim.

30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth;

31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoyned them, and as they had decreed † for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

CHAP. X.

1 *Ahasuerus his greatness.* 3 *Mordecai's advancement.*

AND the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and *upon* the isles of the sea.

2 And

[a] Chap. 3. 7. † Heb. a rest.
† Heb. when she came.
‖ That is, Lot.
† Heb. pass.
† Heb. be ended.
† Heb. all strength.
† Heb. for their souls.

2 And all the acts of his power, and of his might, and the declaration of ŷ greatneſs of Mordecai, whereunto the king † advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Perſia?

† Heb. made him great.

3 For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahaſuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, ſeeking the wealth of his people, and ſpeaking peace to all his ſeed.

The Book of JOB.

CHAP. I.

1 The holineſs, riches, and religious care of Job for his children. 6 Satan appearing before God, by calumniation obtaineth leave to tempt Job. 13 Underſtanding the loſs of his goods and children, in his mourning he bleſſeth God.

THere was a man in the land of Uz whoſe name *was* [a] Job; and that man was [b] perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eſchewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him ſeven ſons and three daughters.

3 His ‖ ſubſtance alſo was ſeven thouſand ſheep, and three thouſand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred ſhe-aſſes, and a very great ‖ houſhold; ſo that this man was the greateſt of all the † men of the eaſt.

4 And his ſons went and feaſted in *their* houſes, every one his day; and ſent and called for their three ſiſters, to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was ſo, when the days of *their* feaſting were gone about, that Job ſent and ſanctified them, and roſe up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings *according* to the number of them all: for Job ſaid, It may be that my ſons have ſinned, and [c] curſed God in their hearts. Thus did Job † continually.

6 ¶ Now there was a day when the ſons of God came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and † Satan came alſo † among them.

7 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Whence comeſt thou? Then Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, From [d] going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

8 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, † Haſt thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and eſcheweth evil?

9 Then Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Haſt not thou made an hedge about him, and about his houſe, and about all that he hath on every ſide? thou haſt bleſſed the work of his hands, and his ‖ ſubſtance is increaſed in the land.

11 [e] But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, † and he will curſe thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath *is* in thy † power; only upon himſelf put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the preſence of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there was a day when his ſons and his daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

14 And there came a meſſenger unto Job, and ſaid, The oxen were plowing, and the aſſes feeding beſide them:

15 And the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away; yea, they have ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword; and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

16 While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, ‖ The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burnt up the ſheep, and the ſervants, and conſumed them; and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

17 While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and † fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and

[a] Ezek. 14. 14. Jam. 5. 11. [b] Chap. 2. 3.

‖ Or, camel.

‖ Or, husbandry. † Heb. ſons of the eaſt.

[c] 1 Kin. 21. 10, 13. † Heb. all the days.

† Heb. the adverſary. † Heb. in the midſt of them. [d] 1 Pet. 5. 8.

† Heb. Haſt thou ſet thy heart on.

‖ Or, cattel. [e] Chap. 19. 21. † Heb. if he curſe thee not to thy face. † Heb. hand.

‖ Or, a great fire.

† Heb. rush.

and ſlain the ſervants with the edge of the ſword; and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

18 While he *was* yet ſpeaking, there came alſo another, and ſaid, Thy ſons and thy daughters *were* eating and drinking wine in their eldeſt brothers houſe:

19 And behold, there came a great wind † from the wilderneſs, and ſmote the four corners of the houſe, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am eſcaped alone to tell thee.

20 Then Job aroſe, and rent his || mantle, and ſhaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worſhipped,

21 And ſaid, [r] Naked came I out of my mothers womb, and naked ſhall I return thither. The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; bleſſed be the name of the LORD.

22 In all this Job ſinned not, nor || charged God fooliſhly.

CHAP. II.

1 Satan appearing again before God, obtaineth further leave to tempt Job. 7 He ſmiteth him with ſore boyls. 9 Job reproveth his wife, moving him to curſe God. 11 His three friends condole with him in ſilence.

AGain there was a day when the ſons of God came to preſent themſelves before the LORD, and Satan came alſo among them to preſent himſelf before the LORD.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, From whence comeſt thou? And [a] Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

3 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Haſt thou conſidered my ſervant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, [b] a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, & eſcheweth evil? and ſtill he holdeth faſt his integrity, although thou movedſt me againſt him † to deſtroy him without cauſe.

4 And Satan anſwered the LORD, and ſaid, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his fleſh, and he will curſe thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, Behold, *he is* in thine hand; || but ſave his life.

7 ¶ So went Satan forth from the preſence of the LORD, and ſmote Job with ſore boyls from the ſole of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potſherd to ſcrape himſelf withall; and he ſat down among the aſhes.

9 ¶ Then ſaid his wife unto him, Doſt thou ſtill retain thine integrity? curſe God, and die.

10 But he ſaid unto her, Thou ſpeakeſt as one of the fooliſh women ſpeaketh: what? ſhall we receive good at the hand of God, and ſhall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job ſin with his lips.

11 ¶ Now when Jobs three friends heard of all this evil ỳ was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him.

12 And when they lift up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and ſprinkled duſt upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they ſat down with him upon the ground ſeven days and ſeven nights, and none ſpake a word unto him: for they ſaw that *his* grief was very great.

CHAP. III.

1 Job curſeth the day and ſervices of his birth. 13 The eaſe of death. 20 He complaineth of life, becauſe of his anguiſh.

AFter this opened Job his mouth, and curſed his day.

2 And Job † ſpake, and ſaid,

3 [a] Let the day periſh wherein I was born, and the night *in which* it was ſaid, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkneſs; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light ſhine upon it.

5 Let darkneſs and the ſhadow of death || ſtain it, let a cloud dwell upon it, || let the blackneſs of the day terrifie it.

6 *As for* that night, let darkneſs ſeize upon

† Heb. anſwered.
[a] Chap. 10. 18, 19. Jer. 20. 14.
|| Or, challenge it.
|| Or, let them terrifie it as thoſe who have a bitter day.

upon it; ‖ let it not be joyned unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the moneths.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyfull voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse ỹ day, who are ready to raise up ‖ their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but *have* none, neither let it see † the dawning of the day:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my *mothers* womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.

11 Why died I not from the womb? *why* did I *not* give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?

12 Why did the knees prevent me? or why the breasts that I should suck?

13 For now should I have lien still, and been quiet, I should have slept: then had I been at rest;

14 With kings and counsellers of the earth, which [b] built desolate places for themselves;

15 Or with princes that had gold, who filled their houses with silver:

16 Or [c] as an hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants *which* never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease *from* troubling; and there the † weary be at rest.

18 *There* the prisoners rest together, they hear not the voice of the oppressour.

19 The small and great are there, and the servant *is* free from his master.

20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery, and life unto the bitter *in* soul?

21 Which † [d] long for death, but it *cometh* not; and dig for it more then for hid treasures?

22 Which rejoyce exceedingly, *and* are glad when they can find the grave?

23 *Why is light given* to a man whose way is hid, [e] and whom God hath hedged in?

24 For my sighing cometh † before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters.

25 For † the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Eliphaz reproveth Job for want of religion.* 7 *He teacheth Gods judgements to be not for the righteous, but for the wicked.* 12 *His fearfull vision, to humble the excellencies of creatures before God.*

THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 *If* we assay † to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? but † who can withhold himself from speaking?

3 Behold, thou hast instructed many, & thou hast strengthned the weak hands.

4 Thy words have upholden him that was falling, and thou hast strengthned † the feeble knees.

5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

6 *Is* not *this* thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever* perished being innocent? or where were the righteous cut off?

8 Even as I have seen, [a] they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.

9 By the blast of God they perish, and ‖ by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed.

10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of the fierce lion, and [b] the teeth of the young lions are broken.

11 [c] The old lion perisheth for lack of prey, and the stout lions whelps are scattered abroad.

12 Now a thing was † secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof.

13 [d] In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men,

14 Fear † came upon me, and trembling, which made † all my bones to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up.

16 It stood still, but I could not discern the form thereof: an image *was* before mine eyes, ‖ *there was* silence, and I heard a voice, *saying*,

17 Shall mortal man be more just then God?

‖ Or, *let it not rejoyce among the days.*

‖ Or, *a leviathan.*

† Heb. *the eyelids of the morning.* Chap. 41. 18.

[b] Chap. 15. 28.

[c] Psal. 58. 8.

† Heb. *wearied in strength.*

† Heb. *wait.*

[d] Rev. 9. 6.

[e] Chap. 19. 8. Lam. 3. 7.

† Heb. *before my meat.*

† Heb. *I feared a fear, and it came upon me.*

† Heb. *a word.*

† Heb. *who can refrain from words?*

† Heb. *the bowing knees.* Heb. 12. 12.

[a] Psal. 5. 6. Prov. 22. 8. Hos. 10. 13. Gal. 6. 7.

‖ Heb. *by his anger.*

[b] Job 16. 10. See Ezek. 15. 7. chap. 1. 9.

[c] Psal. 58. 6.

[d] Psal. 34. 10.

† Heb. *fearfulness.*

[e] Chap. 33. 15.

† Heb. *made me afraid.*

† Heb. *the multitude of my bones.*

‖ Or, *I heard a still voice.*

God? ſhall a man be more pure then his maker?

18 Behold, he [c] put no truſt in his ſervants; ||& his angels he charged with folly:

19 How much leſs *in* them that dwell in [†] houſes of clay, whoſe foundation *is* in the duſt, *which* are cruſhed before the moth?

20 [g] They are † deſtroyed from morning to evening: they periſh for ever without any regarding *it*.

21 [h] Doth not their excellency *which is* in them go away? [i] they die, even without wiſdom.

CHAP. V.

1 The harm of inconſideration. 3 The end of the wicked is miſery. 6 God is to be regarded in affliction. 15 The happy end of Gods correction.

CAll now, if there be any that will anſwer thee; and to which of the ſaints wilt thou || turn?

2 For wrath killeth the fooliſh man, and ||envy ſlayeth the ſilly one.

3 [a] I have ſeen the fooliſh taking root: but ſuddenly I curſed his habitation.

4 [b] His children are far from ſafety, and they are cruſhed in the gate, neither *is* *there* any to deliver *them*.

5 Whoſe harveſt the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and [c] ỹ robber ſwalloweth up their ſubſtance.

6 Although || affliction cometh not forth of the duſt, neither doth trouble ſpring out of the ground:

7 Yet man is born unto || trouble, as † the ſparks flie upward.

8 I would ſeek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cauſe:

9 [d] Which doeth great things † and unſearchable; marvellous things † without number.

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth, and ſendeth waters upon the † fields:

11 [e] To ſet up on high thoſe that be low; that thoſe which mourn may be exalted to ſafety.

12 [f] He diſappointeth the devices of the crafty, ſo that their hands ||cannot perform *their* enterpriſe.

13 [g] He taketh the wiſe in their own craftineſs: and the counſel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 [h] They ||meet with darkneſs in the day-time, and grope in the noon-day as in the night.

15 But he ſaveth the poor from the ſword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty.

16 [i] So the poor hath hope, and iniquity ſtoppeth her mouth.

17 [k] Behold, happy *is* the man whom God correcteth: therefore deſpiſe not thou the chaſtning of the Almighty.

18 [l] For he maketh ſore, & bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 [m] He ſhall deliver thee in ſix troubles: yea, in ſeven there ſhall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he ſhall redeem thee from death; and in war, †from the power of the ſword.

21 Thou ſhalt be hid || from the ſcourge of the tongue: neither ſhalt thou be afraid of deſtruction when it cometh.

22 At deſtruction and famine thou ſhalt laugh: [n] neither ſhalt thou be afraid of the beaſts of the earth.

23 For thou *ſhalt be* in league [o] with the ſtones of the field: and the beaſts of the field ſhall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou ſhalt know ||that thy tabernacle *ſhall be* in peace; and thou ſhalt viſit thy habitation, and ſhalt not || ſin.

25 Thou ſhalt know alſo that thy ſeed *ſhall be* ||great, and thine offſpring as the graſs of the earth.

26 Thou ſhalt come to *thy* grave in a full age, like as a ſhock of corn † cometh in in his ſeaſon.

27 Lo this, we have ſearched it, ſo it *is*: hear it, and know thou *it* † for thy good.

CHAP. VI.

1 Job ſheweth that his complaints are not cauſleſs. 8 He wiſheth for death, wherein he is aſſured of comfort. 14 He reproveth his friends of unkindneſs.

BUt Job anſwered and ſaid,

2 Oh that my grief were throughly weighed, and my calamity † laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier then the ſand of the ſea: therefore ||my words are ſwallowed up.

4 [a] For

[h] Deut. 28. 29. Am. 8. 9. || Or, runne into.

[i] Pſal. 107. 42. [k] Prov. 3. 12. Heb. 12. 5. Jam. 1. 12. Rev. 3. 19. [l] Deut. 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 6. Iſ. 30. 26 H. ſ. 6. 1. [m] Pſal. 91. 3. Pr. 24. 16 † Heb. *from the hands.* || Or, *when the tongue ſcourges* [n] Iſ. 11. 9. & 35. 9 & 65. 25. Ezek. 34. 25. Hoſ. 2. 18. [o] Pſ. 91. 12. || Or, *that peace is thy tabernacle.* || Or, *err.* || Or, *much.* † Heb. *aſcending.* † Heb. *for thy ſelfe.*

† Heb. *lifted up.* || That is *I want words to expreſs my griefe.*

4 [a] For the arrows of the Almighty *are* within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: [b] the terrours of God do set themselves in array against me.

5 Doth the wild ass bray † when he hath grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavoury be eaten without salt? or is there *any* taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things *that* my soul refused to touch *are* as my sorrowfull meat.

8 O that I might have my request! and that God would grant *me* † the thing that I long for!

9 Even that it would please God to destroy me; that he would let loose his hand, and cut me off.

10 Then should I yet have comfort, yea, I would harden my self in sorrow: let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the holy One.

11 What *is* my strength, that I should hope? and what *is* mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 *Is* my strength the strength of stones? or *is* my flesh † of brass?

13 *Is* not my help in me? and is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 † To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, *and* as the stream of brooks they pass away;

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice, *and* wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, † they vanish: † when it is hot, they are † consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside: they go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked, the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither, and were ashamed.

21 ‖ For now ye are † nothing; ye see *my* casting down, and are afraid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me? or give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or deliver me from the enemies hand? or redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which *are* as wind?

27 Yea, † ye overwhelm the fatherless, and you dig *a pit* for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me; for *it is* † evident unto you, if I lie.

29 [c] Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, return again, my righteousness *is* ‖ in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue? cannot † my taste discern perverse things?

CHAP. VII.

1 *Job excuseth his desire of death.* 12 *He complaineth of his own restlessness, and Gods watchfulness.*

‖ [a] *Is there* not an appointed time to man upon earth? *are* not his days also like the days of an hireling?

2 As a servant † earnestly desireth the shadow, and as an hireling looketh for *the reward of* his work:

3 So am I made to possess moneths of vanity, and wearisom nights are appointed to me.

4 [b] When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and † the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and become loathsom.

6 [c] My days are swifter then a weavers shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 O remember that [d] my life *is* wind: mine eye shall † no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no *more*: thine eyes *are* upon me, and ‖ I *am* not.

9 *As* the cloud is consumed, and vanisheth

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[a] Psal. 38. 2.

[b] Pr. 88. 15, 16.

† Heb. *in grass.*

† Heb. *my expectation.*

† Heb. *brasen.*

† Heb. *to him that melteth.*

† Heb. *they are cut off.*

† Heb. *in the heat thereof.*

† Heb. *extinguished.*

‖ Or, *for now ye are like to them.* Heb. *as it.*

† Heb. *not.*

† Heb. *perish.*

‖ Or, *a portion.*

† Heb. *before your face.*

[c] Chap. 17. 10.

‖ That is, *in the matter.*

† Heb. *my palate.*

‖ Or, *a warfare.*

[a] Chap. 14. 13. Psal. 89. 47. Chap. 10. 20. 14. 6. Isa. 40. 2.

† Heb. *open after.*

1 Sam. 28. 6. Chap. 27. 10.

† Heb. *the end.*

‖ Heb. *warfare.*

[b] Chap. 7. 3, 4. 16. 22. Psal. 77. 2, 4. 88. 7, 16. Isa. 21. 8. Psal. 102. 3, 4. 119. 82. 123. 3. 143. 4. Isa. 38. 13, 14. Jer. 20. 9. Lam. 3. 48.

[c] Psal. 89. 47. † Heb. *more return to see, that is, as we say.* That is, *I can never more.*

[d] Chap. 10. 9. Isa. 38. 12. James 4. 14.

nisheth away: so [c] he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no *more*.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 *Am* I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 [a] When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling, *and* death rather † then my life.

16 [b] I loath *it*; I would not live alway: [a] let me alone; for my days *are* vanity.

17 [k] What *is* man, that thou shouldst magnifie him? and that thou shouldst set thine heart upon him?

18 And *that* thou shouldst visit him every morning, *and* try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why [l] hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to my self?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, & take away mine iniquity? for now shall I sleep in ȳ dust; & thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I *shall* not *be*.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Bildad sheweth Gods justice in dealing with men according to their works. 8 He alledgeth antiquity to prove the certain destruction of the hypocrite. 20 He applieth Gods just dealing to Job.

THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these *things?* and *how long shall* the words of thy mouth *be like* a strong wind?

3 [a] Doth God pervert judgement? or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him, and he have cast them away † for their transgression;

5 [b] If thou wouldst seek unto God betimes, and make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou *wert* pure and upright; surely now he would awake for thee, & make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 [c] For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thy self to the search of their fathers.

9 For [d] we *are but of* yesterday, and know † nothing, because our days upon earth *are* a shadow.

10 Shall not they teach thee, *and* tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water?

12 [e] Whilest it *is* yet in his greenness, *and* not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So *are* the paths of all that forget God, & the [f] hypocrites hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust *shall be* † a spiders web.

15 [g] He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He *is* green before the sun, and his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap, *and* seeth the place of stones.

18 If he destroy him from his place, then *it* shall deny him, *saying*, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this *is* the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect *man*, neither will he † help the evil-doers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with † rejoycing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame, and the dwelling-place of the wicked † shall come to nought.

CHAP. IX.

1 Job acknowledging Gods justice, sheweth there is no contending with him. 22 Mans innocency is not to be condemned by afflictions.

THen Job answered and said,

2 I know *it is* so of a truth: but how

[a] Chap. 17. 13.
[b] Chap. 7. 16.
[a] Chap. 7. 16.
[k] Psal. 8. 4. & 144. 3. Heb. 2. 6.
[l] Chap. 7. 20. Lam. 3. 12.
[a] Gen. 18. 25. Deut. 32. 4. Chap. 34. 12. Rom. 3. 5.
[b] Chap. 5. 8. & 11. 13, 14. & 22. 23. Psal. 78. 34. Isa. 55. 6. Jer. 29. 12, 13. Hos. 5. 15. & 6. 1. Joel 2. 12. Zech. 1. 3.
[c] Deut. 4. 32. Chap. 15. 18.
[d] Gen. 47. 9. 1 Chron. 29. 15. Chap. 7. 6. Psal. 39. 5. & 144. 4.
[e] Psal. 129. 6. Jer. 17. 6
[f] Chap. 11. 20. and 18. 14. Psal. 112. 10. Prov. 10. 28.
[g] Isa. 59. 5, 6. Chap. 27. 18.

how should [a] man be just ||with God?
3 If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.
4 [b] *He is* wise in heart, and mighty in strength: who hath hardned *himself* against him, and hath prospered?
5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger.
6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble.
7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars.
8 [c] Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the † waves of the sea.
9 [d] Which maketh †Arcturus, Orion, & Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.
10 [e] Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number.
11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see *him* not: he passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
12 [f] Behold, he taketh away, † who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?
13 *If* God will not withdraw his anger, the † proud helpers do stoop under him.
14 How much less shall I answer him, & choose out my words *to reason* with him?
15 Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* would I not answer, *but* I would make supplication to my judge.
16 If I had called, and he had answered me; *yet* would I not beleeve that he had hearkned unto my voice.
17 For he breaketh me with a tempest, & multiplieth my wounds without cause.
18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.
19 If *I speak* of strength, lo *he is* strong: and if of judgement, who shall set me a time *to plead?*
20 If I justifie my self, mine own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say*, I *am* perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.
21 *Though* I *were* perfect, *yet* would I not know my soul; I would despise my life.
22 This *is* one *thing*, therefore I said *it*, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.
23 If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, & who *is* he?
25 Now [g] my days are swifter then a post: they flee away, they see no good.
26 They are passed away as the †|| swift ships; [h] as the eagle *that* hasteth to ỹ prey.
27 [i] If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort *my self*;
28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know ỹ thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 *If* I be wicked, why then labour I in vain?
30 [k] If I wash my self with snow water, and make my hands never so clean;
31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch, and mine own clothes shall || abhor me.
32 For *he is* not a man, as I *am*, *that* I should answer him, *and* we should come together in judgement.
33 [l] Neither is there † any || days-man betwixt us, *that* might lay his hand upon us both.
34 [m] Let him take his rod away from me, and let not his fear terrifie me.
35 *Then* would I speak, and not fear him: † but *it is* not so with me.

CHAP. X.

1 *Job, taking liberty of complaint, expostulateth with God about his afflictions.* 18 *He complaineth of life, and craveth a little ease before death.*

MY [a] soul is || weary of my life: I will leave my complaint upon my self; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
3 *Is it* good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress? that thou shouldst despise † the work of thine hands? and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? or [b] seest thou as man seeth?
5 *Are* thy days as the days of man? *are* thy years as mans days?
6 That thou enquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?
7 †Thou

Psal. 143. 2. || Or, *before God.*
[b] Chap. 36. 5.
[c] Gen. 1. 6. Psa. 104. 2, 3. † Heb. *heights.*
[d] Chap. 38. 31, &c. Amos 5. 8.
† Heb. *Ash, Cesil, and Cimah.*
[e] Chap. 5. 9.
[f] Isa. 45. 9. Jer. 18. 6. Rom. 9. 20.
† Heb. *who can turn him away?*
Ch. 11. 10.
† Heb. *helpers of pride*, or *strength.*
[g] Chap. 7. 6. || Or, *than whilst I live.*
† Heb. *the labour of whose hands.*
[h] 1 Sam. 14. 29.
[i] Chap. 7. 13.
[k] Jer. 2. 22.
|| Or, *make me to be abhorred.* 1 Sam. 2. 25. Psa. 78. 59. † Heb. *give him glorious garments.*
|| Or, *overpower.*
[l] Chap. 13. 20. & 33. 7.
† Heb. *Let him turn his wrath away from myself.*
[m] Chap. 7. 16. || Or, *cease from me.*
† Heb. *give.*
† Heb. *the labour of whose hands.*
[k] 1 Sam. 16. 7.

7 † Thou knoweſt that I am not wicked; and *there is* none that can deliver out of thine hand.

8 Thine hands † have made me and faſhioned me together round about; yet thou doſt deſtroy me.

9 Remember, I beſeech thee, that [c] thou haſt made me as the clay, and wilt thou bring me into duſt again?

10 [d] Haſt thou not poured me out as milk, and cruddled me like cheeſe?

11 Thou haſt clothed me with skin and fleſh, and haſt † fenced me with bones and ſinews.

12 Thou haſt granted me life and favour, and thy viſitation hath preſerved my ſpirit.

13 And theſe *things* haſt thou hid in thine heart: I know that this *is* with thee.

14 If I ſin, then thou markeſt me, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

15 If I be wicked, wo unto me; and *if* I be righteous, *yet* will I not lift up my head: *I am* full of confuſion; therefore ſee thou mine affliction:

16 For it increaſeth: [e] thou hunteſt me as a fierce lion; and again thou ſheweſt thy ſelf marvellous upon me.

17 Thou reneweſt || thy witneſſes againſt me, and increaſeſt thine indignation upon me; changes and war *are* againſt me.

18 [f] Wherefore then haſt thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghoſt, and no eye had ſeen me!

19 I ſhould have been as though I had not been, I ſhould have been carried from the womb to the grave.

20 [g] *Are* not my days few? [h] ceaſe *then*, *and* let me alone that I may take comfort a little;

21 Before I go *whence* I ſhall not return, *even* to the land of darkneſs, and the ſhadow of death;

22 A land of darkneſs, as darkneſs *it ſelf*, *and* of the ſhadow of death, without any order, and *where* the light *is* as darkneſs.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Zophar reproveth Job for juſtifying himſelf.* 5 *Gods wiſdom is unſearchable.* 13 *The aſſured bleſſing of repentance.*

THen anſwered Zophar the Naamathite, and ſaid,

2 Should not the multitude of words be anſwered? and ſhould † a man full of talk be juſtified?

3 Should thy || lies make men hold their peace? and when thou mockeſt, ſhall no man make thee aſhamed?

4 For [a] thou haſt ſaid, My doctrine *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes.

5 But, O that God would ſpeak, and open his lips againſt thee;

6 And that he would ſhew thee the ſecrets of wiſdom, that *they are* double to that which is! know therefore that [b] God exacteth of thee *leſs* then thine iniquity *deſerveth*.

7 [c] Canſt thou by ſearching find out God? canſt thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 *It is* † as high as heaven; what canſt thou do? deeper then hell; what canſt thou know?

9 The meaſure thereof *is* longer then the earth, and broader then the ſea.

10 If he || cut off, and ſhut up, or gather together, then † who can hinder him?

11 For [d] he knoweth vain men: he ſeeth wickedneſs alſo; will he not then conſider *it*?

12 For † [e] vain man would be wiſe, though man be born *like* a wild aſſes colt.

13 [f] If thou prepare thine heart, and ſtretch out thine hands towards him;

14 If iniquity *be* in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedneſs dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then ſhalt thou lift up thy face without ſpot; yea, thou ſhalt be ſtedfaſt, and ſhalt not fear:

16 Becauſe thou ſhalt forget *thy* miſery, *and* remember *it* as waters *that* paſs away:

17 And *thine* age † [g] ſhall be clearer then the noon-day; thou ſhalt ſhine forth, thou ſhalt be as the morning.

18 And thou ſhalt be ſecure becauſe

† Heb. a man of lips.
|| Or, devices.
[a] Chap. 6.10. & 10.7.
[b] Exr. 9.13.
[c] Eccl. 3.11. Rom. 11.33.
† Heb. the heights of heaven.
|| Or, make a change.
† Heb. who can turn him away.
[d] Pſ. 10. 11,14. & 35.22.
† Heb. empty.
[e] Pſ. 73. 22. & 92. 6. Eccl. 3. 18.
[f] Chap. 5.8. & 22.21.
† Heb. ſhall ariſe above the noon-day.
[g] Pſ. 37.6 & 112.4. Iſa. 58.8.

there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee*, *and* [h] thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make *thee* afraid; yea, many shall † make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and † they shall not escape, & [i] their hope *shall be as* ‖ the giving up of the ghost.

CHAP. XII.

1 Job maintaineth himself against his friends that reprove him. 7 He acknowledgeth the generall doctrine of Gods omnipotency.

AND Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye *are* the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But [a] I have † understanding as well as you; † I *am* not inferiour to you: yea, † who knoweth not such things as these?

4 [b] I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: ¶ *the* just upright *man is* laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with *his* feet, *is as* a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 [d] The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they ¶ provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these, that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?

10 [e] In whose hand *is* the ‖ soul of every living thing, and the breath of † all mankind.

11 [f] Doth not the ear try words? and the † mouth taste his meat?

12 With the ancient *is* wisdom; and in length of days, understanding.

13 ‖ [g] With him *is* wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, [h] he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he [i] shutteth † up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 [k] With him *is* strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver *are* his.

17 He leadeth counsellers away spoiled, and [l] maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loyns with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 [m] He removeth away † the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 [n] He poureth contempt upon princes, and ‖ weakneth the strength of the mighty.

22 [o] He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 [p] He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and † straitneth them *again*.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and [q] causeth them to wander in a wilderness *where there is* no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to † stagger like *a* drunken *man*.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Job reproveth his friends of partiality. 14 He professeth his confidence in God, 20 and entreateth to know his own sins, and Gods purpose in afflicting him.

LO, mine eye hath seen all *this*, mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 [a] What ye know, *the same* do I know also: I *am* not inferiour unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye *are* forgers of lies, [b] ye *are* all physicians of no value.

5 O that you would altogether hold your peace; and [c] it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 [d] Will you speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? or as one man mocketh another, do ye *so* mock him?

10 He

[h] Levit. 26. 5. 6. Pſ. 3. 5. & 4. 8. Pr. 3. 24.
† Heb. entreat thy face. Pſ. 45. 12.
† Heb. ſight ſhall perish from mem.
[i] Chap. 8. 14. & 18. 14.
‖ Or, a puff of breath.
[a] Chap. 13. 2.
† Heb. en heart.
† Heb I fall not lower then you.
† Heb. with whom are not ſuch as theſe?
[b] Chap. 16. 10. & 17. 2, 6. & 21. 3. & 30. 1.
[c] Pr. 14. 2.
[d] Chap. 21. 7. Pſ. 37. 1. 35. & 92. 7. Jer. 12. 1. Mal. 3. 15.
[e] Num. 16. 22.
‖ Or, life.
† Heb. all fleſh of man.
[f] Chap. 34. 3.
† Heb. palate.
[g] Chap. 6. 30.
‖ That is, with God.
[h] Chap. 36. 5.
[i] Cha. 11. 12.
[k] Ifa. 22. 22. Revel. 3. 7.
† Heb. upon.

[l] v. 13.
[m] Gen. 15. 12. & 31. 24. 1 Cor. 14. 9.
[n] Chap. 12. 9.
† Heb. bind in a faſtning.
[o] Dan. 2. 22. Mat. 10. 26. 1 Cor. 4. 5.
[p] Pſal. 107. 38.
† Heb. leadeth me.
† Heb. ſtraiteneth.
[q] Chap. 12. 24.
† Heb. ſtagger.

[a] Chap. 12. 3.
[b] Chap. 16. 2. & 21. 34.
[c] Prov. 17. 28.
[d] Chap. 36. 4.

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid? and his dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances *are* like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 † Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what *will*.

14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

15 [c] Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will † maintain mine own ways before him.

16 He also *shall be* my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered *my* cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who *is* he *that* will plead with me? for now if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.

20 [f] Only do not two *things* unto me: then will I not hide my self from thee.

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid.

22 Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many *are* mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and [g] holdest me for thine enemy?

25 [h] Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against me, and [i] makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

27 [k] Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and † lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the † heels of my feet.

28 And he as a rotten thing consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Job intreateth God for favour, by the shortness of life, and certainty of death. 7 Though life once lost be irrecoverable, yet he waiteth for his change. 16 By sin the creature is subject to corruption.

MAn *that is* born of a woman *is* † of few days, and [a] full of trouble.

2 [b] He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgement with thee?

4 † [c] Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? Not one.

5 [d] Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his moneths *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.

6 [e] Turn from him ẏ he may † rest, till he shall accomplish, [f] as an hireling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, & that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground;

9 *Yet* through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, & † wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where *is* he?

11 *As* the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not till the heavens *be* no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 O that thou wouldst hide me in the grave, that thou wouldst keep me secret until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldst appoint me a set time, and remember me.

14 If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

16 For now [g] thou numbrest my steps, dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, and thou sowest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling † cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place:

19 The waters wear the stones; thou † washest away the things which grow *out* of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man.

[a] Chap. 8. 9. Psal. 90. 5, 6, 9. & 102. 11. & 103. 15. & 144. 4. Is. 40. 6. Jam. 1. 10, 11. 1 Pet. 1. 24.
† Heb. *who will give.*
[c] Gen. 5. 3. Ps. 51. 5. Joh 3. 6. Rom. 5. 12. Eph. 2. 3.
[d] Chap. 7. 1.
[e] Chap. 7. 16, 19.
† Heb. *cease.*
[f] Chap. 7. 1.
† Heb. *is weakned, or cut off.*
[g] Job 31. 4. & 34. 21. Ps. 56. 8. & 139. 1, 2, 3. Pr. 5. 21. Jer. 32. 19.
† Heb. *fadeth.*
† Heb. *overflowest.*

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAP. XV.

1 Eliphaz reproveth Job of impiety in justifying himself. 17 He proveth by tradition the unquietness of wicked men.

THen answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Should a wise man utter † vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east-wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

4 Yea, † thou castest off fear, and restrainest || prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth † uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine own lips testifie against thee.

7 *Art* thou the first man *that* was born? or wast thou made before the hills?

8 [a] Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thy self?

9 What knowest thou that we know not? *what* understandest thou which *is* not in us?

10 With us *are* both the gray-headed and very aged men, much elder then thy father.

11 *Are* the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thine eyes wink at,

13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?

14 [b] What *is* man, that he should be clean? and *he which is* born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 [c] Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

16 How much more abominable and filthy *is* man, which drinketh iniquity like water?

17 I will shew thee, hear me, and that *which* I have seen, I will declare,

18 Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid *it*:

19 Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them.

20 The wicked man travelleth with pain all *his* days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressour.

21 †A dreadfull sound *is* in his ears: [d] in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.

22 He beleeveth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword.

23 He [e] wandreth abroad for bread, *saying*, Where *is it*? he knoweth that [f] the day of darkness is ready at his hand.

24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battel.

25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengthneth himself against the Almighty.

26 He runneth upon him, *even* on *his* neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:

27 Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collops of fat on *his* flanks.

28 And [g] he dwelleth in desolate cities, *and* in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps.

29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon ỹ earth.

30 He shall not depart out of darkness, the flame shall dry up his branches, and [g] by the breath of his mouth shall he go away.

31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompense.

32 It shall be || accomplished [h] before his time, and his branch shall not be green.

33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as

† Heb. know-ledge of wind.

† Heb. thou mak-est void.
|| Or, speech.
† Heb. a breath.

a Rom. 11. 34.

b 1 Kin. 8. 46. 2 Chro. 6. 36. Chap. 14. 4. Ps. 14. 3. Pro. 20. 9 Eccl. 7. 20. 1 John 1. 8, 10.

c Chap. 4. 18.

† Heb. A sound of fear. 1 Thes. 5. 3.

d Ps. 55. 5, & 109. 10. Chap. 18. 11.

e Chap. 4. 9.

|| Or, confumed.

f Heb. 22. 16. Ps. 37. 13.

as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive.

34 For the congregation of hypocrites *shall be* desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

35 [i] They conceive mischief, and bring forth || vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Job reproveth his friends of unmercifulness. 7 He sheweth the pitifulness of his case. 17 He maintaineth his innocency.

THen Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: || [a] miserable comforters *are* ye all.

3 Shall † vain words have an end? or what emboldneth thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye *do*: if your soul were in my souls stead, I could heap up words against you, and [b] shake mine head at you.

5 *But* I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should asswage *your grief*.

6 Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and *though* I forbear, † what am I eased?

7 But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company.

8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me*: and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

9 [c] He teareth *me* in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; [d] mine enemy sharpneth his eyes upon me.

10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth, they [e] have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully, they have gathered themselves together against me.

11 God † hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.

12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken *me* by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and [f] set me up for his mark.

13 His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.

15 I have sowed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping, and on my eye-lids *is* the shadow of death;

17 Not for *any* injustice in mine hands: also my prayer *is* pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my bloud, and let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, my witness *is* in heaven, and my record *is* † on high.

20 My friends † scorn me: *but* mine eye poureth out *tears* unto God.

21 [g] O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man *pleadeth* for his || neighbour.

22 When † a few years are come, then I shall go the way *whence* I shall not return.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Job appealeth from men to God. 6 The unmercifull dealing of men with the afflicted may astonish but not discourage the righteous. 11 Jobs hope is not in life, but in death.

MY || breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves *are ready* for me.

2 *Are there* not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye † continue in their provocation?

3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who *is* he *that* will strike hands with me?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

5 He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also [a] a by-word of the people, and || aforetime I was as a tabret.

7 [b] Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, & all || my members *are* as a shadow.

8 Upright *men* shall be astonied at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands † shall be stronger and stronger.

10 But as for you all, [c] do you return, and

† Heb. *in the high places.*
† Heb. *are my scorners.*
[a] Chap. 31.35. Eccl. 6.10. Isa. 45.9. Rom. 9.20.
|| Or, *friend.*
† Heb. *years of number.*
|| Or, *spirit is spent.*
† Heb. *lodge.*
[a] Chap. 30.9. Or, *before them.*
[b] Psal. 6.7. Or, *my thought.*
† Heb. *will adde strength.*
[c] Chap. 2.19.

come now: for I cannot find *one* wise *man* among you.

11 [d] My days are past, my purposes are broken off, *even* † the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day: the light *is* † short, because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave *is* mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have said † to corruption, Thou *art* my father: to the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister.

15 And where *is* now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when *our* rest together *is* in the dust.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *Bildad reproveth Job of presumption and impatiency.* 5 *The calamities of the wicked.*

THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long *will it be ere* you make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, *and* reputed vile in your sight?

4 [a] He teareth † himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, & the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his ‖ candle shall be put out with him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitned, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 [b] The grin shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the robber shall prevail against him.

10 The snare *is* † laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 [c] Terrours shall make him afraid on every side, and shall † drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and [d] destruction *shall be* ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the † strength of his skin: *even* the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

14 [e] His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrours.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because *it is* none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 [f] His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 † He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 [g] He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after *him* shall be astonied at his day, as they that ‖ went before † were affrighted.

21 Surely such *are* the dwellings of the wicked, and this *is* the place *of him that* knoweth not God.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Job complaining of his friends cruelty, sheweth there is misery enough in him to feed their cruelty.* 21,28 *He craveth pity.* 23 *He believeth the resurrection.*

THen Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

3 These [a] ten times have ye reproached me: you are not ashamed *that* you ‖ make your selves strange to me.

4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred, mine errour remaineth with my self.

5 If indeed ye will magnifie *your selves* against me, & plead against me my reproach:

6 Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of ‖ wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgement.

8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stript me of my glory, and taken the crown *from* my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree.

11 He

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[a] Chap. 7. 6. & 9. 25.
† Heb. the possessions.
‖ Heb. wear.
† Heb. cried, or called.
[a] Chap. 13. 14.
† Heb. his soul.
‖ Or, lamp.
[b] Chap. 5. 5.
† Heb. hidden.
[c] Chap. 15. 21. Jer. 6. 25. & 20. 3. & 46. 5. & 49. 29.
† Heb. scatter him.
† Heb. bars.
[d] Chap. 15. 23.
[e] Chap. 8. 14. & 31. 20. Psa. 112. 10. Pro. 10. 28.
[f] Psal. 109. 13. Prov. 2. 22. & 10. 7.
† Heb. they shall name him.
[g] Isa. 14. 22. Jer. 22. 30.
‖ Or, shall amaze him.
† Heb. and laid hold upon.
[a] Gen. 31. 7. Lev. 26. 26.
‖ Or, revile me.
† Heb. make your selves strange against me.
‖ Or, oppress.
† Heb. wax cold, &c.
‖ Or, after I have said, wait, tarry a little, and then I will speak my mind to you also.
† Heb. is my adversary.
‖ Or, and what room of matter is found in me?

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and [b] he counteth me unto him as *one of* his enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 [c] He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an aliant in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the childrens *sake* of † mine own body.

18 Yea, || young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me.

19 [d] All † my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 [e] My bone cleaveth to my skin, and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends: for the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 † Oh that my words were now written, oh that they were printed in a book!

24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

25 For I know *that* my Redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth.

26 || And *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see for my self, and mine eyes shall behold, and not † another; *though* my reins be consumed † within me.

28 But ye should say, Why persecute we him, || seeing the root of the matter is found in me?

29 Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the sword, that ye may know *there is* a judgement.

CHAP. XX.

Zophar sheweth the state and portion of the wicked.

THen answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for *this* † I make haste.

3 I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer.

4 Knowest thou *not* this of old, since man was placed upon earth,

5 [a] That the triumphing of the wicked *is* † short, and the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a moment?

6 [b] Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the † clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where *is* he?

8 He shall fly away [c] as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 [d] The eye also *which* saw him shall *see him* no more; neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 || His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full *of the sin* of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, *though* he hide it under his tongue;

13 *Though* he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still † within his mouth:

14 *Yet* his meat in his bowels is turned, *it is* the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps: the vipers tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, || the flouds, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 That which he laboured for, shall he restore, and shall not swallow *it* down: † according to *his* substance *shall* the restitu-

† Heb. my haste is in me.

[a] Psal. 37. 35, 36.

† Heb. from near.

[b] Isa. 14. 13, 14. Obad. 3, 4.

† Heb. cloud.

[c] Psal. 73. 20.

[d] Chap. 7. 8, 10. Psal. 37. 36. & 103. 16.

|| Or, the poor shall oppress his children.

† Heb. in the midst of his palate.

|| Or, streaming brooks.

† Heb. according to the substance of his change.

tion *be*, and he shall not rejoyce *therein*.

19 Because he hath † oppressed, *and* hath forsaken the poor, *because* he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not;

20 [c] Surely he shall not † feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired.

21 ‖ There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the ‖ wicked shall come upon him.

23 *When* he is about to fill his belly, *God* shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain *it* upon him while he is eating.

24 [f] He shall flee from the iron weapon, *and* the bowe of steel shall strike him through.

25 It is drawn and cometh out of the body; yea [g] the glistering sword cometh out of his gall: [h] terrours *are* upon him.

26 All darkness *shall be* hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him: it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, *and his goods* shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 [i] This *is* the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage † appointed unto him by God.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Job sheweth that even in the judgement of man he hath reason to be grieved. 7 Sometimes the wicked do so prosper as they despise God. 16 Sometime their destruction is manifest. 22 The happy and unhappy are alike in death. 27 The judgement of the wicked is in another world.

BUt Job answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, [a] mock on.

4 As for me, *is* my complaint to man? and if *it were so*, why should not my spirit be † troubled?

5 † Mark me, and be astonished, and lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

6 Even when I remember, I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

7 [b] Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses † *are* safe from fear, neither *is* the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendreth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoyce at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days ‖ in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14 [c] Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What *is* the Almighty, that we should serve him? and [d] what profit should we have if we pray unto him?

16 Lo, their good *is* not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How oft is the ‖ candle of the wicked put out? and *how oft* cometh their destruction upon them? *God* distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 [e] They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm † carrieth away.

19 God layeth up ‖ his iniquity [f] for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know *it*.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and [g] he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure *hath* he in his house after him, when the number of his moneths is cut off in the midst?

22 [h] Shall *any* teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth † in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His ‖ breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistned with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They

† Heb. crushed.

* Eccles. 5. 13, 14.
† Heb. know.

‖ Or, there shall be none left for his meat.
‖ Or, even leaveth.

[f] Isa. 24. 18. Jer. 48. 43. Amos. 5. 19.
[g] Chap. 16. 13.
[h] Chap. 18. 11.

[i] Chap. 27. 13.
† Heb. of his decree from God.

[a] Chap. 16. 10, & 17. 2.
† Heb. troubled.

† Heb. look unto me.

[b] Chap. 12. 6. Psal. 73. 3, 12. Jer. 12. 1. Hab. 1. 16.
† Heb. are peace from fear.

‖ Or, in a moment.
[c] Chap. 22. 17.
[d] Chap. 35. 3. Mal. 3. 14.
‖ Or, any.
Psal. 14. & 35. 5. Isa. 39. 5. Hos. 13. 2.
‖ Heb. Shall it wish away. That is, the punishment of him. Heavy.
[e] Exod. 20. 5. Psal. 35. 5. Jer. 25. 15. Rev. 14. 10, & 19. 15.
[f] Isa. 40. 2. & 65. 6, 7. Jer. 32. 18. Matt. 23. 32.
[g] Psal. 75. 8. Isa. 51. 17, 22. Jer. 25. 15. Rev. 14. 10. & 16. 19.
[h] Isa. 40. 13, 14. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.
† Heb. in his own perfection. Strength, or, in the strength of his perfection.
‖ Or, milk-pails.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices *which* ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where *is* the house of the prince? and where *are* † the dwelling places of the wicked?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens?

30 [1] That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction; they shall be brought forth to † the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him » *that* he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the † grave, and shall † remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as *there are* innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth † falshood?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Eliphaz sheweth that mans goodness profiteth not God. 5 He accuseth Job of divers sins. 21 He exhorteth him to repentance, with promises of mercy.

THen Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

2 [a] Can a man be profitable unto God, || as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 *Is it* any pleasure to the Almighty that thou art righteous? or *is it* gain *to him* that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgement?

5 *Is* not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?

6 For thou hast [b] taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and † stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

8 But *as for* † the mighty man, he had the earth; and the † honourable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares *are* round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee;

11 Or darkness, *that* thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee.

12 *Is* not God in the height of heaven? and behold † the height of the stars, how high they are.

13 And thou sayest, || [c] How doth God know? can he judge through ỹ dark cloud?

14 Thick clouds *are* a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have troden?

16 Which were cut down out of time, † whose foundation was overflown with a flood.

17 [d] Which said unto God, Depart from us: & what can the Almighty do [e] for them?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good *things*: but [e] the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 [f] The righteous see *it*, and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn.

20 Whereas our || substance is not cut down, but || the remnant of them the fire consumeth.

21 Acquaint now thy self || with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart.

23 [g] If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold || as dust, and the *gold* of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy || defence, & thou shalt have † plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and [h] shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 [i] Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it

† Heb. *the head of the stars.* || Or, *What.* [c] Psal. 10.11. & 59.7. & 73.11. & 94.7.

† Heb. *a flood was poured upon their foundation.* [a] Chap. 21.14. || Or, *to them.* [e] Chap. 21.16. [f] Psal. 107.42. || Or, *estate.* || Or, *their excellency.* [g] That is, *with God.*

[g] Chap. 8.5. & 11.13. || Or, *on the dust.* || Or, *gold.* † Heb. *Silver of strength.* [h] Chap. 11.15. [i] Psal. 50.14 & 15.

it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When *men* are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is* lifting up: and [k] he shall save † the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Job longeth to appear before God, 6 in confidence of his mercy. 8 God, who is invisible, observeth our ways. 11 Jobs innocency. 13 Gods decree is immutable.

THen Job answered and said,

2 Even to day *is* my complaint bitter: †my stroke is heavier then my groaning.

3 [a] Oh that I knew where I might find him! *that* I might come *even* to his seat!

4 I would order *my* cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me.

6 Will he plead against me with *his* great power? No; but he would put *strength* in me.

7 There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go forward, but he *is* not *there*; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:

9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold *him*: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see *him*.

10 But he knoweth † the way that I take: *when* he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.

12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips, †I have esteemed the words of his mouth more then ‖my necessary *food*.

13 But he *is* in one *mind*, and [b] who can turn him? and *what* [c] his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.

14 For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such things *are* with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me:

17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, *neither* hath he covered the darkness from my face.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Wickedness goeth often unpunished. 17 There is a secret judgement for the wicked.

WHy, seeing [a] times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him, not see his days?

2 *Some* remove the [b] land marks; they violently take away flocks, and ‖feed *thereof*.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they [c] take the widows ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: [d] the poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, *as* wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work, rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness *yeeldeth* food for them *and* for *their* children.

6 They reap *every one* his † corn in the field: and † they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that *they have* no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showres of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor.

10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry.

11 *Which* make oyl within their walls, *and* tread *their* wine-presses, & suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly *to them*.

13 They are of those that rebell against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 [e] The murderer rising with the light, killeth

[a] Jam. 4.6. 1 Pet. 5.5.
† Heb. *him that hath low eyes.*
‖ Or, *The innocent shall deliver the island.*
† Heb. *my hand.*
[a] Chap. 13.3. & 16.21.
† Heb. *the way that is with me.*
† Heb. *I have hid*, or, *laid up.*
‖ Or, *my appointed portion.*
[b] Chap. 9.12,13. & 12.14.
[c] Psal. 115.3.
[a] Act. 1.7.
[b] Deut. 19.14. & 27.17. Pr. 22. 28. & 23. 10.
‖ Or, *feed them.*
[c] Chap. 22.6. Deut. 24.6,17. [d] Pro. 28.28.
† Heb. *mingled corn*, or *dredge*, † Heb. *the vintage of the wicked gather in vintage.*
[e] Psal. 10.8.

killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 [f] The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and † disguiseth *his* face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses *which* they had marked for themselves in the day-time: [g] they know not the light.

17 For the morning *is* to them even as the shadow of death: if *one* know *them*, *they are in* the terrours of the shadow of death.

18 He *is* swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat † consume the snow-waters: *so doth* the grave *those which* have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him, the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembred; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.

21 He evil entreateth the barren *that* beareth not, and doeth not good to the widow.

22 He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, ‖ and no *man* is sure of life.

23 *Though* it be given him *to be* in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes *are* upon their ways.

24 They are exalted for a little while, but † are gone and brought low; they are † taken out of the way as all *other*, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if *it be* not so now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

CHAP. XXV.

Bildad sheweth that man cannot be justified before God.

THen answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear *are* with him, he maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 [a] How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.

6 How much less man, *that is* [b] a worm; and the son of man, *which is* a worm?

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Job reproving the uncharitable spirit of Bildad, 5 acknowledgeth the power of God to be infinite and unsearchable.

BUt Job answered and said,

2 How hast thou helped *him that is* without power? *how* savest thou the arm *that hath* no strength?

3 How hast thou counselled *him that hath* no wisdom? and *how* hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?

5 Dead *things* are formed from under the waters, ‖ and the inhabitants thereof.

6 [a] Hell *is* naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

7 [b] He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, *and* hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He holdeth back the face of *his* throne, *and* spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 [c] He hath compassed the waters with bounds, † until the day and night come to an end.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble, and are astonished at his reproof.

12 [d] He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through † the proud.

13 [e] By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens: his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

14 Lo, these *are* parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Job protesteth his sincerity. 8 The hypocrite is without hope. 11 The blessings which the wicked have are turned into curses.

MOreover, Job † continued his parable, and said,

[b] Psal. 22.6.

‖ Or, with the inhabitants. [a] Psal. 139.8, 11. Pr. 15. 11. Heb. 4.13. [b] Chap. 9.8. Psal. 104. 2, &c.

[c] Chap. 38.8. Psal. 37.7. & 104.9. Jer. 5.22. † Heb. until the end of light with darkness. [d] Isa. 51.15. † Heb. pride. [e] Psal. 33.6.

† Heb. added to take up.

2 *As* God liveth, *who* hath taken away my judgement; and the Almighty, *who* hath † vexed my ſoul;

3 All the while my breath *is* in me, and ‖ the ſpirit of God *is* in my noſtrils;

4 My lips ſhall not ſpeak wickedneſs, nor my tongue utter deceit.

5 God forbid that I ſhould juſtifie you: till I die, I will not remove my integrity from me.

6 My righteouſneſs I hold faſt, and will not let it go: my heart ſhall not reproach *me* † ſo long as I live.

7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riſeth up againſt me as the unrighteous.

8 [b] For what *is* the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his ſoul?

9 [c] Will God hear his crie when trouble cometh upon him?

10 Will he delight himſelf in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

11 I will teach you ‖ by the hand of God: *that* which *is* with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 Behold, all ye your ſelves have ſeen *it*; why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 [d] This *is* the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppreſſours *which* they ſhall receive of the Almighty.

14 [e] If his children be multiplied, *it is* for the ſword: and his offſpring ſhall not be ſatisfied with bread.

15 Thoſe that remain of him ſhall be buried in death: and [f] his widows ſhall not weep.

16 Though he heap up ſilver as the duſt, and prepare raiment as the clay;

17 He may prepare *it*, but [g] the juſt ſhall put *it* on, and the innocent ſhall divide the ſilver.

18 He buildeth his houſe as a moth, and as a booth *that* the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man ſhall lie down, but he ſhall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he *is* not.

20 [h] Terrours take hold on him as waters, a tempeſt ſtealeth him away in the night.

21 The eaſt-wind carrieth him away, and he departeth; and as a ſtorm hurleth him out of his place.

22 For *God* ſhall caſt upon him, and not ſpare: † he would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men* ſhall clap their hands at him, and ſhall hiſs him out of his place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *There is a knowledge of natural things:* 12 *But wiſdom is an excellent gift of God.*

SUrely there is a vein for the ſilver, and a place for gold *where* they fine *it*.

2 Iron is taken out of the ‖ earth, and braſs *is* molten *out of* the ſtone.

3 He ſetteth an end to darkneſs, and ſearcheth out all perfection; the ſtones of darkneſs and the ſhadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; *even the waters* forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 *As for* the earth, out of it cometh bread; and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The ſtones of it *are* the place of ſapphires; and it hath ‖ duſt of gold.

7 *There is* a path *which* no fowl knoweth, and which the vultures eye hath not ſeen.

8 The lions whelps have not troden it, nor the fierce lion paſſed by it.

9 He putteth forth his hand upon the ‖ rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

10 He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye ſeeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the floods † from overflowing; and *the thing that is* hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where ſhall wiſdom be found? and where *is* the place of underſtanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 [a] The depth ſaith, It *is* not in me: and the ſea ſaith, *It is* not with me.

15 † It [b] cannot be gotten for gold; neither ſhall ſilver be weighed *for* the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the ſapphire.

17 The

† Heb. made me ſick.
‖ That is, the breath which God gave him.
[a] Chap. 29.
† Heb. from my days.
[b] Mat. 16. 26. Luk. 12. 20.
[c] Pſ. 18. 41. & 109. 7. Pro. 1. 28. & 28. 9. Iſa. 1. 15. Ezek. 8. 18. Mic. 3. 4. Joh. 9. 31. Jam. 4. 3.
‖ Or, being in the hand, &c.
[d] Chap. 20. 29.
[e] Deut. 28. 41. Hoſ. 9. 13.
[f] Pſal. 78. 64.
[g] Pro. 28. 8. Eccl. 2. 26.
[h] Chap. 18. 11.
† Heb. in ſtoring he would ſtore.
‖ Or, as mire.
‖ Or, duſt.
‖ Or, gold-duſt.
‖ Or, ſtone.
† Heb. from weeping.
[a] Prov. 8. 14. Rom. 11. 33, 34.
† Heb. Fine gold ſhall not be given for it.
[b] Prov. 3. 15, 14. & 8. 11, 19. & 16. 16.

17 The gold and the crystall cannot equall it: and the exchange of it *shall not be for* ‖ jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of ‖ coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom *is* above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 [c] Whence then cometh wisdom? and where *is* the place of understanding?

21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the ‖ air.

22 [d] Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

23 God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.

24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, *and* seeth under the whole heaven;

25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of ỹ thunder:

27 Then did he see it, and ‖ declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man he said, Behold, [e] the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Job bemoaneth himself of his former prosperity and honour.

MOreover, Job † continued his parable, and said,

2 Oh that I were as *in* moneths past, as *in* the days *when* God preserved me;

3 When his ‖ candle shined upon my head, *and when* by his light I walked *through* darkness;

4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

5 When the Almighty *was* yet with me, *when* my children *were* about me;

6 When I washed my steps with butter, and ỹ rock poured † me out rivers of oyl;

7 When I went out to the gate through the city, *when* I prepared my seat in the street.

8 The young men saw me, & hid themselves; and the aged arose, *and* stood up.

9 The princes refrained talking, and laid *their* hand on their mouth.

10 † The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

11 When the ear heard *me*, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw *me*, it gave witness to me:

12 Because [a] I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and *him that had* none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widows heart to sing for joy.

14 [b] I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgement *was* as a robe and a diadem.

15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet *was* I to the lame.

16 I *was* a father to the poor: and the cause *which* I knew not I searched out.

17 And I brake † the jaws of the wicked, and † pluckt the spoil out of his teeth.

18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply *my* days as the sand.

19 My root *was* † spread out [c] by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20 My glory *was* † fresh in me, and my bowe was † renewed in my hand.

21 Unto me *men* gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me, as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide, *as* for the latter rain.

24 *If* I laughed on them, they beleeved *it* not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one *that* comforteth the mourners.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Jobs honour is turned into extream contempt; 15 his prosperity into calamity.

BUt now *they that are* † younger then I have me in derision, whose fathers I would

† Heb. *the voice of the nobles hid.*

[a] Ps. 72. 12. Pro. 21. 13.

[b] Is. 59. 17. Eph. 6. 14. 1 Thess. 5. 8.

† Heb. *the jaw teeth*, or *the grinders.*

† Heb. *cast.*

[c] Heb. *opened.* Ps. 1. 3. Jer. 17. 8.

† Heb. *new.*

† Heb. *changed.*

† Heb. *of few days.* Gen. 1.

would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, whereto *might* the strength of their hands *profit* me, in whom old age was perished?

3 For want and famine *they were* ‖ solitary: fleeing into the wilderness † in former time desolate and waste:

4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots *for* their meat.

5 They were driven forth from among *men*; they cried after them as *after* a thief:

6 To dwell in the clifts of the valleys, *in* † caves of the earth, and *in* the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under ỹ nettles they were gathered together.

8 *They were* children of fools, yea, children of † base men: they were viler then the earth.

9 [a] And now am I their song, yea, I am their by-word.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, † and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because he [b] hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

12 Upon *my* right *hand* rise the youth, they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they *have* no helper.

14 They came *upon me* as a wide breaking in *of waters*: in the desolation they rolled themselves *upon me*.

15 Terrours are turned upon me: they pursue † my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force *of my disease* is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, & thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me *not*.

21 Thou art † become cruel to me: with † thy strong hand thou opposest thy self against me.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride *upon it*, and dissolvest my ‖ substance.

23 For I know *that* thou wilt bring me *to* death, and *to* the house appointed for all living.

24 Howbeit he will not stretch out *his* hand to the † grave, though they cry in his † destruction.

25 [c] Did not I weep † for him that was in trouble? was *not* my soul grieved for the poor?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came *unto me*: and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me.

28 [d] I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, *and* I cried in the congregation.

29 [e] I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to ‖ owls.

30 [f] My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burnt with heat.

31 My harp also is *turned* to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Job maketh a solemn protestation of his integrity in several duties.

I Made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

2 For what portion of God *is there* from above? and *what* inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

3 *Is* not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment* to the workers of iniquity?

4 [a] Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit;

6 † Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to my hands;

8 *Then*

‖ Or, dark as the night.
† Heb. yesternights.
† Heb. holes.
† Heb. men of no name.
[a] Chap. 17. 6. Psal. 35. 15. & 69. 12. Lam. 3. 14, 63.
† Heb. and withhold not spittle from my face.
[b] See Chap. 12. 18.
† Heb. my principal one.
† Heb. turned to be cruel.
† Heb. the strength of thy hand.
‖ Or, substance.
† Heb. heap.
[c] Isa. 35. 13, 14. Rom. 12. 15.
† Heb. for him that was out of day.
[d] Psal. 6. 6, 7. & 42. 9, 10.
[e] Isa. 13. 21. & 34. 13.
[f] Or, stricken. Psal. 119. 83. Lam. 4. 8, 10.
[a] 2 Chron. 16. 9. Chap. 34. 21. Prov. 5. 21. and 15. 3. Jer. 32. 19.
† Heb. let him weigh me in balances of justice.

8 *Then* let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or *if* I have laid wait at my neighbours door;

10 *Then* let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her.

11 For this *is* an heinous crime; yea, it *is* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judges.

12 For it *is* a fire *that* consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

13 If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maid servant, when they contended with me;

14 What then shall I do when [b]God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

15 [c] Did not he that made me in the womb, make him? and ‖ did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld the poor from *their* desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;

17 Or have eaten my morsel my self alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;

18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me as *with* a father, and I have guided ‖ her from my mothers womb)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering;

20 If his loyns have not [d]blessed me, and *if* he were *not* warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

21 If I have lift up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate:

22 *Then* let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade, and mine arm be broken from ‖ the bone.

23 For [e] destruction *from* God *was* a terrour to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure.

24 [f] If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, *Thou art* my confidence;

25 [g] If I rejoyced because my wealth *was* great, and because mine hand had † gotten much;

26 [h] If I beheld † the sun when it shined, or the moon walking † *in* brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or † my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also *were* an iniquity *to be punished by* the judge: for I should have denied the God *that is* above.

29 [i] If I rejoyced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lift up my self when evil found him:

30 [k] Neither have I suffered † my mouth to sin, by wishing a curse to his soul.

31 If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.

32 [l] The stranger did not lodge in the street: *but* I opened my doors ‖ to the traveller.

33 If I covered my transgressions, ‖ [m] as Adam; by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

34 Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrifie me: that I kept silence, *and* went not out of the door?

35 Oh that one would hear me! ‖ behold, my desire *is that* the Almighty would answer me, and *that* mine adversary had written a book.

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, *and* bind it *as* a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him.

38 If my land crie against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof † complain;

39 If I have eaten † the fruits thereof without money, or have † caused the owners thereof to lose their life:

40 Let thistles grow in stead of wheat, and ‖ cockle in stead of barly. The words of Job are ended.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Elihu is angry with Job, and with his three friends. 6 Because wisdom cometh not from age, he excuseth the boldness of his youth. 11 He reproveth them for not satisfying of Job. 16 His zeal to speak.

SO these three men ceased † to answer Job, because he *was* righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then

† Heb. *bright.*

† Heb. *my hand hath kissed my mouth.*

[f] Pro. 27.5.

[g] Matth. 5.44. Rom. 12.14.

† Heb. *my palate.*

[i] Rom. 12.17. Heb. 13. 2. 1 Pe 4.9.

‖ Or, *to the way.*

‖ Or, *after the manner of m.* [m] Gen. 3.8,12. Hos.6.7.

‖ Or, *behold, my sign is that the Almighty will answer me.*

† Heb. *keep.*

† Heb. *the strength thereof.*

† Heb. *caused the soul of the owners thereof to expire, or breathe out.*

‖ Or, *noisom weeds.*

† Heb. *from answering.*

2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the ſon of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: againſt Job was his wrath kindled, becauſe he juſtified † himſelf rather then God.

† Heb. *his ſoul.*

3 Alſo againſt his three friends was his wrath kindled, becauſe they had found no anſwer, and *yet* had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had † waited till Job had ſpoken, becauſe they *were* † elder then he.

† Heb. *expected Job in words.* † Heb. *elder for days.*

5 When Elihu ſaw that *there was* no anſwer in the mouth of *theſe* three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the ſon of Barachel the Buzite anſwered and ſaid, I *am* † young, and ye *are* very old; wherefore I was afraid, and † durſt not ſhew you mine opinion.

† Heb. *few of days.* † Heb. *feared.*

7 I ſaid, Days ſhould ſpeak, and multitude of years ſhould teach wiſdom.

8 But *there is* a ſpirit in man: and [a] the inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them underſtanding.

[a] Chap. 35. 11. & 38. 36. Pro. 2. 6. Eccl. 2. 26. Dan. 1. 17. & 2. 21. Jam. 1. 5.

9 Great men are not *always* wiſe; neither do the aged underſtand judgement.

10 Therefore I ſaid, Hearken to me; I alſo will ſhew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your † reaſons, whilſt you ſearched out † what to ſay.

† Heb. *understandings.* † Heb. *words.*

12 Yea, I attended unto you: and behold, *there was* none of you that convinced Job, *or* that anſwered his words:

13 Leſt ye ſhould ſay, We have found out wiſdom: God thruſteth him down, not man.

14 Now he hath not directed *his* words againſt me: neither will I anſwer him with your ſpeeches.

§ Or, *ordered his words.*

15 They were amazed; they anſwered no more; † they left off ſpeaking.

† Heb. *they removed ſpeeches from themſelves.*

16 When I had waited; for they ſpake not, but ſtood ſtill *and* anſwered no more;

17 *I ſaid*, I will anſwer alſo my part, I alſo will ſhew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of † matter; † the ſpirit within me conſtraineth me.

† Heb. *words.* † Heb. *the ſpirit of my belly.*

19 Behold, my belly *is* as wine *which* † hath no vent, it is ready to burſt like new bottles.

† Heb. *is not opened.*

20 I will ſpeak, † that I may be refreſhed: I will open my lips, and anſwer.

† Heb. *that I may breathe.*

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any mans perſon, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles: *in ſo doing* my Maker would ſoon take me away.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Elihu offereth himſelf in ſtead of God with ſincerity and meekneſs to reaſon with Job. 8 He excuſeth God from giving man an account of his ways, by his greatneſs. 14 God calleth man to repentance by viſions, 19 by afflictions, 23 and by his miniſtery. 31 Elihu inciteth Job to attention.

WHerefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my ſpeeches, and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath ſpoken † in my mouth.

† Heb. *in my palate.*

3 My words *ſhall be of* the uprightneſs of my heart; and my lips ſhall utter knowledge clearly.

4 [a] The ſpirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

[a] Gen. 1. 7.

5 If thou canſt anſwer me, ſet *thy words* in order before me, ſtand up.

6 [b] Behold, I *am* † according to thy wiſh in Gods ſtead: I alſo am † formed out of the clay.

[b] Chap. 9. 35. & 13. 20. † Heb. *according to thy desire.* † Heb. *cut out of the clay.*

7 Behold, my terrour ſhall not make thee afraid, neither ſhall my hand be heavy upon thee.

† Heb. *in mine ears.*

8 Surely thou haſt ſpoken † in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *ſaying*,

9 [c] I *am* clean without tranſgreſſion, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me.

[c] Chap. 9. 17. & 10. 7. & 11. 4. & 16. 17. & 23. 10. & 31. 6. 1 Joh. 1. 8. & 3. 5. & 4. 17.

10 Behold, he findeth occaſions againſt me, [d] he counteth me for his enemy.

[d] Chap. 13. 24. & 19. 11.

11 [e] He putteth my feet in the ſtocks, he marketh all my paths.

[e] Chap. 13. 27. & 14. 16. & 31. 4. Pſal. 139. 3.

12 Behold, *in* this thou art not juſt. I will anſwer thee, that God is greater then man.

13 Why doſt thou ſtrive againſt him? for † he giveth not account of any of his matters.

† Heb. *he answereth not.*

14 For God ſpeaketh once, yea, twice, *yet man* perceiveth it not.

15 In

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumbrings upon the bed;

16 Then † he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,

17 That he may withdraw man *from his* † purpose, and hide pride from man.

18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life † from perishing by the sword.

19 He is chastned also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong *pain*:

20 [f] So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul † dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away that it cannot be seen; and his bones, *that* were not seen, stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

24 Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found || a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher † then a childs: he shall return to the days of his youth.

26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him; and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

27 || He looketh upon men, and *if any* say, I have sinned, and perverted *that which was* right, and it profited me not;

28 || He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 Lo, all these *things* worketh God † oftentimes with man,

30 [g] To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightned with the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justifie thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Elihu accuseth Job for charging God with injustice. 10 God omnipotent cannot be unjust. 31 Man must humble himself unto God. 34 Elihu reproveth Job.

FUrthermore Elihu answered and said,

2 Hear my words, O ye wise *men*; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 [a] For the ear trieth words, as the † mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose to us judgement: let us know among our selves what *is* good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous: and [b] God hath taken away my judgement.

6 Should I lie against my right? † my wound *is* incurable without transgression.

7 What man *is* like Job, *who* drinketh up scorning like water?

8 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.

9 For [c] he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye † men of understanding. [d] Far be it from God *that he should do* wickedness, and *from* the Almighty *that he should commit* iniquity.

11 [e] For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to *his* ways.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgement.

13 Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed † the whole world?

14 [f] If he set his heart † upon man, *if* he gather unto himself his spirit & his breath;

15 [g] All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 If now *thou hast* understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

17 Shall even he that hateth right † govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 *Is it fit* to say to a king, *Thou art* wicked? *and* to princes, *Ye are* ungodly?

19 *How much less to him* that [b] accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth

[a] Chap. 6. 30. & 12. 11.
† Heb. palate.
[b] Chap. 27. 2.
† Heb. mine arrow: Ch. 6. 4. & 16. 13.
[c] Chap. 35. 3.
† Heb. men of heart.
[d] Deut. 32. 4. Ch. 8. 3. & 36. 23. Psal. 92. 15. Rom. 9. 14.
[e] Ps. 62. 12. Pro. 24. 12. Jer. 32. 19. Ezek. 33. 20. Mat. 16. 27. Rom. 2. 6. 2 Cor. 5. 10. 1 Pet. 1. 17. Rev. 22. 12.
† Heb. all of it.
[f] Psal. 104. 29.
† Heb. upon him.
[g] Gen. 3. 19. Eccles 12. 7.
† Heb. bind.
[h] Deut. 10. 17. 2 Chron. 19. 7. Rom. 2. 11. Gal. 2. 6. Colos. 3. 25.

the rich more then the poor? for [i] they all *are* the work of his hands.

20 In a moment ſhall they die, and the people ſhall be troubled at midnight, and paſs away: and † the mighty ſhall be taken away without hand.

21 [k] For his eyes *are* upon the ways of man, and he ſeeth all his goings.

22 [l] *There is* no darkneſs, nor ſhadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themſelves.

23 For he will not lay upon man more *then right*; that he ſhould † enter into judgement with God.

24 He ſhall break in pieces mighty men † without number, and ſet others in their ſtead.

25 Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth *them* in the night, ſo that they are † deſtroyed.

26 He ſtriketh them as wicked men † in the open ſight of others:

27 Becauſe they turned back † from him, and [m] would not conſider any of his ways:

28 So that they cauſe the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When he giveth quietneſs, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth *his* face, who then can behold him? whether *it be done* againſt a nation, or againſt a man onely:

30 That the hypocrite reign not, leſt the people be enſnared.

31 Surely it is meet to be ſaid unto God, I have born *chaſtiſement*, I will not offend *any more*.

32 *That which* I ſee not, teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

33 † *Should it be* according to thy mind? He will recompenſe it, whether thou refuſe, or whether thou chooſe; and not I: therefore ſpeak what thou knoweſt.

34 Let men † of underſtanding tell me, and let a wiſe man hearken unto me.

35 Job hath ſpoken without knowledge, and his words *were* without wiſdom.

36 ‖ My deſire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end, becauſe of *his* anſwers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his ſin, he clappeth *his hands* amongſt us, and multiplieth his words againſt God.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *Compariſon is not to be made with God, becauſe our good or evil cannot extend unto him.* 9 *Many cry in their afflictions, but are not heard for want of faith.*

ELihu ſpake moreover and ſaid,

2 Thinkeſt thou this to be right, *that* thou ſaidſt, My righteouſneſs *is* more then Gods?

3 For [a] thou ſaidſt, What advantage will it be unto thee? *and*, What profit ſhall I have ‖ *if I be cleanſed* from my ſin?

4 † I will anſwer thee, and thy companions with thee.

5 [b] Look unto the heavens, and ſee; and behold the clouds, *which* are higher then thou.

6 If thou ſinneſt, what doeſt thou againſt him? or *if* thy tranſgreſſions be multiplied, what doeſt thou unto him?

7 [c] If thou be righteous, what giveſt thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedneſs *may hurt* a man as thou *art*; and thy righteouſneſs *may profit* the ſon of man.

9 By reaſon of the multitude of oppreſſions they make *the oppreſſed* to cry: they cry out by reaſon of the arm of the mighty.

10 But none ſaith, Where *is* God my maker, who giveth ſongs in the night?

11 Who teacheth us more then the beaſts of the earth, and maketh us wiſer then the fowls of heaven.

12 There they cry, but none giveth anſwer, becauſe of the pride of evil men.

13 [d] Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou ſayeſt thou ſhalt not ſee him, *yet* judgement *is* before him; therefore truſt thou in him.

15 But now becauſe *it is* not ſo, ‖ he hath viſited in his anger, yet ‖ he knoweth *it* not in great extremity:

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge.

CHAP.

[i] Chap. 31. 15.

† Heb. they ſhall take away the mighty.

[k] Chap. 31. 4. Pſal. 34. 15. Jer. 16. 17.

[l] Pſal. 139. 12. Amos 9. 2, 3. Hebr. 4. 13.

† Heb. go.

† Heb. without ſearching out.

† Heb. cruſhed.

† Heb. in the place of beholders.

† Heb. from after him.

[m] Pſal. 28. 6. Iſ. 5. 11.

† Heb. Should it be ſ om with thee?

† Heb. of heart.

‖ Or, My father, let Job be tried.

[a] Chap. 34. 9.

‖ Or, by it. † Heb. I will anſwer in the above words.

[b] Chap. 22. 12.

[c] Chap. 22. 2, 3. Pſal. 16. 2. Rom. 11. 35.

[d] Chap. 27. 9. Prov. 15. 29. Jer. 11. 11.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Elihu sheweth how God is just in his ways,* 16 *and how Jobs sins hinder Gods blessings.* 24 *Gods works are to be magnified.*

ELihu also proceeded, and said,
2 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee, that † *I have* yet to speak on Gods behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, & will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly, my words *shall* not *be* false: he that is perfect in knowledge *is* with thee.
5 Behold, God *is* mighty, and despiseth not *any*: [a] *he is* mighty in strength *and* †wisdom.
6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked: but giveth right to the || poor.
7 [b] He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: but [c] with kings *are they* on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.
8 And [d] if *they be* bound in fetters, *and* be holden in cords of affliction;
9 Then he sheweth them their work; and their transgressions, that they have exceeded.
10 [e] He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.
11 If they obey, and serve *him*, they shall [f] spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.
12 But if they obey not, they shall †perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.
13 But the hypocrites in heart [g] heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.
14 [h] † They die in youth, and their life *is* among the || unclean.
15 He delivereth the || poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.
16 Even so would he have removed thee out of the strait *into* a broad place where *there is* no straitness, and † [i] that which should be set on thy table *should be* full of fatness.
17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgement of the wicked: judgement and justice || take hold *on thee.*
18 Because *there is* wrath, *beware* lest he take thee away with *his* stroke: then [k] a great ransom cannot † deliver thee.
19 Will he esteem thy riches? *no*, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.
21 Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather then affliction.
22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: [l] who teacheth like him?
23 [m] Who hath enjoyned him his way? or [n] who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?
24 Remember that thou magnifie his work, which men behold.
25 Every man may see it; man may behold *it* afar off.
26 Behold, God *is* great, and we know *him* not, [o] neither can the number of his years be searched out.
27 For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof:
28 Which the clouds do drop, *and* distill upon man abundantly.
29 Also can *any* understand the spreadings of the clouds, *or* the noise of his tabernacle?
30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it, and covereth † the bottom of the sea.
31 For [p] by them judgeth he the people; he giveth meat in abundance.
32 With clouds he covereth the light; and commandeth it *not to shine*, by *the cloud* that cometh betwixt.
33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it, the cattel also concerning † the vapour.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *God is to be feared because of his great works.* 15 *His wisdom is unsearchable in them.*

AT this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.
2 † Hear attentively the noise of his voice, and the sound *that* goeth out of his mouth.
3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and his † lightning unto the † ends of the earth.
4 After it [a] a voice roareth: he thundreth with the voice of his excellency, and he

[a] Psal. 49. 7.
† Heb. turn thee aside.
[l] Isa. 40. 13, 14. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.
[m] Chap. 34. 13.
[n] Chap. 34. 10.
[o] Psal. 90. 2, & 102. 24. Heb. 1. 12.
† Heb. the roots.
[p] Chap. 37. 13. & 38. 23.
† Heb. that which goeth up.
† Heb. hear in hearing.
† Heb. light.
† Heb. wings of the earth.
[a] Psal. 29. 3.

he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

5 God thundreth marvellously with his voice; [b] great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 For [c] he saith to the snow, Be thou *on* the earth; † likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of his strength.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 † Out of the south cometh the whirlwind; and cold out of the † north.

10 [d] By the breath of God frost is given; and the breadth of the waters is straitned.

11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud; he scattereth † his bright cloud.

12 And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 [e] He causeth it to come, whether for † correction, or for his land, or for mercy.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments *are* warm, when he quieteth the earth by the south *wind*?

18 Hast thou with him [f] spread out the sky, *which is* strong, *and* as a molten looking-glass?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him: *for* we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I speak? if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

21 And now *men* see not the bright light which *is* in the clouds: but the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 † Fair weather cometh out of the north: with God *is* terrible majesty.

23 *Touching* the Almighty, [g] we cannot find him out: [h] *he is* excellent in power, and in judgement, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him: he respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 God challengeth Job to answer. 4 God, by his mighty works, convinceth Job of ignorance, 31 and of imbecillity.

THen the LORD answered Job [a] out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 [b] Who *is* this that darkneth counsel by words without knowledge?

3 [c] Gird up now thy loins like a man: for I will demand of thee, and † answer thou me.

4 [d] Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, † if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the † foundations thereof † fastned? or who laid the corner-stone thereof?

7 When the morning-stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.

8 [e] Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth *as if* it had issued out of the womb?

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

10 And ‖ [f] brake up for it my decreed *place*, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall † thy proud waves be stayed.

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days? *and* caused the day-spring to know his place,

13 That it might take hold of the † ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

14 It is turned as clay *to* the seal; and they stand as a garment.

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden, and [g] the high arm shall be broken.

16 Hast thou entred into the springs of the

[b] Chap. 5. 9. & 36. 26.
[c] Psal. 147. 15, 16.
† Heb. *and to the shower of rain, & to the showers of rain of his strength.*
† Heb. *out of the chamber.*
† Heb. *scattering winds.*
[d] Chap. 38. 29, 30. Psal. 147. 17, 18.
† Heb. *the cloud of his light.*
[e] Exod. 9. 18, 23. 1 Sam. 12. 18. Ezr. 10. 9. Chap. 36. 31.
† Heb. *a rod.*
[f] Gen. 1. 6.
† Heb. *pride.*
[g] 1 Tim. 6. 16.
[a] Chap. 36. 5.
[b] Chap. 42. 3.
[c] Chap. 40. 7.
† Heb. *make me to know.*
[d] Psal. 104. 5. Prov. 8. 29.
† Heb. *sockets.*
† Heb. *were sunk.*
† Heb. *stones of stumbling.*
[e] Gen. 1. 9.
† Heb. *made a girdle.*
‖ Or, *prescribed my decreed place upon it.*
† Heb. *the pride of thy waves.*
† Heb. *wings.*
[g] Psal. 10. 15.

the ſea? or haſt thou walked in the ſearch of the depth?

17 Have [h] the gates of death been opened unto thee? or haſt thou ſeen the doors of the ſhadow of death?

18 Haſt thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare, if thou knoweſt it all.

19 Where *is* the way *where* light dwelleth? and *as for* darkneſs, where *is* the place thereof,

20 That thou ſhouldſt take it ||to the bound thereof, and that thou ſhouldſt know the paths *to* the houſe thereof?

21 Knoweſt thou *it*, becauſe thou waſt then born? or *becauſe* the number of thy days *is* great?

22 Haſt thou entred into the treaſures of the ſnow? or haſt thou ſeen the treaſures of the hail,

23 Which I have reſerved againſt the time of trouble, againſt the day of battel and war?

24 By what way is ŷ light parted, *which* ſcattereth the eaſt-wind upon the earth?

25 Who hath divided a water-courſe for the overflowing of waters? or a way for the lightning of thunder,

26 To cauſe it to rain on the earth, *where* no man *is*; *on* the wilderneſs, wherein *there is* no man?

27 [i] To ſatisfie the deſolate and waſte *ground*, and to cauſe the bud of the tender herb to ſpring forth?

28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of the dew?

29 Out of whoſe womb came the ice? and the hoary froſt of heaven, who hath gendred it?

30 The waters are hid as *with* a ſtone, and the face of the deep † is frozen.

31 Canſt thou bind the ſweet influences of [k] ||† Pleiades, or looſe the bands of †Orion?

32 Canſt thou bring forth ||Mazzaroth in his ſeaſon, or canſt thou † guide Arcturus with his ſons?

33 Knoweſt thou [l] the ordinances of heaven? canſt thou ſet the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canſt thou liſt up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canſt thou ſend lightnings, that they may go, and ſay unto thee, † Here we *are*?

36 [m] Who hath put wiſdom in the inward parts? or who hath given underſtanding to the heart?

37 Who can number ŷ clouds in wiſdom? or † who can ſtay the bottles of heaven,

38 ||When the duſt † groweth into hardneſs, and the clods cleave faſt together?

39 [n] Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill † the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in *their* dens, *and* abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 [o] Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Of the wild goats and hinds. 5 Of the wild aſs, 9 the unicorn, 13 the peacock, ſtork, and oſtrich, 19 the horſe, 26 the hawk, 27 the eagle.

KNoweſt thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? *or* canſt thou mark when [a] the hinds do calve?

2 Canſt thou number the moneths *that* they fulfill? or knoweſt thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themſelves, they bring forth their young ones, they caſt out their ſorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up with corn; they go forth, and return not unto them.

5 Who hath ſent out the wild aſs free? or who hath looſed the bands of the wild aſs?

6 [b] Whoſe houſe I have made the wilderneſs, and the † barren land his dwellings.

7 He ſcorneth the multitude of the city, neither regardeth he the crying † of the driver.

8 The range of the mountains *is* his paſture, and he ſearcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the unicorn be willing to ſerve thee, or abide by thy crib?

10 Canſt thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow? or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou truſt him becauſe his ſtrength

† Heb. *Behold us*
[m] Chap. 32. 8. Eccles 2. 26.
† Heb. *who can cauſe to lie down.*
‖ Or, *when the duſt is turned into mire*
† Heb. *is poured.*
[n] Pſal. 104. 21.
† Heb. *the life.*
[o] Pſal. 147. 9. Matth. 6. 26.

[a] Pſal. 29. 9.

[b] Chap. 24. 5 Jer. 2. 24. Hoſ. 8. 9.
† Heb. *ſalt places.*
† Heb. *of the exacteur.*

strength *is* great? or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?

12 Wilt thou beleeve him that he will bring home thy seed, and gather *it into* thy barn?

13 *Gavest thou* the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or ‖ wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

‖ Or, *the feathers of the stork and ostrich.*

14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in the dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them.

16 She is hardned against her young ones, as though *they were* not hers: her labour is in vain without fear;

17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she lifteth up her self on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse strength? hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? ŷ glory of his nostrils *is* † terrible.

† Heb. *terrours.*

21 ‖ He paweth in the valley, and rejoyceth in *his* strength: he goeth on to meet † the armed men.

‖ Or, *his feet dig.* † Heb. *the armour.*

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver ratleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage: neither beleeveth he that *it is* the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, Ha, ha; and he smelleth the battel afar off, ŷ thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, *and* stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Doth the eagle mount up † at thy command, and [c] make her nest on high?

† Heb. *by thy mouth.* [c] Jer. 49. 16. Obad. 4.

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, *and* her eyes behold afar off.

[d] Matth. 24. 28. Luke 17. 37.

30 Her young ones also suck up bloud: and [d] where the slain *are*, there *is* she.

CHAP. XL.

1 *Job humbleth himself to God.* 6 *God stirreth him up to shew his righteousness, power, and wisdom.* 15 *Of the behemoth.*

MOreover, the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him?* he that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 ¶ Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? [a] I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

[a] Psal. 39. 9.

5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

6 ¶ [b] Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

[b] Chap. 38. 1.

7 [c] Gird up thy loins now like a man: [d] I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

[c] Chap. 38. 3. [d] Job. 42. 4.

8 [e] Wilt thou also disannull my judgement? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

[e] Psal. 51. 4. Rom. 3. 4.

9 Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 [f] Deck thy self now *with* majesty and excellency, and array thy self with glory and beauty.

[f] Psal. 104. 1.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one *that is* proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one *that is* proud, *and* bring him low: and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together, *and* bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 ¶ Behold now ‖ behemoth, which I made with thee. He eateth grass as an ox.

‖ Or, *the elephant, as for the Hebr.*

16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins, and his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

17 ‖ He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapt together.

‖ Or, *he stirreth up.*

18 His bones *are as* strong pieces of brass, his bones *are* like bars of iron.

19 He *is* the chief of the ways of God: he that made him, can make his sword to approach *unto him.*

20 Surely

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food: where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, † he drinketh up a river, *and* hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 ‖ He taketh it with his eyes: *his* nose pierceth through snares.

† Heb. *he oppresseth, or, violently swalloweth up a river, and wonders at it.*

CHAP. XLI.

Of Gods great power in the leviathan.

CAnst thou draw out ‖ leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord † *which* thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft *words* unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as *with* a bird? or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battel, do no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None *is so* fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?

11 [a] Who hath prevented me that I should repay *him?* [b] *whatsoever is* under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can discover the face of his garment? *or* who can come *to him* ‖ with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? his teeth *are* terrible round about.

15 *His* † scales *are his* pride, shut up together *as with* a close seal.

16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.

17 They are joyned one to another, they stick together, that they cannot be sundred.

18 By his neesings a light doth shine, & his eyes *are* like ŷ eye-lids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, *and* sparks of fire leap out.

20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as *out* of a seething pot or caldron.

21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.

22 In his neck remaineth strength, and † sorrow is turned into joy before him.

23 † The flakes of his flesh are joyned together: they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone; yea, as hard as a piece of the nether *milstone.*

25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purifie themselves.

26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold; the spear, the dart, nor the ‖ habergeon.

27 He esteemeth iron as a straw, *and* brass as rotten wood.

28 The arrow cannot make him flee: sling-stones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.

30 † Sharp stones *are* under him: he spreadeth sharp-pointed things upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him; *one* would think the deep *to be* hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, ‖ who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high *things*: he *is* a king over all the children of pride.

† Heb. *Sorrow rejoyceth.*

† Heb. *the fallings.*

‖ Or, *breast-plate.*

† Heb. *Sharp peeces of the pot-sherd.*

‖ Or, *who behave themselves without fear.*

CHAP. XLII.

1 Job submitteth himself unto God. 7 God preferring Jobs cause, maketh his friends submit themselves, and accepteth him. 10 He magnifieth and blesseth Job. 16 Jobs age and death.

THen Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst *do* every *thing*, and *that* || no thought can be withholden from thee.

|| Or, no thought of thine can be hindered.

3 [a] Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; [b] things too wonderfull for me, which I knew not.

[a] Chap. 38. 2. [b] Psal. 40. 5. & 139. 6.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I abhor *my self*, and repent in dust and ashes.

7 ¶ And it was *so*, that after ỹ LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me *the thing that is* right, as my servant Job *hath*.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for your selves a burnt-offering, and my servant Job shall pray for you: for † him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

† Heb. his face, or person.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite *and* Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them. The LORD also accepted † Job.

† Heb. the face of Job.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD † gave Job twice as much as he had before.

† Heb. added all that had been to Job unto the double.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an ear-ring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more then his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 He had also seven sons, and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found *so* fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this lived Job an hundred and fourty years, and saw his sons, and his sons sons, *even* four generations.

17 So Job died *being* old and full of days.

The book of PSALMS.

PSAL. I.

1 The happiness of the godly. 4 The unhappiness of the ungodly.

[a] Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the || ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, [b] nor sitteth in the seat of the scornfull.

|| Or, wicked.

[a] Prov. 4. 14, 15. [b] Jer. 15. 17. [c] Josh. 1. 8. Psal. 119. 1. [d] Jer. 17. 8. Ezek. 47. 12.

2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; [c] and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And [d] he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not † wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

† Heb. fade.

4 The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* [e] like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

[e] Psal. 35. 5. Isa. 17. 13.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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PSAL. II.

1 *The kingdom of Christ.* 10 *Kings are exhorted to submit to it.*

WHy [a] do the heathen ‖ rage, and the people † imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 [b] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, & ‖ vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I † set my king † upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare ‖ the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, [c] Thou *art* my son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 [d] Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, & the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession.

9 [e] Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potters vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoyce with trembling.

12 Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little: [f] blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.

PSAL. III.

The security of Gods protection.

¶ A psalm of David, [a] when he fled from Absalom his son.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me? many *are* they that rise up against me.

2 Many *there be* which say of my soul, *There is* no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, *art* a shield ‖ for me; my glory, & the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

5 [b] I laid me down, and slept; I awaked: for the LORD sustained me.

6 [c] I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people that have set *themselves* against me round about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies *upon* the cheek-bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 [d] Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD: thy blessing *is* upon thy people. Selah.

PSAL. IV.

1 *David prayeth for audience.* 2 *He reproveth and exhorteth his enemies.* 6 *Mans happiness is in Gods favour.*

¶ To the ‖ chief musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.

HEar me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress; ‖ have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long *will ye turn* my glory into shame? *how long* will ye love vanity, *and* seek after leasing? Selah.

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

4 Stand in aw, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

5 Offer [a] the sacrifices of righteousness: and put your trust in the LORD.

6 *There be* many that say, Who will shew us *any* good? [b] LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more then in the time *that* their corn and their wine increased.

8 [c] I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, onely makest me dwell in safety.

PSAL. V.

1 *David prayeth, and professeth his study in prayer.* 4 *God favoureth not the wicked.* 7 *David professing his faith, prayeth unto God to guide him,* 10 *to destroy his enemies,* 11 *and to preserve the godly.*

¶ To the chief musician upon Nehiloth, A psalm of David.

GIve ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, & my God: for unto thee will I pray.

3 [a] My

[e] Psal. 27. 3.

[d] Isa 43. 11. Jer. 3. 23. Hos. 13. 4. Jon. 2. 9.

‖ Or, overseer, Hab. 3. 19.

‖ Or, be gracious unto me.

[a] Psal. 50. 14. & 51. 19.

[b] Num. 6. 26.

[c] Psal. 3. 5.

3 [a] My voice ſhalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct *my prayer* unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou *art* not a God that hath pleaſure in wickedneſs: neither ſhall evil dwell with thee.

5 [b] The fooliſh ſhall not ſtand † in thy ſight: thou hateſt all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou ſhalt deſtroy them that ſpeak leaſing: the LORD will abhor † the bloudy and deceitfull man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy houſe in the multitude of thy mercy: *and* in thy fear will I worſhip toward † thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteouſneſs, becauſe of † mine enemies, [c] make thy way ſtraight before my face.

9 For *there is* no ‖ faithfulneſs † in their mouth; their inward part *is* † very wickedneſs: [d] their throat *is* an open ſepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.

10 ‖ Deſtroy thou them, O God; let them fall ‖ by their own counſels: caſt them out in the multitude of their tranſgreſſions: for they have rebelled againſt thee.

11 But let all thoſe that put their truſt in thee rejoyce: let them ever ſhout for joy, becauſe thou † defendeſt them: let them alſo that love thy name be joyfull in thee.

12 For thou, LORD, wilt bleſs the righteous; with favour wilt thou † compaſs him as *with* a ſhield.

PSAL. VI.

1 Davids complaints in his ſickneſs. 8 By faith he triumpheth over his enemies.

¶ To the chief muſician on Neginoth ‖ upon Sheminith, A pſalm of David.

O [a] LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chaſten me in thy hot diſpleaſure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am* weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

3 My ſoul is alſo ſore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my ſoul: oh ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

5 [b] For in death *there is* no remembrance of thee: in thee grave who ſhall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning; ‖ all the night make I my bed to ſwim: I water my couch with my tears.

7 [c] Mine eye is conſumed becauſe of grief; it waxeth old becauſe of all mine enemies.

8 [d] Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my ſupplication; the LORD will receive my prayer.

10 Let all mine enemies be aſhamed and ſore vexed: let them return *and* be aſhamed ſuddenly.

PSAL. VII.

1 David prayeth againſt the malice of his enemies, profeſſing his innocency. 10 By faith he ſeeth his defence, and the deſtruction of his enemies.

¶ Shiggaion of David, which he ſang unto the LORD concerning the ‖ words of Cuſh the Benjamite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my truſt: ſave me from all them that perſecute me, and deliver me:

2 Leſt he tear my ſoul like a lion, renting *it* in pieces, while *there is* † none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands:

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me: (yea, I have delivered him that without cauſe is mine enemy)

5 Let the enemy perſecute my ſoul, and take *it*; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the duſt. Selah.

6 Ariſe, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thy ſelf, becauſe of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgement *that* thou haſt commanded.

7 So ſhall the congregation of the people compaſs thee about: for their ſakes therefore return thou on high.

8 The LORD ſhall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, [a] according to my righteouſneſs, and according to mine integrity *that is* in me.

9 Oh let the wickedneſs of the wicked come

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[a] Pſal. 130. 6.
[b] Hab. 1. 13.
† Heb. before thine eyes
† Heb. the man of bloods and deceit.
† Heb. the temple of thy holineſs.
† Heb. thoſe which obſerve me.
[c] Pſal. 25. 4. & 27. 11.
‖ Or, ſtedfaſtneſs.
† Heb. in his mouth, that is, in the mouth of any of them.
† Heb. wickedneſſes.
[d] Rom. 3. 13.
‖ Or, make them guilty.
‖ Or, from their counſels.
† Heb. covereſt
‖ Or, protecteſt
† Heb. encompaſſ.

‖ Or, upon the eighth.
[a] Pſal. 38. 1. Jer. 10. 24.

[b] Pſal. 30. 9. & 88. 11. & 115. 17 & 118. 17 Iſa. 38. 18.

‖ Or, many nights.
[c] Job. 17. 7. Pſal. 31. 9. & 88. 9. Lam. 3. 48. Mat. 7. 23. & 25. 41. Luke 13. 27.

† Heb. are not.

[a] Pſal. 18. 20.

come to an end, but establish the just: [b] for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

10 † My defence *is* of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

11 God ‖ judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

12 If he turn not, he will [c] whet his sword; he hath bent his bowe, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; [d] he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutours.

14 [e] Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falshood.

15 † He made a pit and digged it, [f] and is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSAL. VIII.

Gods glory is magnified by his works, and by his love to man.

¶ To the chief musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who [a] hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2 [b] Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou † ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers; the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 [c] What *is* man, that thou art mindfull of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 For thou hast made him a little lower then the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6 [d] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; [e] thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

7 † All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

PSAL IX.

1 David praiseth God for executing of judgement. 11 He inciteth others to praise him. 13 He prayeth that he may have cause to praise him.

¶ To the chief musician upon Muthlabben, A Psalm of David.

I Will praise *thee*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad & rejoyce in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast † maintained my right and my cause; thou sattest in the throne judging † right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 ‖ O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: & thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished w[b] them

7 But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgement.

8 And [a] he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

9 [b] The LORD also will be † a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

12 [c] When he maketh inquisition for bloud, he remembreth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the ‖ humble.

13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoyce in thy salvation.

15 [d] The

† Heb. made my judgement.
† Heb. in righteousness.
‖ Or, the destructions of the enemy are come to a perpetual end: and their cities hast thou destroyed, &c.
[a] Psal. 96. 13. & 98. 9.
[b] Ps. 37. 9 & 46. 1. & 91. 2.
† Heb. an high place.
[c] Gen. 9. 5.
‖ Or, afflicted.

15 [d] The heathen are ſunk down in the pit *that* they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

16 The LORD is known by the judgement *which* he executeth: the wicked is ſnared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion; Selah.

17 The wicked ſhall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy ſhall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor ſhall *not* periſh for ever.

19 Ariſe, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy ſight.

20 Put them in fear, O LORD: *that* the nations may know themſelves *to be but* men. Selah.

PSAL. X.

1 David complaineth to God of the outrage of the wicked. 12 He prayeth for remedy. 16 He profeſſeth his confidence.

WHy ſtandeſt thou afar off, O LORD? *why* hideſt thou *thy ſelf* in times of trouble?

2 † The wicked in *his* pride doth perſecute the poor: [a] let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boaſteth of his † hearts deſire, and [b] ‖ bleſſeth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.

4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not ſeek *after God*: ‖ God *is* not in all his [c] thoughts.

5 His ways are always grievous; [d] thy judgements *are* far above out of his ſight: *as for* all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

6 He hath ſaid in his heart, I ſhall not be moved: for I *ſhall* † never *be* in adverſity.

7 [e] His mouth is full of curſing and † deceit and fraud: under his tongue *is* miſchief and ‖ vanity.

8 He ſitteth in the lurking places of the villages: [f] in the ſecret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes † are privily ſet againſt the poor.

9 He lieth in wait † ſecretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor when he draweth him into his net.

10 † He croucheth *and* humbleth himſelf, that the poor may fall ‖ by his ſtrong ones.

11 He hath ſaid in his heart, God hath forgotten: [g] he hideth his face; he will never ſee *it*.

12 Ariſe, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the ‖ humble.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath ſaid in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.

14 Thou haſt ſeen *it*; for thou beholdeſt miſchief and ſpite to requite *it* with thy hand: the poor † committeth himſelf unto thee: thou art the helper of the fatherleſs.

15 [h] Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: ſeek out his wickedneſs *till* thou find none.

16 [i] The LORD *is* King for ever & ever: the heathen are periſhed out of his land.

17 LORD, thou haſt heard the deſire of the humble: thou wilt ‖ prepare their heart, thou wilt cauſe thine ear to hear;

18 To judge the fatherleſs and the oppreſſed, that the man of the earth may no more ‖ oppreſs.

PSAL. XI.

1 David encourageth himſelf in God againſt his enemies. 4 The providence and juſtice of God.

¶ To the chief muſician, *A pſalm* of David.

IN the LORD put I my truſt: how ſay ye to my ſoul, Flee *as* a bird to your mountain?

2 For lo, [a] the wicked bend *their* bowe, they make ready their arrow upon the ſtring, that they may † privily ſhoot at the upright in heart.

3 If the foundations be deſtroyed, what can the righteous do?

4 [b] The LORD *is* in his holy temple, the LORDS throne *is* in heaven: [c] his eyes behold, his eye-lids try the children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his ſoul hateth.

6 [d] Upon the wicked he ſhall rain ſnares, fire and brimſtone, and ‖ an horrible tempeſt: *this ſhall be* the portion of their cup.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteouſneſs; his countenance doth behold the upright.

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[d] Pſal. 7. 16. & 57. 7. & 44. 23. Prov. 22. 8.

† Heb. *in the pride of the wicked he doth perſecute.*

[a] Pſal. 9. 15, 16.

† Heb. *ſoulls.*

[b] Prov. 28. 4. Rom. 1. 32.

‖ Or, *the covetous bleſſeth himſelf, he abhorreth the LORD.*

‖ Or, *all his thoughts are, there is no God.*

[c] Pſal. 14. 1.

[d] Prov. 24. 7.

† Heb. *unto generation and generation.*

[e] Rom. 3. 14.

† Heb. *deceits.*

‖ Or, *iniquity.*

[f] Hab. 3. 14.

† Heb. *he deſtroyeth themſelves.*

† Heb. *in the ſecret places.*

† Heb. *he breaketh himſelf.*

‖ Or, *know his ſtrong parts.* [g] Job 22. 13. Pſ. 94. 7.

‖ Or, *a ſpectacle.*

† Heb. *committeth.*

[h] Pſal. 37. 17. † Pſal. 29. 10. & 145. 13. & 146. 10. Jer. 10. 10. Lam. 5. 19. Dan. 4. 34. & 6. 26. 1 Tim. 1. 17.

‖ Or, *eſtabliſh.*

‖ Or, *terrible.*

[a] Pſal. 64. 3, 4.

† Heb. *in darkneſs.*

[b] Habak. 2. 20. [c] Pſ. 33. 13, 14. 15, 16. & 66. 7.

[d] Ezek. 38. 22.

‖ Or, *a burning tempeſt.*

[a] Pſal. 5. 5.

PSAL. XII.

1 David destitute of humane comfort, craveth help of God. 3 He comforteth himself with Gods judgements on the wicked, and confidence in Gods tried promises.

¶ To the chief musician ||upon Sheminith, A psalm of David.

HElp LORD, for [a] the godly man ceaseth; for the faithfull fail from among the children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: [b] *with* flattering lips, *and* with †a double heart do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, *and* the tongue that speaketh † proud things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips † are our own: who *is* lord over us?

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD: I will set *him* in safety *from him that* ||puffeth at him.

6 [c] The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve †them from this generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side, when †the vilest men are exalted.

PSAL. XIII.

1 David complaineth of delay in help. 3 He prayeth for preventing grace. 5 He boasteth of divine mercy.

¶ To the ||chief musician, A psalm of David.

HOw long wilt thou forget me, O LORD, for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *having* sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep *the sleep* of death:

4 [a] Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; *and* those that trouble me rejoyce when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoyce in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSAL. XIV.

1 David describeth the corruption of a natural man. 4 He convinceth the wicked by the light of their conscience. 7 He glorieth in the salvation of God.

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David.

THe [a] fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God [b]. They are corrupt; they have done abominable works; *there is* none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God.

3 They are all gone aside; they are *all* together become † filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who [c] eat up my people *as* they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

5 There † were they in great fear: for God *is* in the generation of the righteous.

6 You have shamed the counsel of the poor; because the LORD *is* his refuge.

7 † Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoyce, *and* Israel shall be glad.

PSAL. XV.

David describeth a citizen of Zion.

¶ A psalm of David.

LORD, [a] who shall †abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 [b] He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

3 [c] *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor ||taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD: *he that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

5 [d] *He that* putteth not out his money to usury, [e] nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these *things*, shall never be moved.

PSAL.

PSAL XVI.

1 David in distrust of merits, and hatred of idolatry, fleeth to God for preservation. 5 He sheweth the hope of his calling, of the resurrection, and life everlasting.

¶ ‖ Michtam of David.

PReserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 *O my soul,* thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my Lord: [a] my goodness *extendeth* not to thee:

3 *But* to the saints ỹ *are* in the earth, & *to* the excellent, in whom *is* all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied *that* ‖ hasten *after* another *god*: their drink-offerings of bloud will I not offer, [b] nor take up their names into my lips.

5 [c] The LORD *is* the portion † of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

8 [d] I have set the LORD always before me: because [e] *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, & my glory rejoyceth: my flesh also shall † rest in hope.

10 [f] For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy One to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me ỹ path of life: [g] in thy presence *is* fulness of joy, at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

‖ Or, *A golden psalm of David.*

[a] Job 22. 2, 3. & 35. 7, 8. Psal. 50. 9. Rom. 11. 35.

‖ Or, *give gifts to another.*

[b] Josh. 23. 7.

[c] Deut. 32. 9. Psal. 73. 26. & 142. 5. Lam. 3. 24.

† Heb. *of my part.*

[d] Acts 2. 25.

[e] Psal. 73. 23. & 110. 5. & 121. 5.

† Heb. *dwell confidently.*

[f] Act. 2. 31. & 13. 35.

[g] Psal. 17. 15. & 21. 6.

PSAL. XVII.

1 David in confidence of his integrity, craveth defence of God against his enemies. 10 He sheweth their pride, craft and eagerness. 13 He prayeth against them in confidence of his hope.

¶ A prayer of David.

HEar † the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer *that goeth* † not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart, thou hast visited *me* in the night; [a] thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing: I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips, I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps † slip not.

6 I have called upon thee; for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

7 [b] Shew thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou ‖ that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust *in thee* from those that rise up *against them.*

8 [c] Keep me as the apple of the eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that † oppress me, *from* † my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

10 [d] They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

12 † Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion † lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD, † disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, ‖ *which is* thy sword:

14 ‖ From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, [e] *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: ‖ they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: [f] I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

† Heb. *justice.*

† Heb. *without lips of deceit.*

[a] Job 23. 10. Psal. 26. 2. Mal. 3. 2, 3. 1 Pet. 2. 7.

PSAL. XVIII.

David praiseth God for his manifold and marvellous blessings.

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of [a] this song in the day *that* the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said,

[b] I Will love thee, O LORD my strength.

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my for-

† Heb. *be not moved.*

[b] Psal. 31. 21.

‖ Or, *that savest those which trust in thee from those that rise up against them.*

[c] Deut. 32. 10. Zech. 2. 8.

† Heb. *make me to err.*

† Heb. *my enemies of my soul.*

[d] Psal. 119. 70.

† Heb. *the fatness of them (that is, of their heart) they inclose in themselves.*

† Heb. *speaking.*

† Heb. *prevent him, face him.*

‖ Or, *by thy sword.*

[e] Or, *from men of the world which have their portion in this life.*

† Heb. *filling.*

[f] Psal. 17. 15.

[a] Luke 16. 25.

‖ Or, *their children are full.*

[b] Psal. 144. 1.

fortress, and my deliverer, my God, † my strength, [c] in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 [d] The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of † ungodly men made me afraid.

5 The || sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke † out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

9 [e] He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness *was* under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, [f] he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him *were* dark waters *and* thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness *that was* before him his thick clouds passed, hail *stones* and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundred in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

15 Then the chanels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered, at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of || many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

19 [g] He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgements *were* before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.

23 I was also upright † before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands † in his eye-sight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright:

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and [h] with the froward thou wilt || shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

28 For thou wilt light my || candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I have || run through a troup, and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

30 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect: [k] the word of the LORD is || tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

31 [l] For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?

32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like hinds *feet*, and [m] setteth me upon my high places.

34 [n] He teacheth my hands to war, so *that* a bowe of steel is broken by mine arms.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and || thy gentleness hath made me great.

36 Thou

[g] Psal. 118. 5.

† Heb. with.

† Heb. before his eyes.

[h] Levit. 26. 23, 24, 27, 28.

|| Or, wrestle.

|| Or, lamp.

|| Or, broken.

[i] Deut. 32. 4. Dan. 4. 37. Rev. 15. 3.

[k] Psal. 12. 6. & 119. 140. Prov. 30. 5.

|| Or, refined.

[l] Deut. 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 2. Psal. 86. 8. Isa. 45. 5.

[m] Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 29.

[n] Psal. 144. 1.

|| Or, with thy meekness thou hast multiplied me.

36 Thou haſt enlarged my ſteps under me; that † my feet did not ſlip.

† Heb. *mine ankles.*

37 I have purſued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were conſumed.

38 I have wounded them ỽ they were not able to riſe: they are faln under my feet.

† Heb. *cauſed to bow.*

39 For thou haſt girded me with ſtrength unto battel: thou haſt † ſubdued under me thoſe that roſe up againſt me.

40 Thou haſt alſo given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might deſtroy them that hate me.

• Job 27. 9. & 35. 12. Prov. 1. 28. Iſa. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11. & 14. 12. Ezek. 8. 18. Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13.

41 They cried, but *there was* none to ſave *them*: • *even* unto the LORD, but he anſwered them not.

42 Then did I beat them ſmall as the duſt before the wind: I did P caſt them out as the dirt in the ſtreets.

P Zech. 10. 5.

43 Thou haſt delivered me from the ſtrivings of the people; *and* thou haſt made me the head of the heathen: a people *whom* I have not known ſhall ſerve me.

† Heb. *at the hearing of the ear.*

44 † Aſſoon as they hear of me, they ſhall obey me: † the ſtrangers ſhall || † ſubmit themſelves unto me.

† Heb. *the ſons of the ſtranger.* || Or, *yield feigned obedience.*

45 The ſtrangers ſhall fade away, and be afraid out of their cloſe places.

46 The LORD liveth, and bleſſed *be* my rock: and let the God of my ſalvation be exalted.

† Heb. *lie.*

47 *It is* God that † avengeth me, and || ſubdueth the people under me.

† Heb. *giveth avengements for me.* || Or, *deſtroyeth.*

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, q thou lifteſt me up above thoſe that riſe up againſt me: thou haſt delivered me from the † violent man.

q Pſal. 59. 1. † Heb. *man of violence.*

49 r Therefore will I || give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and ſing praiſes unto thy name.

r Rom. 15. 9. || Or, *confeſs.*

50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and ſheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his ſeed s for evermore.

s 2 Sam. 7. 13.

PSALM. XIX.

1 The creatures ſhew Gods glory; 7 the word, his grace. 12 David prayeth for grace.

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

THE t heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament ſheweth his handy-work.

t Gen. 1. 6.

2 Day unto day uttereth ſpeech, and night unto night ſheweth knowledge.

3 *There is* no ſpeech nor language, || † *where* their voice is not heard.

|| Or, *whoſe voices are not heard.* † Heb. *their voice.*

4 b || Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he ſet a tabernacle for the ſun;

b Rom. 10. 18. || Or, *their rule.* † Heb. *their ſound.*

5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, c *and* rejoyceth as a ſtrong man to run a race.

c Eccl. 1. 5.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The || law of the LORD *is* perfect, || converting the ſoul: the teſtimony of the LORD *is* ſure, making wiſe the ſimple.

|| Or, *doctrine.* Or, *reſtoring.*

8 The ſtatutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoycing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightning the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgements of the LORD *are* † true *and* righteous altogether.

† Heb. *truth.*

10 More to be deſired *are they* than gold, d yea, than much fine gold: e ſweeter alſo than honey, and † the honey-comb.

d Pſal. 119. 72. 127. Prov. 8. 11. 19. e Pſal. 119. 103. † Heb. *the dropping of honey-combs.*

11 Moreover, by them is thy ſervant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there is* great reward.

12 f Who can underſtand *his* errours? cleanſe thou me from ſecret *faults.*

f Pſal. 40. 12.

13 Keep back thy ſervant alſo from preſumptuous *ſins*; g let them not have dominion over me: then ſhall I be upright, and I ſhall be innocent from || the great tranſgreſſion.

g Pſal. 119. 133. Rom. 6. 12, 14. || Or, *much.*

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy ſight, O LORD, † my ſtrength and my Redeemer.

† Heb. *my rock.*

PSALM. XX.

1 The church bleſſeth the king in his exploits. 7 Her confidence in Gods ſuccour.

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob † defend thee.

† Heb. *ſet thee on an high place.*

2 Send † thee help from the ſanctuary, and

† Heb. *ſay help.*

and † strengthen thee out of Zion.

3 Remember all thy offerings, and † accept thy burnt-sacrifice. Selah.

4 Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfill all thy counsel.

5 We will rejoyce in thy salvation, and [a]in the name of our God we will set up *our* banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed: he will hear him † from his holy heaven, † with the saving strength of his right hand.

7 [b]Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright.

9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

PSAL. XXI.

1 A thanksgiving for victory. 7 Confidence of further success.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

THE king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoyce!

2 Thou hast given him his hearts desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

4 He asked life of thee, *and* thou gavest *it* him, *even* length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory *is* great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.

6 For thou hast † made him most blessed for ever: thou hast † made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

10 [a]Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. [a] Job 18. 16, 19.

11 For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, *which* they are not able *to perform.*

12 Therefore ‖ shalt thou make them turn their † back, *when* thou shalt make ready *thine arrows* upon thy strings against the face of them. ‖ Or, *thou shalt set them as a but.* † Heb. *shoulder.*

13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: *so* will we sing and praise thy power.

PSAL. XXII.

1 David complaineth in great discouragement. 9 He prayeth in great distress. 23 He praiseth God.

¶ To the chief musician upon ‖ Aijeleth Shahar, A psalm of David. ‖ Or, *the hind of the morning.*

MY [a]God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so* far † from helping me, *and from* the words of my roaring? [a] Matt. 27. 46. Mark 15. 34. † Heb. *from my salvation.*

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou heares not; and in the night-season, and † am not silent. † Heb. *there is no silence to me.*

3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They cryed unto thee, and were delivered: [b]they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. [b] Ps. 25. 2, 3. & 31. 1. Is. 49. 23. Rom. 9. 33.

6 But I *am* a worm, and no man; [c]a reproach of men, and despised of the people. [c] Is. 53. 3

7 [d]All they that see me, laugh me to scorn: they † shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,* [d] Mat. 27. 39. † Heb. *open.*

8 [e]† He trusted on the LORD, *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, ‖ seeing he delighted in him. [e] Mat. 27. 43. † Heb. *He rolled himself on the LORD.* ‖ Or, *if he delight in him.*

9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou ‖ didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mothers breasts. ‖ Or, *kept me in safety.*

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mothers belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* † none to help. † Heb. *not a helper.*

12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong

bulls of Baſhan have beſet me round.

13 They † gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, & all my bones are ‖ out of joynt: my heart is like wax; it is melted in ỹ midſt of my bowels.

15 My ſtrength is dryed up like a potſherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws: and thou haſt brought me into the duſt of death.

16 For dogs have compaſſed me; the aſſembly of the wicked have encloſed me: [f] they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look *and* ſtare upon me.

18 § They part my garments among them, and caſt lots upon my veſture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my ſtrength, haſte thee to help me.

20 Deliver my ſoul from the ſword, my † darling from †the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lions mouth: for thou haſt heard me from the horns of the unicorns.

22 [h] I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midſt of the congregation will I praiſe thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praiſe him: all ye the ſeed of Jacob, glorifie him; and fear him, all ye the ſeed of Iſrael.

24 For he hath not deſpiſed nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him: but [i] when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 [k] My praiſe *ſhall be* of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 [l] The meek ſhall eat, and be ſatisfied: they ſhall praiſe the LORD that ſeek him: your heart ſhall live for ever.

27 [m] All the ends of the world ſhall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations ſhall worſhip before thee.

28 For the kingdom *is* the LORDS: & he *is* the governour among the nations.

29 All *they that be* fat upon earth ſhall eat and worſhip: all they that go down to the duſt ſhall bow before him; and none can keep alive his own ſoul.

30 A ſeed ſhall ſerve him; it ſhall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

31 They ſhall come, and ſhall declare his righteouſneſs unto a people that ſhall be born, that he hath done *this*.

PSAL. XXIII.

Davids confidence in Gods grace.

¶ A pſalm of David.

THE LORD *is* [a] my ſhepherd; I ſhall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in †green paſtures: he leadeth me beſide the † ſtill waters.

3 He reſtoreth my ſoul: [b] he leadeth me in the paths of righteouſneſs for his names ſake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the ſhadow of death, [c] I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy ſtaff they comfort me.

5 Thou prepareſt a table before me in ỹ preſence of mine enemies: thou † anointeſt my head with oyl; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodneſs & mercy ſhall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the houſe of the LORD † for ever.

PSAL. XXIV.

1 Gods lordſhip in the world. 3 The citizens of his ſpiritual kingdom. 7 An exhortation to receive him.

¶ A pſalm of David.

THE [a] earth *is* the LORDS, and the fulneſs thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 [b] For he hath founded it upon the ſeas, and eſtabliſhed it upon the flouds.

3 [c] Who ſhall aſcend into the hill of the LORD? and who ſhall ſtand in his holy place?

4 [d] † He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lift up his ſoul unto vanity, nor ſworn deceitfully.

5 He ſhall receive the bleſſing from the LORD, and righteouſneſs from the God of his ſalvation.

6 This *is* the generation of them that ſeek him, that ſeek thy face, ‖ O Jacob. Selah.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlaſting doors; and the King of glory ſhall come in.

8 Who

† Heb. opened their mouths againſt me.
‖ Or, ſundred.
[f] Matt. 27. 35. Mar. 15. 24. Luk. 23. 33. Joh. 19. 23, 37. & 20. 25.
[g] Luk. 23. 34. Joh. 19. 24.
† Heb. onely one.
† Heb. the hand.
[h] Hebr. 2. 12.
[i] Hebr. 5. 7.
[k] Pſ. 35. 18.
[l] Pſ. 69. 32. Iſ. 65. 13
[m] Pſal. 2. 8. & 72. 11. & 86. 9.
[a] Iſa. 44. 11. Jer. 31. Ezek. 34. Joh. 10. 11. 1 Pet. 2. 25. Rev. 7. 17.
† Heb. paſtures of graſs.
† Heb. waters of quietneſs.
[b] Pſ. 5. 8. & 31. 3. & 143. 10.
[c] Pſal. 3. 6. & 118. 6.
† Heb. make fat.
† Heb. in length of days.
[a] Exod. 9. 29. & 19. 5. Deut. 10. 14. Job 41. 11. Pſal. 50. 12. 1 Cor. 10. 26, 28.
[b] Job 38. 6. Pſ. 104. 5. & 136. 6. 2 Pet. 3. 5.
[c] Pſal. 15. 1.
† Heb. the clean of hands, or, God of Jacob.

8 Who *is* this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battel.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he *is* the King of glory. Selah.

PSAL. XXV.

1 Davids confidence in prayer. 7 He prayeth for remission of sins, 16 and for help in affliction.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

UNto [a]thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, I [b]trust in thee: let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

4 [c]Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths.

5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou *art* the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, [d]† thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindnesses: for they *have been* ever of old.

7 Remember not [e]the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright *is* the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgement; and the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

11 For thy names sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it *is* great.

12 What man *is* he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall choose.

13 His soul shall† dwell at ease: and [f]his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 [g] The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him: || and he will shew them his covenant.

15 Mine eyes *are* ever towards the LORD: for he shall † pluck my feet out of the net.

16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I *am* desolate and afflicted.

17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins.

19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many, & they hate me with †cruel hatred.

20 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on thee.

22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSAL. XXVI.

David resorteth unto God, in confidence of his integrity.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

JUdge [a]me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; *therefore* I shall not slide.

2 [b]Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving kindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.

4 [c]I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place † where thine honour dwelleth.

9 ||[d]Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with † bloudy men:

10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is † full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be mercifull unto me.

12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

† Heb. bring forth.

† Heb. hatred of violence.

[a] Ps. 7. 8.

[b] Ps. 17. 3 & 66. 10. & 139. 23. Zech. 13. 9.

[c] Ps. 1. 1. Jer. 15. 17.

† Heb. of the tabernacle of thy honour.

|| Or, take not away.

[d] Ps. 28. 3

† Heb. men of bloud.

† Heb. filled with.

PSAL. XXVII.

1 *David ſuſtaineth his faith by the power of God,* 4 *by his love to the ſervice of God,* 9 *by prayer.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

THE LORD *is* [a] my light and my ſalvation; whom ſhall I fear? [b] the LORD *is* the ſtrength of my life; of whom ſhall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, † came upon me to eat up my fleſh, they ſtumbled and fell.

3 [c] Though an hoſt ſhould encamp againſt me, my heart ſhall not fear: though war ſhould riſe againſt me, in this *will* I *be* confident.

4 One *thing* have I deſired of the LORD, that will I ſeek after; that I may dwell in the houſe of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold ‖ the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

5 For [d] in the time of trouble he ſhall hide me in his pavilion: in the ſecret of his tabernacle ſhall he hide me; he ſhall ſet me up upon a rock.

6 And now ſhall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle ſacrifices † of joy; I will ſing, yea, I will ſing praiſes unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy alſo upon me, and anſwer me.

8 ‖ *When thou ſaidſt,* Seek ye my face; my heart ſaid unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I ſeek.

9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy ſervant away in anger: thou haſt been my help; leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my ſalvation.

10 [e] When my father and my mother forſake me, then the LORD † will take me up.

11 [f] Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in †a plain path, becauſe of † mine enemies.

12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for falſe witneſſes are riſen up againſt me, & ſuch as breath out cruelty.

13 *I had fainted,* unleſs I had beleeved to ſee the goodneſs of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 [g] Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen thine heart: wait, I ſay, on the LORD.

PSAL. XXVIII.

1 *David prayeth earneſtly againſt his enemies.* 6 *He bleſſeth God.* 9 *He prayeth for the people.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

UNto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not ſilent † to me: [a] leſt *if* thou be ſilent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my ſupplications when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands ‖ toward thy holy oracle.

3 [b] Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity: [c] which ſpeak peace to their neighbours, but miſchief *is* in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedneſs of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands, render to them their deſert.

5 Becauſe they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he ſhall deſtroy them, & not build them up.

6 Bleſſed *be* the LORD, becauſe he hath heard the voice of my ſupplications.

7 The LORD *is* my ſtrength and my ſhield; my heart truſted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoyceth, & with my ſong will I praiſe him.

8 The LORD *is* ‖ their ſtrength, and he *is* the † ſaving ſtrength of his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bleſs thine inheritance: ‖ feed them alſo, and lift them up for ever.

PSAL. XXIX.

1 *David exhorteth princes to give glory to God,* 3 *by reaſon of his power,* 11 *and protection of his people.*

¶ A pſalm of David.

GIve [a] unto the LORD, O † ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and ſtrength.

2 Give unto the LORD † the glory due unto his name; worſhip the LORD ‖ in the beauty of holineſs.

3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: [b] the God of glory thundreth; the LORD *is* upon ‖ many waters.

4 The

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[a] Mic. 7. 8. Pſal. 118. 6.

† Heb. approached againſt me.

[a] Pſal. 3. 6.

‖ Or, the delight.

[d] Pſ. 31. 20. & 83. 3. & 91. 1.

† Heb. of ſhouting.

‖ Or, my heart ſaid unto thee, Let my face ſeek thy face, &c.

[e] Iſa. 49. 15.

† Heb. will gather me.

[f] Pſal. 25. 4. and 86. 11. and 119.

† Heb. a way of plainneſs.

† Heb. thoſe which obſerve me.

[g] Pſal. 31. 24.

[a] Pſal. 30. 5. Iſa. 26. Hab. 2.

† Heb. from me. Pſal. 143. 7.

Or, is deaf. Pſ. 28. 1. of thy ſanctuary. Pſ. 28. 2. Pſal. 134. 2. 1 Sam. 1. 13. Pſ. 63. 4. Jer. 51.

Or, his ſtrength. Heb. ſtrength of ſalvations.

Or, rule.

[a] 1 Chr. 16. 28, 29. Pſ. 96. 7, 8, 9.

† Heb. ye ſons of the mighty.

† Heb. the beauty of his name.

‖ Or, in his glorious ſanctuary.

[b] Job 37. 4, 5.

‖ Or, great.

4 The voice of the LORD *is* †powerfull; the voice of the LORD *is* † full of majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the LORD †divideth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds ‖ to calve, and discovereth the forrests: and in his temple ‖ doth every one speak of *his* glory.

10 The LORD sitteth upon the floud; yea, [d] the LORD sitteth King for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSAL. XXX.

1 David praiseth God for his deliverance. 4 He exhorteth others to praise him by example of Gods dealing with him.

¶ A psalm *and* song, *at* the dedication of the house of David.

I Will extoll thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoyce over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cryed unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O LORD, [a] thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

4 [b] Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks ‖ at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For [c] †his anger *endureth but* a moment; in his favor *is* life: weeping may endure † for a night, but † joy *cometh* in the morning.

6 And [d] in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.

7 LORD, by thy favour thou hast †made my mountain to stand strong: [e] thou didst hide thy face, *and* I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication.

9 What profit *is there* in my bloud, when I go down to the pit? [f] shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper.

11 [g] Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that ‖ *my* glory may sing praise to thee, & not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

PSAL. XXXI.

1 David shewing his confidence in God, craveth his help. 7 He rejoyceth in his mercy. 9 He prayeth in his calamity. 19 He praiseth God for his goodness.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

IN [a] thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed: [b] deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou † my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

3 For thou *art* my rock and my fortress: therefore [c] for thy names sake lead me, and guide me.

4 Pull me out of the net *y*ᵗ they have laid privily for me: for thou *art* my strength.

5 [d] Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth.

6 I have hated them [e] that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoyce in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;

8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: [f] thou hast set my feet in a large room.

9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: [g] mine eye is consumed with grief, *yea*, my soul and my belly.

10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.

11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but [h] especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me.

12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like † a broken vessel.

g Isa. 61. 3.

‖ That is, my tongue, or, my soul.

a Psal. 22. 5 & 71. 1. Isa. 49. 23.

b Psal. 143. 1.

† Heb. to me for a rock of strength.

c Psal. 23. 3.

d Luke 23. 46.

e Jon. 2. 8.

f Psal. 4. 1 & 18. 19.

g Psal. 6. 7.

h Job 19. 13. Psal. 38. 11. & 88. 8. 18.

† Heb. as a vessel that perisheth.

13 For I have heard the ſlander of many: fear *was* on every ſide, while they took counſel together againſt me, they deviſed to take away my life.

14 But I truſted in thee, O LORD: I ſaid, Thou *art* my God.

15 My times *are* in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that perſecute me.

16 [k] Make thy face to ſhine upon thy ſervant: ſave me for thy mercies ſake.

17 [l] Let me not be aſhamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be aſhamed, & let [m] them ‖ be ſilent in ỹ grave.

18 [n] Let the lying lips be put to ſilence; which [o] ſpeak † grievous things proudly and contemptuouſly againſt the righteous.

19 [p] O how great *is* thy goodneſs which thou haſt laid up for them that fear thee; *which* thou haſt wrought for them that truſt in thee, before the ſons of men!

20 [q] Thou ſhalt hide them in the ſecret of thy preſence from the pride of man: [r] thou ſhalt keep them ſecretly in a pavilion from the ſtrife of tongues.

21 Bleſſed *be* the LORD: for [s] he hath ſhewed me his marvellous kindneſs in a ‖ ſtrong city.

22 For [t] I ſaid in my haſte, [u] I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheleſs thou heardeſt the voice of my ſupplications when I cried unto thee.

23 O love the LORD, all ye his ſaints: *for* the LORD preſerveth the faithfull, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

24 [x] Be of good courage, and he ſhall ſtrengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

PSAL. XXXII.

1 Bleſſedneſs conſiſteth in remiſſion of ſins. 3 Confeſſion of ſins giveth eaſe to the conſcience. 8 Gods promiſes bring joy.

¶ *A pſalm* of David, ‖ Maſchil.

BLeſſed *is he whoſe* [a] tranſgreſſion *is* forgiven, *whoſe* ſin *is* covered.

2 Bleſſed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and [b] in whoſe ſpirit *there is* no guile.

3 When I kept ſilence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moiſture is turned into the drought of ſummer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my ſin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid: [c] I ſaid, I will confeſs my tranſgreſſions unto the LORD; and thou forgaveſt the iniquity of my ſin. Selah.

6 For this ſhall every one that is godly [d] pray unto thee † in a time when thou mayeſt be found: ſurely in the flouds of great waters, they ſhall not come nigh unto him.

7 [e] Thou *art* my hiding place; thou ſhalt preſerve me from trouble: thou ſhalt compaſs me about with ſongs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will inſtruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou ſhalt go: † I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 [f] Be ye not as the horſe, *or* as the mule, *which* have no underſtanding: whoſe mouth muſt be held in with bit and bridle, leſt they come near unto thee.

10 Many ſorrows *ſhall be* to the wicked: but he that truſteth in the LORD, mercy ſhall compaſs him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoyce, ye righteous: and ſhout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.

PSAL. XXXIII.

1 God is to be praiſed for his goodneſs, 6 power, 12 and providence. 20 Confidence is to be placed in God.

REjoyce in the LORD, O ye righteous: *for* [a] praiſe is comely for the upright.

2 Praiſe the LORD with harp: ſing unto him with the pſaltery, *and* an inſtrument of ten ſtrings.

3 [b] Sing unto him a new ſong, play skilfully with a loud noiſe.

4 For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth.

5 [c] He loveth righteouſneſs and judgement: [d] the earth is full of the ‖ goodneſs of the LORD.

6 [e] By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and [f] all the hoſt of them, [g] by the breath of his mouth.

7 [h] He gathereth the waters of the ſea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in ſtore-houſes.

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[l] Jer. 6. 15. & 20. 3. Lam. 2. 22.

[m] Pſ. 4. 6.

[n] Pſ. 25. 2

[o] 1 Sam. 2. 3. ‖ Or, *be caſt off for the grave.*

[p] Pſ. 12. 3.

[q] 1 Sam. 2. 3. Jude 15. † Heb. *a hard thing.*

[r] Iſ. 64. 4. 1 Cor. 2. 9.

[s] Pſal. 27. 5.

[t] Job. 5. 21.

[u] Pſ. 17. 7. ‖ Or, *fenced.*

[x] Pſ. 116. 11. Iſ. 38. 11, 12. Lam. 3. 54. Jon. 2. 4.

[a] Pſal 27. 14.

‖ Or, *giving inſtruction.*

[a] Rom. 4. 6, 7, 8.

[b] Joh. 1. 47.

[a] Prov. 28. 13. Iſa. 65. 24.

[b] Joh. 9. 31.

[c] Iſa. 55. 6. † Heb. *in a time of finding.*

[d] Pſ. 69. 13. & 27. 5.

† Heb. *I will counſel thee, mine eye ſhall be upon thee.*

[e] Prov. 26. 3.

[a] Pſal. 147. 1. [b] Pſ. 96. 1. & 98. 1. & 144. 9. Iſa. 42. 10. [c] Pſ. 45. 7. [d] Pſ. 119. 64. ‖ Or, *mercy.*

[e] Gen. 1. 6, 7. Heb. 11. 3. 2 Pet. 3. 5. [f] Gen. 2. 1. [g] Job 26. 13. [h] Gen. 1. 9. Job 38. 10. & 38.

8 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world ſtand in awe of him.

9 For [i] he ſpake, and it was *done*; he commanded, and it ſtood faſt.

10 [k] The LORD † bringeth the counſel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

11 [l] The counſel of the LORD ſtandeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart † to all generations.

12 [m] Bleſſed *is* the nation whoſe God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath choſen for his own inheritance.

13 [n] The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the ſons of men.

14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

15 He faſhioneth their hearts alike; he conſidereth all their works.

16 There is no king ſaved by the multitude of an hoſt: a mighty man is not delivered by much ſtrength.

17 [o] An horſe *is* a vain thing for ſafety: neither ſhall he deliver *any* by his great ſtrength.

18 [p] Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their ſoul from death, and [q] to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our ſoul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our ſhield.

21 For our heart ſhall rejoyce in him, becauſe we have truſted in his holy name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us according as we hope in thee.

PSAL. XXXIV.

1 David praiſeth God, and exhorteth others thereto by his experience. 8 They are bleſſed that truſt in God. 11 He exhorteth to the fear of God. 15 The priviledges of the righteous.

¶ *A pſalm* of David, when he changed his behaviour before || Abimelech; who drove him away and he departed.

I Will bleſs the LORD at all times: his praiſe *ſhall* continually *be* in my mouth.

2 My ſoul ſhall make her boaſt in the LORD: the humble ſhall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

3 O magnifie the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

4 I ſought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 They || looked unto him, and were lightned; & their faces were not aſhamed.

6 This poor man cried, & the LORD heard *him*, and ſaved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD [a] encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O [b] taſte & ſee that the LORD *is* good: [c] bleſſed *is* the man *that* truſteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his ſaints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

10 [d] The young lions do lack, and ſuffer hunger: but they that ſeek the LORD ſhall not want any good *thing*.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 [e] What man *is he that* deſireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, [y] he may ſee good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from ſpeaking guile.

14 [f] Depart from evil, and do good; [z] ſeek peace, and purſue it.

15 [h] The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 [i] The face of the LORD *is* againſt them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD *is* nigh † unto them that are of a broken heart; and ſaveth † ſuch as be of a contrite ſpirit.

19 [k] Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones: [l] not one of them is broken.

21 [m] Evil ſhall ſlay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous ſhall be || deſolate.

22 The LORD redeemeth the ſoul of his ſervants: and none of them that truſt in him ſhall be deſolate.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 *David prayeth for his own ſafety, and his enemies confuſion.* 11 *He complaineth of their wrongfull dealing.* 22 *Thereby he inciteth God againſt them.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

PLead [a] *my cauſe*, O LORD, with them that ſtrive with me: fight againſt them that fight againſt me.

2 Take hold of ſhield and buckler, and ſtand up for mine help.

3 Draw out alſo the ſpear, and ſtop *the way* againſt them that perſecute me: ſay unto my ſoul, I *am* thy ſalvation.

4 [b] Let them be confounded and put to ſhame that ſeek after my ſoul: let them be turned back and brought to confuſion that deviſe my hurt.

5 [c] Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chaſe *them*.

6 Let their way be † [d] dark and ſlippery: & let the angel of the LORD perſecute them.

7 For without cauſe have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cauſe they have digged for my ſoul.

8 Let deſtruction come upon him † at unawares; & [e] let his net that he hath hid catch himſelf: into ẏ very deſtruction let him fall.

9 And my ſoul ſhall be joyfull in the LORD: it ſhall rejoyce in his ſalvation.

10 [f] All my bones ſhall ſay, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too ſtrong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that ſpoileth him?

11 † Falſe witneſſes did riſe up: they † laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 [g] They rewarded me evil for good, *to* the † ſpoiling of my ſoul.

13 But as for me [h] when they were ſick, my clothing *was* ſackcloth: I ‖ humbled my ſoul with faſting; and my prayer returned into mine own boſom.

14 I † behaved my ſelf † as though *he had been* my friend, *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine † adverſity they rejoyced, & gathered themſelves together: *yea*, [i] the abjects gathered themſelves together againſt me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceaſed not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feaſts: they gnaſhed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? reſcue my ſoul from their deſtructions, † my darling from the lions.

18 [k] I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praiſe thee among † much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies † wrongfully rejoyce over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye [l] that hate me without a cauſe.

20 For they ſpeak not peace; but they deviſe deceitfull matters againſt *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide againſt me, *and* ſaid, Aha, Aha, our eye hath ſeen *it*.

22 *This* thou haſt ſeen, O LORD: keep not ſilence; O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thy ſelf, and awake to my judgement, *even* unto my cauſe, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteouſneſs; and let them not rejoyce over me.

25 Let them not ſay in their hearts, † Ah, ſo would we have it: let them not ſay, We have ſwallowed him up.

26 [m] Let them be aſhamed and brought to confuſion together that rejoyce at mine hurt: let them be clothed wᵗʰ ſhame & diſhonour ẏ magnifie *themſelves* againſt me.

27 Let them ſhout for joy, and be glad, that favour my † righteous cauſe: yea, let them ſay continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleaſure in the proſperity of his ſervant.

28 And my tongue ſhall ſpeak of thy righteouſneſs *and* of thy praiſe all the day long.

PSAL. XXXVI.

1 *The grievous eſtate of the wicked.* 5 *The excellency of Gods mercy.* 10 *David prayeth for favour to Gods children.*

¶ To the chief muſician, *A pſalm* of David, the ſervant of the LORD.

THe tranſgreſſion of the wicked ſaith within my heart, *that* [a] *there is* no fear of God before his eyes.

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[a] Pſ. 43. 1. & 119. 154. Lam. 3. 58.
[b] v. 26. Pſ. 40. 15. & 70. 2.
[c] Job 21. 18. & 27. 20. Iſa. 17. 13. & 41. 15.
† Heb. darkneſs and ſlipperineſs.
[d] Pſal. 73. 18. Jer. 23. 12.
† Heb. which he knoweth not of.
[e] Pſ. 7. 15, 16. & 57. 6. Pſ. 5. 22.
† See Pſ. 5. 8
† Heb. witneſſes of wrong.
† Heb. acted me
[g] Pſ. 38. 20. and 109. 5.
† Heb. at proving
[h] Job 30. 25.
‖ Or, afflicted.
† Heb. walked. † Heb. as a friend, as a brother to me.
† Heb. halving.
[i] Pſ. 38. 7. Iſa. 30. 28, 32.

† Heb. very much more.
[k] Pſ. 22. 25, & 40. 9, 10, & 111. 1.
† Heb. ſtrong.
† Heb. falſly.
[l] Pſ. 69. 4. & 109. 3. & 119. 161. Lam. 3. 52. Joh. 15. 25.

† Heb. Ah, ah, our ſoul.
[m] v. 4. Pſ. 40. 14.

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[a] Rom. 3. 18.

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2 For they ſhall ſoon be cut down like the graſs, and wither as the green herb.

3 Truſt in the LORD, and do good; *ſo* ſhalt thou dwell in the land, and † verily thou ſhalt be fed.

4 Delight thy ſelf alſo in the LORD; and he ſhall give thee ỹ deſires of thine heart.

5 † [b] Commit thy way unto the LORD; truſt alſo in him; & he ſhall bring *it* to paſs.

6 And he ſhall bring forth thy righteouſneſs as the light, and thy judgement as the noon day.

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8 Ceaſe from anger, and forſake wrath: fret not thy ſelf in any wiſe to do evil.

9 For evil doers ſhall be cut off: but thoſe that wait upon the LORD, they ſhall inherit the earth.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked *ſhall* not *be:* yea, [c] thou ſhalt diligently conſider his place, and it *ſhall* not *be.*

11 [d] But the meek ſhall inherit the earth; and ſhall delight themſelves in the abundance of peace.

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19 They ſhall not be aſhamed in the evil time: and [g] in the days of famine they ſhall be ſatisfied.

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† H-b. the upright of way.

[f] Pſ. 10. 15.

[g] Pſ. 33. 19.

† He. the precious ſtuff of lambs.

[h] Pſ 1. 112. 9.

PSAL. XXXV.

1 *David prayeth for his own ſafety, and his enemies confuſion.* 11 *He complaineth of their wrongfull dealing.* 22 *Therein he inciteth God againſt them.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

PLead [a] *my cauſe*, O LORD, with them that ſtrive with me: fight againſt them that fight againſt me.

2 Take hold of ſhield and buckler, and ſtand up for mine help.

3 Draw out alſo the ſpear, and ſtop *the way* againſt them that perſecute me: ſay unto my ſoul, I *am* thy ſalvation.

4 [b] Let them be confounded and put to ſhame that ſeek after my ſoul: let them be turned back and brought to confuſion that deviſe my hurt.

5 [c] Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chaſe *them*.

6 Let their way be †[d] dark and ſlippery: & let the angel of the LORD perſecute them.

7 For without cauſe have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cauſe they have digged for my ſoul.

8 Let deſtruction come upon him † at unawares; & [e] let his net that he hath hid catch himſelf: into ỳ very deſtruction let him fall.

9 And my ſoul ſhall be joyfull in the LORD: it ſhall rejoyce in his ſalvation.

10 [f] All my bones ſhall ſay, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too ſtrong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that ſpoileth him?

11 † False witneſſes did riſe up: they † laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

12 [g] They rewarded me evil for good, *to* the † ſpoiling of my ſoul.

13 But as for me [h] when they were ſick, my clothing *was* ſackcloth: I ‖ humbled my ſoul with faſting; and my prayer returned into mine own boſom.

14 I † behaved my ſelf † as though *he had been* my friend, *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

15 But in mine † adverſity they rejoyced, & gathered themſelves together: *yea*, [i] the abjects gathered themſelves together againſt me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceaſed not:

16 With hypocritical mockers in feaſts: they gnaſhed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? reſcue my ſoul from their deſtructions, † my darling from the lions.

18 [k] I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praiſe thee among † much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies † wrongfully rejoyce over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye [l] that hate me without a cauſe.

20 For they ſpeak not peace; but they deviſe deceitfull matters againſt *them that are* quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide againſt me, *and* ſaid, Aha, Aha, our eye hath ſeen *it*.

22 *This* thou haſt ſeen, O LORD: keep not ſilence; O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thy ſelf, and awake to my judgement, *even* unto my cauſe, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteouſneſs; and let them not rejoyce over me.

25 Let them not ſay in their hearts, † Ah, ſo would we have it: let them not ſay, We have ſwallowed him up.

26 [m] Let them be aſhamed and brought to confuſion together that rejoyce at mine hurt: let them be clothed with ſhame & diſhonour ỳ magnifie *themſelves* againſt me.

27 Let them ſhout for joy, and be glad, that favour my † righteous cauſe: yea, let them ſay continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleaſure in the proſperity of his ſervant.

28 And my tongue ſhall ſpeak of thy righteouſneſs *and* of thy praiſe all the day long.

PSAL. XXXVI.

1 *The grievous eſtate of the wicked.* 5 *The excellency of Gods mercy.* 10 *David prayeth for favour to Gods children.*

¶ To the chief muſician, *A pſalm* of David, the ſervant of the LORD.

THe tranſgreſſion of the wicked ſaith within my heart, *that* [a] *there is* no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For

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[a] Pſ. 43. 1. [b] Pſ. 119. 78. [c] Jer. 23. 12. [d] Heb. darkneſs and ſlipperineſs. [e] Pſal. 7. 15, 16. [f] Exod. 15. 10. Pſ. 71. 19. [g] See Pſ. 35. 8. † Heb. witneſſes of wrong. † Heb. aſked me. [h] Pſ. 38. 12. and 109. 5. † Heb. the praying. [i] Job 30. 1. ‖ Or, afflicted. † Heb. walked. † Heb. as a friend, as a brother to me. † Heb. bowing. [k] Pſ. 22. 22. [l] Heb. without cauſe. [m] Pſ. 40. 14. † Heb. in my adverſity. [a] Rom. 3. 18.

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|| Or, eſtabliſhed.

23 The ſteps of a *good* man are || ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

[i] Prov. 24. 16. 2 Cor. 4. 9.

24 [i] Though he fall, he ſhall not be utterly caſt down: for the LORD upholdeth *him* with his hand.

[k] Pſal. 112. 9. † Heb. all the day. [l] Pſal. 34. 14.

25 I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not ſeen the righteous forſaken, nor his ſeed begging bread.

26 [k] *He is* †ever mercifull, and lendeth; and his ſeed *is* bleſſed.

27 [l] Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.

28 For the LORD loveth judgement, and forſaketh not his ſaints; they are preſerved for ever: but the ſeed of the wicked ſhall be cut off.

[m] Prov. 2. 21.

29 [m] The righteous ſhall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

30 The mouth of the righteous ſpeaketh wiſdom, and his tongue talketh of judgement.

[n] Deut. 6. 6. Pſ. 40. 8. & 119. 98. Iſ. 51. 7. || Or, goings.

31 [n] The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his || ſteps ſhall ſlide.

32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and ſeeketh to ſlay him.

33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he ſhall exalt thee to inherit the land: [o] when the wicked are cut off, thou ſhalt ſee *it*.

[o] Pſ. 91. 8.

[p] Job 5. 3. || Or, *a green tree that groweth in his own ſoil.*

35 [p] I have ſeen the wicked in great power, and ſpreading himſelf like || a green bay-tree:

36 Yet he paſſed away, and lo, he *was* not: yea, I ſought him, but he could not be found.

37 Mark the perfect *man*, & behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace.

38 But the tranſgreſſours ſhall be deſtroyed together: the end of the wicked ſhall be cut off.

39 But the ſalvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their ſtrength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD ſhall help them, and deliver them: he ſhall deliver them from the wicked, and ſave them, becauſe they truſt in him.

PSAL. XXXVIII.

David moveth God to take compaſſion of his piteous caſe.

[a] Pſal. 70. 1.

¶ A pſalm of David [a] to bring to remembrance.

[b] Pſ. 6. 1.

O [b] LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chaſten me in thy hot diſpleaſure.

[c] Job 6. 4.

2 For [c] thine arrows ſtick faſt in me, and thy hand preſſeth me ſore.

[d] Pſ. 6. 2. † Heb. peace, or health.

3 *There is* no ſoundneſs in my fleſh, becauſe of thine anger; [d] neither *is there any* †reſt in my bones, becauſe of my ſin.

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

† Heb. wearied.

5 My wounds ſtink, *and* are corrupt, becauſe of my fooliſhneſs.

6 I am †troubled, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loyns are filled with a loathſom *diſeaſe*; and *there is* no ſoundneſs in my fleſh.

8 I am feeble and ſore broken: I have roared by reaſon of the diſquietneſs of my heart.

9 Lord, all my deſire *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

[e] Pſ. 6. 7. † Heb. is not with me. [f] Pſal. 31. 11. † Heb. ſtroke. || Or, my neighbours.

10 My heart panteth, my ſtrength faileth me: as for [e] the light of mine eyes, it alſo † is gone from me.

11 [f] My lovers and my friends ſtand aloof from my † ſore; and || my kinſmen ſtand afar off.

12 They alſo that ſeek after my life lay ſnares *for me:* and they that ſeek my hurt, ſpeak miſchievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf *man*, heard not; and *I was* as a dumb man *that* openeth not his mouth.

14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whoſe mouth *are* no reproofs.

|| Or, then did I wait for. || Or, anſwer.

15 For || in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt || hear, O LORD my God.

16 For I ſaid, *Hear me*, leſt *otherwiſe* they ſhould rejoyce over me: when my foot ſlippeth, they magnifie *themſelves* againſt me.

17 For

17 For I *am* ready † to halt, and my sorrow *is* continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies † *are* lively, *and* they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also [g] that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that* good *is*.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste † to help me, O Lord my salvation.

PSAL. XXXIX.

1 David's care of his thoughts. 4 His consideration of the brevity and vanity of life. 7 Reverence of Gods judgements, 10 and prayer, bridle impatience in him.

¶ To the chief musician, *even* to [a] Jeduthun, A psalm of David.

I Said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep † my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, *even* from good; and my sorrow was † stirred.

3 My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: *then* spake I with my tongue.

4 LORD [b] make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it *is*; *that* I may know || how frail I *am*.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days *as* an hand-breadth: and mine age *is* as nothing before thee: [b] verily every man † at his best state *is* altogether vanity. Selah.

6 Surely every man walketh in † a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: [c] he heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 [d] I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst *it*.

10 [e] Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the † blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest † his beauty to consume away like a moth: [f] surely every man *is* vanity. Selah.

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: [g] for I *am* a stranger with thee, *and* a sojourner, as all my fathers *were*.

13 [h] O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

PSAL. XL.

1 The benefit of confidence in God. 6 Obedience is the best sacrifice. 11 The sense of Davids evils inflameth his prayer.

¶ To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

† I Waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, & heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of † an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, *even* praise unto our God: many shall see *it*, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed *is* that man that maketh the LORD his trust; and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

5 [a] Many, O LORD my God, *are* thy wonderfull works *which* thou hast done, & thy thoughts *which are* to us-ward: || they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: *if* I would declare and speak *of them*, they are mo then can be numbred.

6 [b] Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou † opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me:

8 [c] I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* † [d] within my heart.

9 [e] I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed

† Heb. *that which is to be desired in him to melt away.*
[f] Ver. 5. [g] Levit. 25. 23. 1 Chr. 29. 15. Ps. 119. 19. 2 Cor. 5. 6. Heb. 11. 13. 1 Pet. 2. 11.
[h] Job. 10. 20.

† Heb. *In waiting I waited.*
† Heb. *a pit of noise.*

[a] Job 5. 9. & 9. 10. Ps. 71. 15. & 92. 5. & 139. 6, 17.
|| Or, *none can order them unto thee.*
[b] 1 Sam. 15. 22. Ps. 50. 8. & 51. 16. Is. 1. 11. & 66. 3. Hos. 6. 6. Matth. 12. 7. Heb. 10. 5.
† Heb. *digged.*
[c] Ps. 119. 16, 24, 47, 92. Rom. 7. 22.
† Heb. *in the midst of my bowels.*
[d] Ps. 37. 31. Jer. 31. 33.
[e] Ps. 35. 18.

cealed thy loving kindneſs and thy truth from the great congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy loving kindneſs and thy truth continually preſerve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compaſſed me about: [f] mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, ſo that I am not able to look up: they are more then the hairs of mine head; therefore my heart † faileth me.

13 [g] Be pleaſed, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haſte to help me.

14 [h] Let them be aſhamed and confounded together that ſeek after my ſoul to deſtroy it; let them be driven backward and put to ſhame that wiſh me evil.

15 Let them be deſolate for a reward of their ſhame that ſay unto me, Aha, Aha.

16 Let all thoſe that ſeek thee rejoyce and be glad in thee: let ſuch as love thy ſalvation ſay continually, The LORD be magnified.

17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

PSAL. XLI.

1 *Gods care of the poor.* 4 *David complaineth of his enemies treachery.* 10 *He fleeth to God for ſuccour.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

BLeſſed *is* he that conſidereth the || poor: the LORD will deliver him in † time of trouble.

2 The LORD will preſerve him, and keep him alive; *and* he ſhall be bleſſed upon the earth: and || thou wilt not deliver him into the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD will ſtrengthen him upon the bed of languiſhing: thou wilt † make all his bed in his ſickneſs.

4 I ſaid, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my ſoul; for I have ſinned againſt thee.

5 Mine enemies ſpeak evil of me, When ſhall he die, and his name periſh?

6 And if he come to ſee *me*, he ſpeaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to it ſelf, *when* he goeth abroad, he telleth *it*.

7 All that hate me whiſper together againſt me: againſt me do they deviſe † my hurt.

8 † An evil diſeaſe, *ſay they*, cleaveth faſt unto him: and *now* that he lieth, he ſhall riſe up no more.

9 [a] Yea, † mine own familiar friend, in whom I truſted, [b] which did eat of my bread, hath † lift up *his* heel againſt me.

10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raiſe me up, that I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou favoureſt me, becauſe mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdeſt me in mine integrity, and ſetteſt me before thy face for ever.

13 Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael from everlaſting and to everlaſting. Amen, and Amen.

PSAL. XLII.

1 *Davids zeal to ſerve God in the temple.* 5 *He encourageth his ſoul to truſt in God.*

¶ To the chief muſician, || Maſchil, for the ſons of Korah.

AS the hart † panteth after the waterbrooks, ſo panteth my ſoul after thee, O God.

2 [a] My ſoul thirſteth for God, for the living God: when ſhall I come and appear before God?

3 [b] My tears have been my meat day and night, while [c] they continually ſay unto me, Where *is* thy God?

4 When I remember theſe *things*, I pour out my ſoul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the houſe of God, with the voice of joy and praiſe, with a multitude that kept holy day.

5 [d] Why art thou † caſt down, O my ſoul? and *why* art thou diſquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I ſhall yet || praiſe him *for* the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my ſoul is caſt down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from || the hill Mizar.

7 [e] Deep calleth unto deep at the noiſe of thy

Pſ. 38. 4.

† Heb. *for ſafety.*

[g] Pſal. 70. 1. &c.

Pſal. 35. 4, 26, 27.

|| Or, *weak*, or *ſick*.

† Heb. *the day of evil.*

|| Or, *do not thou deliver.*

† Heb. *turn.*

† Heb. *truſt, or hope.*

† Heb. *a thing of Belial.*

[a] Job 19. 19. Lam. 1. 2.

† Job 13. 18. † Heb. *the man of my peace.* † Heb. *marg. pſ.*

|| Or, *a Pſalm giving inſtruction, of the ſons of Korah.* See 1 Chr. 15. 17. & 25. 1. † Heb. *Jeruel.*

[a] Pſal. 63. 1. & 84. 2.

[b] Pſal. 80. 5. & 102. 9.

[c] Pſal. 79. 10. & 115. 2. & 42. 3. [d] Pſal. 43. 5.

† Heb. *bowed down.* Or, *your health.* Or, *the preſence of his countenance.*

|| Or, *in the land of.* [e] Jer. 4. 20. Ezek. 7. 26.

thy water-spouts: [f] all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 *Yet* the LORD will [g] command his loving kindness in the day-time, and [h] in the night his song *shall be* with me, *and* my prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 *As* with a || sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; [i] while they say daily unto me, Where *is* thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSAL. XLIII.

1 David praying to be restored to the temple, promiseth to serve God joyfully. 5 He encourageth his soul to trust in God.

JUdge me, O God, and plead my cause against an || ungodly nation; O deliver me from † the deceitfull and unjust man.

2 For thou *art* the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? [a] why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God †my exceeding joy: yea, upon ỹ harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 [b] Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, *who is* the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSAL. XLIV.

1 The church, in memory of former favours, 7 complaineth of her present evils. 17 Professing her integrity, 24 she fervently prayeth for succour.

¶ To the chief musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

VVE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

2 *How* [a] thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

3 For [b] they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 [c] Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bowe, neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.

9 But [d] thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 [e] Thou hast given us † like sheep *appointed* for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.

12 [f] Thou sellest thy people † for nought, and dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.

13 [g] Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 [h] Thou makest us a by-word among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.

15 My confusion *is* continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me:

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsly in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our || steps declined from thy way:

19 Though

[a] Exod. 15. 17. & 78. 55 & 80. 8.

[b] Deut. 8. 17. Josh. 24. 12.

[c] Ps. 74. 12.

[d] Ps. 60. 1, 10. & 74. 1. & 89. 38.

[e] Rom. 8. 36. † Heb. *as sheep of meat.* [f] Is. 16. 3, 4. Jer. 15. 13. † Heb. *without riches.*

[g] Deut. 28. 37. Psal. 79. 4. [h] Jer. 24. 9.

[f] Psal. 124. 4, 5. [g] Job 30. 19. Jer. 20. 10. [h] Job 35. 10. [i] Joel 2. 17. Mic. 7. 10.

† Heb. *a thing of nought.* † Heb. *as with breaking of my bones.* † Heb. *the breaking of my bones.*

|| Or, *a sword.*

|| Or, *ungodly.* † Heb. *a man of deceit, and unjust.* [a] Ps. 42. 9.

† Heb. *the gladness of my joy.* [a] Ps. 42. 5, 11.

|| Or, *a psalm giving instruction, of the sons of Korah.* See 1 Chr. 25. 1. † Heb. *prepare.* [a] Psal. 36. 1. & 84. 2. [b] Ps. 42. 5. & 103. 1. [c] Ps. 20. 5. [a] Psal. 43. 5. † Heb. *pound down.*

|| Or, *your hearts.* || Or, *sinews.* [a] Genes. 49. 26.

|| Or, *turned aside.* [a] Jer. 49. 20. Ezek. 34. 6.

19 Though thou haſt ſore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the ſhadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or ſtretched out our hands to a ſtrange god:

21 Shall not God ſearch this out? for he knoweth the ſecrets of the heart.

22 [i] Yea, for thy ſake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as ſheep for the ſlaughter.

23 Awake, why ſleepeſt thou, O Lord? ariſe, caſt *us* not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hideſt thou thy face? *and* forgetteſt our affliction and our oppreſſion?

25 For [k] our ſoul is bowed down to the duſt: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Ariſe † for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies ſake.

PSAL. XLV.

1 *The majeſty and grace of Chriſts kingdom.* 10 *The duty of the church, and the benefits thereof.*

¶ To the chief muſician upon Shoſhannim, for the ſons of Korah, || Maſchil, A ſong of loves.

MY heart † is enditing a good matter: I ſpeak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue *is* the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer then the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath bleſſed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy ſword upon *thy* thigh, O *moſt* mighty, with thy glory and thy majeſty.

4 And in thy majeſty † ride proſperouſly, becauſe of truth and meekneſs *and* righteouſneſs: and thy right hand ſhall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows *are* ſharp in the heart of the kings enemies; *whereby* the people fall under thee.

6 [a] Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: the ſceptre of thy kingdom *is* a right ſceptre.

7 Thou loveſt righteouſneſs, and hateſt wickedneſs: therefore God, thy God hath anointed thee with the oyl of gladneſs above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *ſmell* of myrrh, and aloes, *and* caſſia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

9 Kings daughters *were* among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did ſtand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hearken, O daughter, and conſider, and incline thine ear; forget alſo thine own people, and thy fathers houſe.

11 So ſhall the king greatly deſire thy beauty: for he *is* thy Lord; and worſhip thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *ſhall be there* with a gift; *even* [b] the rich among the people ſhall intreat † thy favour.

13 The kings daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.

14 She ſhall be brought unto the king in raiment of needle-work: the virgins her companions that follow her ſhall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladneſs and rejoycing *ſhall* they *be* brought: they ſhall enter into the kings palace.

16 In ſtead of thy fathers ſhall be thy children, [c] whom thou mayeſt make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembred in all generations: therefore ſhall the people praiſe thee for ever and ever.

PSAL. XLVI.

1 *The confidence which the church hath in God.* 8 *An exhortation to behold it.*

¶ To the chief muſician || for the ſons of Korah, A ſong upon Alamoth.

GOd [e] our refuge and ſtrength, a very preſent help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into † the midſt of the ſea.

3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains ſhake with the ſwelling thereof. Selah.

4 *There is* a river the ſtreams whereof ſhall make glad the city of God; the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the moſt High.

5 God *is* in the midſt of her; ſhe ſhall not be moved: God ſhall help her, † *and that* right early.

6 The

[i] Rom. 8. 36.

[k] Pſ. 119. 25.

† Heb. *a help for us.*

|| Or, *of inſtruction.*

† Heb. *boyleth, or bubbleth up.*

† Heb. *proſper thou, ride thou.*

[a] Pſ. 93. 2. Heb. 1. 8.

[b] Pſ. 72. 10.

† Heb. *they ſhall.*

[c] 1 Chron. 3. 9. Ezek. 44. 3. & 45. 7. & 46. 16.

|| Or, *for the ſons.*

† Heb. *the heart of the ſea.*

† Heb. *when the morning appeareth.*

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* † our refuge. Selah.

8 [a] Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in ỹ earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; [b] he breaketh the bowe, and cutteth the spear in sunder, he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

PSAL. XLVII.

1 The nations are exhorted chearfully to entertain the kingdom of Christ.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm || for the sons of Korah.

O Clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph:

2 For the LORD most High *is* terrible: *he is* a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 [a] God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises || with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 || The princes of the people are gathered together, *even* the people of ỹ God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God: he is greatly exalted.

PSAL. XLVIII.

The ornaments and priviledges of the church.

¶ A song *and* psalm || for the sons of Korah.

GReat *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, *in* the mountain of his holiness.

2 [a] Beautifull for situation, the joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion, *on* the sides of the north, [b] the city of the great king.

3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4 For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5 They saw *it*, *and* so they marvelled; they were troubled, *and* hasted away.

6 Fear took hold upon them there, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east-wind.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.

9 We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

10 According to thy name, O God, so *is* thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion rejoyce, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgements.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

13 † Mark ye well her bulwarks, || consider her palaces; that ye may tell *it* to the generation following.

14 For this God *is* our God for ever & ever: he will be our guide *even* unto death.

PSAL. XLIX.

1 An earnest perswasion to build the faith of resurrection, not on worldly power, but on God. 16 Worldly prosperity is not to be admired.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm || for the sons of Korah.

HEar this, all *ye* people; give ear, all *ye* inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high, rich and poor together.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart *shall be* of understanding.

4 [a] I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, *when* the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about?

6 They

[b] Matth. 5. 35.

† Heb. set your hearts to her bulwarks.

|| Or, raise up.

|| Or, of.

[a] Psal. 78. 2. Mat. 13. 35.

a Job 31. 24. Pſ. 62. 10. Mat. 10. 24. 1 Tim. 6. 17.

6 They that [b]truſt in their wealth, and boaſt themſelves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None *of them* can by any means redeem *his* brother, nor give to God a ranſom for him:

c Job 36. 18, 19.

8 (For [c] the redemption of their ſoul *is* precious, and it ceaſeth for ever)

d Pſ. 89. 48. e Eccl. 2. 16.

9 That he ſhould ſtill live for ever, *and* [d] not ſee corruption.

10 For he ſeeth *that* [e] wiſe men die, likewiſe the fool and the brutiſh perſon periſh, and leave their wealth to others.

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

11 Their inward thought *is that* their houſes *ſhall continue* for ever, *and* their dwelling-places † to all generations: they call *their* lands after their own names.

f Pſ. 82. 7. † Heb. *delight in their mouth.*

12 Nevertheleſs, [f] man *being* in honour abideth not: he is like the beaſts *that* periſh.

13 This their way *is* their folly: yet their poſterity † approve their ſayings. Selah.

g Dan. 7. 22. Mal. 4. 3. Luk. 12. 30. 1 Cor. 6. 2. Rev. 2. 26. & 20. 4. h Or, *ſtrength.* ‖ Or, *the grave being an habitation to every one of them.*

14 Like ſheep they are laid in the grave; death ſhall feed on them; and [g] the upright ſhall have dominion over them in the morning; and their ‖ beauty ſhall conſume ‖ in the grave from their dwelling.

15 But God will redeem my ſoul from the † power of ‖ the grave: for he ſhall receive me. Selah.

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his houſe is increaſed.

† Heb. *hand.* ‖ Or, *hell.*

17 [h] For when he dieth, he ſhall carry nothing away: his glory ſhall not deſcend after him.

h Job 27. 19.

18 Though † whiles he lived, he bleſſed his ſoul: and *men* will praiſe thee, when thou doeſt well to thy ſelf.

† Heb. *in his life.*

19 † He ſhall go to the generation of his fathers, they ſhall never ſee light.

† Heb. the ſoul *ſhall go.*

20 [i] Man *that is* in honour, and underſtandeth not, [k] is like the beaſts *that* periſh.

i V. 12. k Eccl. 3. 19.

PSAL. L.

1 The majeſty of God in the church. 5 His order to gather ſaints. 7 The pleaſure of God is not in ceremonies, 14 but in ſincerity of obedience.

¶ A pſalm ‖ of Aſaph.

‖ Or, *for Aſaph.* See 1 Chr. 25. 1. & 25. 2.

THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath ſpoken, and called the earth from the riſing of the ſun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath ſhined.

a Pſ. 97. 3

3 Our God ſhall come, and ſhall not keep ſilence: [a] a fire ſhall devour before him, and it ſhall be very tempeſtuous round about him.

4 He ſhall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

b Pſ. 97. 6

5 Gather my ſaints together unto me; thoſe that have made a covenant with me by ſacrifice.

6 And [b] the heavens ſhall declare his righteouſneſs: for God *is* judge himſelf. Selah.

c Pſ. 81. 8.

7 [c] Hear, O my people, and I will ſpeak; O Iſrael, and I will teſtifie againſt thee: I *am* God, *even* thy God.

d Hoſ. 6. 6.

8 I will not reprove thee [d] for thy ſacrifices or thy burnt-offerings, *to have been* continually before me.

e Mic. 6. 6. Acts 17. 25.

9 [e] I will take no bullock out of thy houſe, *nor* he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beaſt of the foreſt *is* mine, *and* the cattel upon a thouſand hills.

† Heb. *with me.*

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beaſts of the field *are* † mine.

f Exod. 19. 5. Deut. 10. 14. Job 41. 11. Pſ. 24. 1. 1 Cor. 10. 26, 28.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: [f] for the world *is* mine, and the fulneſs thereof.

g Hoſ. 14. 2. Heb. 13. 15. h Jon. 2. 9.

13 Will I eat the fleſh of bulls, or drink the bloud of goats?

14 [g] Offer unto God thankſgiving; and pay thy vows unto the moſt High:

15 And [h] call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou ſhalt glorifie me.

‖ Rom. 2. 21, 22.

16 But unto the wicked God ſaith, What haſt thou to do to declare my ſtatutes, or *that* thou ſhouldſt take my covenant in thy mouth?

† Heb. *by my covenant upon ſacrifice.*

17 [i] Seeing thou hateſt inſtruction, and caſteſt my words behind thee.

18 When thou ſaweſt a thief, then thou conſentedſt with him, and † haſt been partaker with adulterers.

19 † Thou giveſt thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou

20 Thou ſitteſt, *and* ſpeakeſt againſt thy brother; thou ſlandereſt thine own mothers ſon.

21 Theſe *things* haſt thou done, and I kept ſilence: [k] thou thoughteſt that I was altogether *ſuch a one* as thy ſelf: *but* I will reprove thee, and ſet *them* in order before thine eyes.

22 Now conſider this, ye that forget God, leſt I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be* none to deliver.

23 Whoſo offereth praiſe, glorifieth me: & to him † that ordereth *his* converſation *aright* will I ſhew the ſalvation of God.

PSAL. LI.

1 David prayeth for remiſſion of ſins, whereof he maketh a deep confeſſion. 6 He prayeth for ſanctification. 16 God delighteth not in ſacrifice, but in ſincerity. 18 David prayeth for the church.

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David, [a] when Nathan the prophet came unto him after he [b] had gone in to Bathſheba.

HAve mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindneſs: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my tranſgreſſions.

2 Waſh me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanſe me from my ſin.

3 For I acknowledge my tranſgreſſions: and my ſin *is* ever before me.

4 Againſt thee, thee onely have I ſinned, and done *this* evil in thy ſight: [c] that thou mighteſt be juſtified when thou ſpeakeſt, *and* be clear when thou judgeſt.

5 Behold, I was ſhapen in iniquity; and in ſin did my mother †conceive me.

6 Behold, thou deſireſt truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou ſhalt make me to know wiſdom.

7 [d] Purge me with hyſſope, and I ſhall be clean: waſh me, and I ſhall be [e] whiter then ſnow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladneſs, *that* the bones *which* thou haſt broken may rejoyce.

9 Hide thy face from my ſins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew ‖ a right ſpirit within me.

11 Caſt me not away from thy preſence, and take not thy holy ſpirit from me.

12 Reſtore unto me the joy of thy ſalvation; and uphold me *with thy* free ſpirit.

13 *Then* will I teach tranſgreſſours thy ways; and ſinners ſhall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from †bloud-guiltineſs, O God, thou God of my ſalvation; *and* my tongue ſhall ſing aloud of thy righteouſneſs.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy praiſe.

16 For [f] thou deſireſt not ſacrifice, elſe would I give *it*: thou delighteſt not in burnt-offering.

17 [g] The ſacrifices of God *are* a broken ſpirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

18 Do good in thy good pleaſure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jeruſalem.

19 Then ſhalt thou be pleaſed with [h] the ſacrifices of righteouſneſs, with burnt-offering and whole-burnt-offering: then ſhall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSAL. LII.

1 David condemning the ſpitefulneſs of Doeg, propheſieth his deſtruction. 6 The righteous ſhall rejoyce at it. 8 David upon his confidence in Gods mercy, giveth thanks.

¶ To the chief muſician; Maſchil, *A pſalm* of David, [a] when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and ſaid unto him, David is come to the houſe of Ahimelech.

WHy boaſteſt thou thy ſelf in miſchief, O mighty man? The goodneſs of God *endureth* continually.

2 Thy tongue deviſeth miſchiefs; [b] like a ſharp raſour, working deceitfully.

3 Thou loveſt evil more then good; *and* lying rather then to ſpeak righteouſneſs. Selah.

4 Thou loveſt all devouring words, ‖ O *thou* deceitfull tongue.

5 God ſhall likewiſe † deſtroy thee for ever: he ſhall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling-place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

† Heb. bloods.

‖ Or, that I ſhould give it.

† Heb. break thee down.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him.

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthned himself in his || wickedness.

8 But I *am* [c] like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name, for *it is* good before thy saints.

|| Or, substance.
[c] Hos. 14. 6.

PSALM. LIII.

1 David describeth the corruption of a natural man. 4 He convinceth the wicked by the light of their own conscience. 6 He glorieth in the salvation of God.

¶ To the chief musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A psalm* of David.

THE [a] fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: [b] *there is* none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, *and* did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people *as* they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There † were they in great fear *where* no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth *against* thee: thou hast put *them* to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 † Oh that the salvation of Israel *were come* out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoyce, *and* Israel shall be glad.

[a] Psal. 10. 4. & 14. 1, &c.
[b] Rom. 3. 10.
† Heb. they feared a fear.
† Heb. Who will give salvations, &c.

PSALM. LIV.

1 David complaining of the Ziphims, prayeth for salvation. 4 Upon his confidence in Gods help, he promiseth sacrifice.

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A psalm* of David, [a] when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

SAve me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

[a] 1 Sam. 23. 19. & 26. 1.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For [b] strangers are risen up against me, and oppressours seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: [c] the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto † mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD, for *it is* good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

[b] Psal. 86. 14.
[c] Psal. 118. 7.
† Heb. those that uphold my soul.

PSALM. LV.

1 David in his prayer complaineth of his fearfull case. 9 He prayeth against his enemies, of whose wickedness and treachery he complaineth. 16 He comforteth himself in Gods preservation of him, and confusion of his enemies.

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A psalm* of David.

GIve ear to my prayer, O God; & hide not thy self from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise,

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrours of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horrour hath † overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove: *for then* would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo *then* would I wander far off, *and* remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm *and* tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow *are* in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness *is* in ỹ midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

† Heb. covered me.

12 For

12 For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me, then I could have born *it*; neither *was it* he that hated me, *that* did magnifie *himself* against me, then I would have hid my self from him.

13 But *it was* thou, † a man, mine equal, [a] my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 † We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seise upon them, *and* let them go down quick into ‖ hell: for wickedness *is* in their dwellings, *and* among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God: and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening and morning, and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battel *that was* against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear and afflict them, even he that abideth of old, Selah: ‖ because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: † he hath broken his covenant.

21 [b] *The word* of his mouth were smoother then butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer then oyl, yet *were* they drawn swords.

22 [c] Cast thy ‖ burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: [d] he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: [e] † bloudy and deceitful men † shall not live out half their days, but I will trust in thee.

PSAL. LVI.

1 David praying to God in confidence of his word, complaineth of his enemies. 9 He professeth his confidence in Gods word, and promiseth to praise him.

¶ To the chief musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, ‖ Michtam of David, when the [a] Philistines took him in Gath.

BE merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

2 † Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

4 [b] In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; [c] I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wandrings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: [d] *are they* not in thy book?

9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

10 [e] In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word.

11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in [g] the light of the living?

PSAL. LVII.

1 David in prayer fleeing unto God, complaineth of his dangerous case. 7 He encourageth himself to praise God.

¶ To the chief musician ‖ Al-taschith, Michtam of David, [a] when he fled from Saul in the cave.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge until *these* calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God [b] that performeth *all things* for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me ‖ *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God [c] shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even among* them that are set on fire, *even* the sons

[a] Psal. 18. 48.
[b] Heb. those words. [c] Heb. I will serve me.
[a] Mal. 3. 16.
[b] v. 10. 11. [c] Ps. 118. 6. Heb. 13. 6.
[d] v. 4.
[e] Ps. 116. 8.
[g] Job 33. 30.
[a] 1. Sam. 22. 1. & 24. 3.
[b] Ps. 138. 8. [c] Ps. 40. 11. & 43. 3. & 61. 7.
‖ Or, he reproacheth him that would swallow me up.

sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and [d] their tongue a sharp sword.

5 [e] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

6 [f] They have prepared a net for my steps: my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

7 [g] My heart is ‖ fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *my self* will awake early.

9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

10 [h] For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

11 [i] Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

PSAL. LVIII.

1 David reproveth wicked judges, 3 describeth the nature of the wicked, 6 devoteth them to Gods judgements, 10 whereat the righteous shall rejoyce.

¶ To the chief musician, [a] Al-taschith, Michtam of David.

DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart you work wickedness; you weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray † assoon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 [b] Their poison *is* † like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like [c] the deaf ‖ adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, ‖ charming never so wisely.

6 [d] Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bowe to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: [e] *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, † both living, and in *his* wrath.

10 The righteous shall rejoyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the bloud of the wicked.

11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* † a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSAL. LIX.

1 David prayeth to be delivered from his enemies. 6 He complaineth of their cruelty. 8 He trusteth in God. 11 He prayeth against them. 16 He praiseth God.

¶ To the chief musician, [a] Al taschith, Michtam of David; [b] when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

[c] DEliver me from mine enemies, O my God: † defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloudy men.

3 For lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake † to help me, and behold.

5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressours. Selah.

6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, & go round about ỹ city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: [d] swords *are* in their lips: For [e] who, *say they*, doth hear?

8 But [f] thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them: thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* † my defence.

10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let [g] me see *my desire* upon † mine enemies.

11 [h] Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words

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[a] Ps. 140. tit.

† Heb. *from the belly.*

[b] Ps. 140. 3. Deut. 10. 11.

† Heb. *according to the likeness.*

[c] Jer. 8. 17.

‖ Or, *asp.*

‖ Or, *the the charmer never so cunning.*

[d] Job 4. 10.

[e] Job 3. 16.

† Heb. *are growing in wicked.*

† Heb. *from off the tabernacle, &c.*

[a] Psal. 7. tit. [b] 1 Sam. 19. 11.

† Heb. *deliver me.*

† Heb. *to meet me.*

[a] Ps. 57. 4.

† Psal. 10. 11. & 73. 11. & 94. 7. [f] Ps. 2. 4.

† Heb. *my high place.* [g] Psal. 22. 21.

† Heb. *mine adversaries.* [h] Gen. 11. 7.

words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride; and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

15 Let them wander up and down † for meat, ‖ and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy power, yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

PSAL. LX.

1 David complaining to God of former judgements, 4 now upon better hope prayeth for deliverance. 6 Comforting himself in Gods promises, he craveth that help whereon he trusteth.

¶ To the chief musician upon Shushaneduth, ‖ Michtam of David, to teach; [a] when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah; when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of salt twelve thousand.

O God, [b] thou hast cast us off, thou hast † scattered us, thou hast been displeased: O turn thy self to us again.

2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

4 [c] Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

5 [d] That thy beloved may be delivered; save *with* thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoyce: I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead *is* mine, and Manasseh *is* mine; [e] Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head; [f] Judah *is* my law-giver.

8 Moab *is* my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, ‖ triumph thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me *into* the † strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

10 Wilt not thou, O God, *which* [g] hadst cast us off? and *thou*, O God, *which* didst not go out with our armies?

11 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the † help of man.

12 Through God [h] we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSAL. LXI.

1 David fleeth to God upon his former experience. 4 He voweth perpetual service unto him, because of his promises.

¶ To the chief musician upon Neginah, *A psalm* of David.

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock *that* is higher then I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, *and* a strong towre from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will ‖ trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given *me* the heritage of those that fear thy name.

6 † Thou wilt prolong the kings life: *and* his years † as many generations.

7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare [a] mercy and truth *which* may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows.

PSAL. LXII.

1 David professing his confidence in God, discourageth his enemies. 5 In the same confidence he encourageth the godly. 9 No trust to be put in worldly things. 11 Power and mercy belong to God.

¶ To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A psalm of David.

‖ Truly my soul † waiteth upon God: from him *cometh* my salvation.

2 He onely *is* my rock and my salvation: *he is* my † defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

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‖ Or, triumph thou over me, by an ironie. See Psal. 108. 10.
† Heb. city of strength.
[g] Psal. 44. 9. & 108. 11.
† Heb. salvation.
[h] 1 Chr. 19. 13.
‖ Or, make my refuge.
† Heb. thou shalt add days to the days of the king. † Heb. his generation to generation.
[a] Pr. 20. 28.
‖ Or, onely.
† Heb. is silent.
† Heb. high place.

3 How long will ye imagine miſchief againſt a man? ye ſhall be ſlain all of you: [a] as a bowing wall *ſhall ye be, and as* a tottering fence.

4 They onely conſult to caſt *him* down from his excellency: they delight in lies: [b] they bleſs with their mouth, but they curſe † inwardly. Selah.

5 My ſoul, wait thou onely upon God: for my expectation *is* from him.

6 He onely *is* my rock and my ſalvation; *he is* my defence: I ſhall not be moved.

7 In God *is* my ſalvation and my glory: the rock of my ſtrength, *and* my refuge *is* in God.

8 Truſt in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

9 [c] Surely men of low degree *are* vanity, *and* men of high degree *are* a lie: to be laid in the balance, they *are* ‖ altogether *lighter* then vanity.

10 Truſt not in oppreſſion, and become not vain in robbery: [d] if riches increaſe, ſet not your heart *upon them.*

11 God hath ſpoken once, twice have I heard this; that power *belongeth* unto God.

12 Alſo unto thee, O Lord, *belongeth* mercy: for [e] thou rendreſt to every man according to his work.

PSAL. LXIII.

1 Davids thirſt for God. 4 His manner of bleſſing God. 9 His confidence of his enemies deſtruction, and his own ſafety.

¶ A pſalm of David, [a] when he was in the wilderneſs of Judah.

O God, thou *art* my God; early will I ſeek thee: [b] my ſoul thirſteth for thee, my fleſh longeth for thee in a dry and † thirſty land, † where no water is;

2 To ſee thy power and thy glory, ſo *as* I have ſeen thee in the ſanctuary.

3 Becauſe thy loving kindneſs *is* better then life: my lips ſhall praiſe thee.

4 Thus will I bleſs thee, while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My ſoul ſhall be ſatisfied as *with* † marrow and fatneſs; and my mouth ſhall praiſe *thee* with joyful lips:

6 When [c] I remember thee upon my bed, *and* meditate on thee in the *night*-watches.

7 Becauſe thou haſt been my help, therefore in the ſhadow of thy wings will I rejoyce.

8 My ſoul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But thoſe *that* ſeek my ſoul to deſtroy *it*, ſhall go into the lower parts of the earth.

10 † They ſhall fall by the ſword: they ſhall be a portion for foxes.

11 But the king ſhall rejoyce in God: every one that ſweareth by him ſhall glory: but the mouth of them that ſpeak lies ſhall be ſtopped.

PSAL. LXIV.

1 David prayeth for deliverance, complaining of his enemies. 7 He promiſeth himſelf to ſee ſuch an evident deſtruction of his enemies that the righteous ſhall rejoyce at it.

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

HEar my voice, O God, in my prayer: preſerve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the ſecret counſel of the wicked; from the inſurrection of the workers of iniquity:

3 [a] Who whet their tongue like a ſword, *and* bend *their bows to ſhoot* their arrows, *even* bitter words:

4 That they may ſhoot in ſecret at the perfect: ſuddenly do they ſhoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themſelves *in* an evil ‖ matter: they commune † of laying ſnares privily; they ſay, Who ſhall ſee them?

6 They ſearch out iniquities; ‖ they accompliſh † a diligent ſearch: both the inward *thought* of every one *of them* and the heart *is* deep.

7 But God ſhall ſhoot at them *with* an arrow; ſuddenly † ſhall they be wounded.

8 So they ſhall make their own tongue to fall upon themſelves: all that ſee them ſhall flee away.

9 And all men ſhall fear, and ſhall declare the work of God: for they ſhall wiſely conſider of his doing.

10 The righteous ſhall be glad in the LORD,

[a] Iſa. 30. 13.

[b] Pſal. 28. 3. † Heb. *in their inward parts.*

[c] Pſ. 39. 5, 11. Rom. 3. 4. ‖ Or, *alike.* [d] Job 31. 25. Luk 12. 15. 1 Tim. 6. 17. ‖ Or, *ſtrength.* [e] Job 34. 11. Pr. 24. 12. Jer. 32. 19. Ez. 7. 27. & 33. 20. Mat. 16. 27. Rom. 2. 6. 2 Cor. 5. 10. Eph. 6. 8. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17. Rev. 22. 12.

[a] 1 Sa. 22. 5. & 23. 14, 15, 26.

[b] Pſ. 42. 3. & 143. 6. † Heb. *weary.* † Heb. *without water.*

† Heb. *fatneſs.* [c] Pſ. 42. 8. & 119. 55.

† Heb. *they ſhall make them run upon the edge of the ſword.*

† Heb. *words, or matters, of ſtumbling.*

[a] Pſal. 11. 2. & 57. 4.

‖ Or, *to ſay.* ‖ Or, *for them.* † Heb. *to hide ſnares.* ‖ Or, *words made in a diſguiſe.* † Heb. *to underſtand.* ‖ Or, *them.* † Heb. *to diſcern.* † Heb. *deep.*

‖ Or, *ſpeech.* † Heb. *to hide ſnares.* ‖ Or, *we are encouraged by that which they have wrought for themſelves.* † Heb. *a ſearch ſearched.* † Heb. *their wound ſhall be.*

LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSAL. LXV.

1 David praiseth God for his grace. 4 The blessednes of Gods chosen.

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm *and* song of David.

PRaise † waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

† Heb. is silence.

2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

† Heb. dory shall enrage from run over like waters. 3 Heb. words of iniquities. 4 Psal. 84. 4.

3 †Iniquities prevail against me: *as for* our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed *is the man whom* thou choosest and causest to approach *unto thee, that* he may dwell in thy courts: [a] we shall be satisfied with the goodnes of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

5 *By* terrible things in righteousnes wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; *who art* the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off *upon* the sea.

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; *being* girded with power.

7 [b] Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening || to rejoyce.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and || [c] waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God *which* is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: || thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou † makest it soft with showres, thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest † the year with thy goodnes; and thy paths drop fatnes.

12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills † rejoyce on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks: the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

[a] Psal. 16. 8. [b] Psal. 89. 9. [c] Psal. 11. 2. & 57. 9. || Or, to sing. || Or, after men have made it ready. [c] Heb. 9. 10. || Or, thou causest rain to descend upon the furrows thereof. † Heb. softnesses it. || Heb. the year of thy goodnes. † Heb. are girded with joy.

PSAL. LXVI.

1 David exhorteth to praise God, 5 to observe his great works, 8 to bless him for his gracious benefits. 12 He voweth for himself religious service to God. 16 He declareth Gods special goodnes to himself.

¶ To the chief musician, A song *or* psalm.

MAke a joyful noise unto God, † all ye lands.

† Heb. all the earth.

2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou in* thy works? through the greatnes of thy power shall thine enemies || †submit themselves unto thee.

|| Or, yield feigned obedience. † Heb. lie.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing *to* thy name. Selah.

5 [a] Come and see the works of God: *he is* terrible *in his* doing toward the children of men.

6 [b] He turned the sea into dry land: [c] they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoyce in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever; [d] his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

9 Which † holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

† Heb. putteth.

10 For [e] thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a † wealthy *place*.

† Heb. moist.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have † uttered and my mouth hath spoken when I was in trouble.

† Heb. opened.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of † fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah.

† Heb. marrow.

16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cryed unto him with my mouth,

and he was extolled with my tongue.

18 [f] If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*.

19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed *be* God, w[ch] hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

PSAL. LXVII.

1 *A prayer for the enlargement of Gods kingdom,* 3 *to the joy of the people,* 6 *and the encrease of Gods blessings.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm *or* song.

GOd be mercifull unto us, and bless us; *and* [a] cause his face to shine †upon us. Selah.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and † govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

6 [b] *Then* shall the earth yeeld her increase; *and* God, *even* our own God shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSAL. LXVIII.

1 *A prayer at the removing of the ark.* 4 *An exhortation to praise God for his mercies,* 7 *for his care of the church,* 19 *for his great works.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm *or* song of David.

LEt [a] God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee †before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoyce before God; yea, let them †exceedingly rejoyce.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extoll him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoyce before him.

5 [b] A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation.

6 [c] God setteth the solitary † in families: [d] he bringeth out those which are bound with chains; but [e] the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah:

8 [f] The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai it self *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst † send a plentifull rain, whereby thou didst † confirm thine inheritance when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word, great *was* the † company of those that published *it*.

12 Kings of armies †did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered kings || in it, it was *white* as snow in Salmon.

15 The hill of God *is as* the hill of Bashan; an high hill, *as* the hill of Bashan.

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? [g] *this is* the hill *which* God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell *in it* for ever.

17 [h] The chariots of God *are* twenty thousand, || *even* thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them *as* in Sinai, in the holy *place*.

18 [i] Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts † for men; yea, *for* the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell *among them*.

19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, *even* the God of our salvation. Selah.

20 He

[a] Pr. 28. 9. Jl. 1. 15. John 9. 31. Jam. 4. 3.

[a] Psal. 4. 6. † Heb. wah us.

† Heb. lead.

[b] Psal. 85. 12.

[a] Num. 10. 35. † Heb. from his face.

† Heb. rejoyce with gladness.

[a] Psal. 145. 9. † Heb. in a habitation. [b] Psal. 10. 14. & 146. 7. [c] Psal. 107. 36. Exod. 9. 18. Judg. 5. 4. Isa. 64. 3. † Heb. bringeth out. † Heb. confirm it.

† Heb. army. † Heb. did flee, did flee.

|| Or, for her, she was.

[g] Psal. 87. 1. & 132. 13.

[h] Deut. 33. 2. Dan. 7. 10. Heb. 12. 22. Rev. 5. 11. || Or, even many thousands. [i] Ephes. 4. 8. † Heb. in the man.

20 He that is our God *is* the God of salvation; and [k]unto GOD the Lord *belong* the issues from death.

21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies; *and* the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again [l] from Bashan, I will bring *my people* again [m] from the depths of the sea:

23 [n] That thy foot may be || dipped in the blood of *thine* enemies, *and* the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God; *even* the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

25 [o] The singers went before, the players on instruments *followed* after; amongst *them were* the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations; *even* the Lord, || from [p] the fountain of Israel.

27 There *is* little Benjamin *with* their ruler, the princes of Judah || *and* their council, the princes of Zebulun, *and* the princes of Napthali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem, [q] shall kings bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke || the company of spear-men, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, *till every one* submit himself with pieces of silver: || scatter thou the people *that* delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises *unto* the Lord, Selah:

33 To him [r] that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, *which were* of old; lo, he doth † send out his voice, *and that* a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency *is* over Israel, and his strength *is* in the || clouds.

35 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel *is* he that giveth strength and power unto *his* people. Blessed *be* God.

PSAL. LXIX.

1 David complaineth of his affliction. 13 He prayeth for deliverance. 22 He devoteth his enemies to destruction. 30 He praiseth God with thanksgiving.

¶ To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, *A psalm* of David.

SAve me, O God: for [a] the waters are come in unto *my* soul.

2 I sink in † deep mire, where *there is* no standing: I am come into † deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that [b] hate me without a cause are more then the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my † sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have born reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 [c] I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an aliant unto my mothers children.

9 [d] For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up: [b] and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastned* my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and [e] *I was* the song of the † drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer *is* unto thee, O LORD [f] *in* an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let

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[a] Jon. 2.5.

† Heb. *the mire of depth.* † Heb. *depth of waters.*

[b] John 15.25.

† Heb. *guiltiness.*

[c] Ps. 31. 31.11.

[d] Psal. 119.139. Joh. 2. 17.

[b] Rom. 15 3.

[e] Ps. 35. 15, 16. † Heb. *drinkers of strong drink.* Isa. 49. 8. 2 Cor. 6.2.

15 Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, & let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving kindness *is* good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: † hear me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, *and* redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou hast known [g] my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries *are* all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked *for some* † to take pity, but *there was* none; and for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my meat; [h] and in my thirst they gave me vineger to drink.

22 [i] Let their table become a snare before them: and *that which should have been* for *their* welfare, *let it become* a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkned that they see not; and make their loyns continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathfull anger take hold of them.

25 [k] Let † their habitation be desolate; *and* † let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute [l] *him* whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of † those whom thou hast wounded.

27 Add ‖ iniquity to their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them [m] be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

29 But I *am* poor, and sorrowfull: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnifie him with thanksgiving.

31 [n] *This* also shall please the LORD better then an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 [o] The ‖ humble shall see *this, and* be glad: and [p] your heart shall live that seek God.

33 For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that † moveth therein.

35 For God will save Sion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.

36 [q] The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSAL. LXX.

David soliciteth God to the speedy destruction of the wicked, and preservation of the godly.

¶ To the chief musician, *A psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance.

MAke haste, [a] O God, to deliver me; make haste † to help me, O LORD.

2 [b] Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, that say, Aha, Aha.

4 Let all those ẏ seek thee rejoyce, & be glad in thee: & let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSAL. LXXI.

David in confidence of faith and experience of Gods favour, prayeth both for himself, & against the enemies of his soul. 14 He promiseth constancy. 17 He prayeth for perseverance. 19 He praiseth God, and promiseth to do it cheerfully.

IN [a] thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

3 Be thou † my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou *art* my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For

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† Heb. *make haste to hear me.*

[g] Psal. 22.6,7. Isa. 53.3. Heb. 12. 2.

† Heb. *to lament with me.*

[h] Matth. 27.34, 48. Mar. 15. 23. Joh. 19. 29.

[i] Rom. 11.9,10.

[k] Acts 1.20. † Heb. *their palace.*

† Heb. *let there not be a dweller.*

[l] Isa. 53.4

† Heb. *thy wounded.*

‖ Or, *punishment of iniquity.*

[m] Exod. 32.32. Rev. 13. 8.

[n] Psal. 50. 13, 14, 23. [o] Isa. 54. 2.

‖ Or, *meek.*

[p] Psal. 22. 26.

† Heb. *creepeth.*

[q] Psal. 102. 28.

[a] Psal. 40.13, &c. 70. 1, &c. † Heb. *to my help.*

[b] Psal. 35.4, 26, &c. 71.13.

[a] Psal. 25.3, &c. 31. 1.

† Heb. *to be my strong habitation.*

5 For thou *art* my hope, O Lord GOD: *thou art* my trust from my youth.

6 [b] By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mothers bowels: my praise *shall be* continually of thee.

7 [c] I am as a wonder unto many; but thou *art* my strong refuge.

8 Let my mouth be filled *with* thy praise *and with* thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak against me; and they that † lay wait for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

12 [d] O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

13 [e] Let them be confounded *and* consumed that are adversaries to my soul: let them be covered *with* reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

15 My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness *and* thy salvation all the day: for [f] I know not the numbers *thereof*.

16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, *even* of thine onely.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Now also † when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not: untill I have shewed † thy strength unto *this* generation, *and* thy power to every one *that* is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, *is* very high, who hast done great things: O God, who *is* like unto thee?

20 *Thou* which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

22 I will also praise thee † with the psaltery, *even* thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou holy One of Israel.

† Heb. *with the instrument of Psaltery.*

23 My lips shall greatly rejoyce when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSAL. LXXII.

1 *David praying for Solomon, sheweth the goodness and glory of his in type, and in truth of Christs kingdom.* 18 *He blesseth God.*

¶ *A psalm* || for Solomon.

|| Or, *of.*

GIve the king thy judgements, O God, and thy righteousness unto the kings son.

2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgement.

3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.

4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressour.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

[a] Psal. 89. 36, 37.

6 [b] He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showres *that* water the earth.

[b] Hos. 6. 3.

7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace † so long as the moon endureth.

† Heb. *till there be no moon.*

8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 [c] The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

[c] Psal. 45. 12. & 68. 29.

11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

12 For he [d] shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.

[d] Job 29. 12.

13 He

13 He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and [e] precious shall their bloud be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him † shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; *and* daily shall he be praised.

16 There shall be an handfull of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 His name † shall endure for ever: † his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and [f] *men* shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed.

18 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who onely doth wondrous things.

19 And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory. Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

PSAL. LXXIII.

1 The prophet prevailing in a temptation, 2 sheweth the occasion thereof, the prosperity of the wicked; 13 the wound given thereby, diffidence; 15 the victory over it, knowledge of Gods purpose, in destroying the wicked, and sustaining the righteous.

¶ A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ TRuly God *is* good to Israel, *even* to such as are † of a clean heart.

2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipt.

3 [a] For I was envious at the foolish, *when* I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For *there are* no bands in their death: but their strength *is* † firm.

5 They *are* not † in trouble *as other* men; neither are they plagued † like *other* men.

6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them *as* a garment.

7 [b] Their eyes stand out with fatness: they † have more then heart could wish.

8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly *concerning* oppression: they speak loftily.

9 They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth.

10 Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.

11 And they say, [c] How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High?

12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in ỹ world, they increase in riches.

13 [d] Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and [e] washed my hands in innocency.

14 For all the day long have I been plagued, and † chastned every morning.

15 If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.

16 When I thought to know this, it *was* † too painfull for me;

17 Untill I went into the sanctuary of God: *then* understood I their end.

18 Surely [f] thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.

19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment? they are utterly consumed with terrours.

20 [g] As a dream when *one* awaketh; *so*, O Lord, when thou awakest thou shalt despise their image.

21 Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins.

22 [h] So foolish *was* I and † ignorant: I was *as* a beast † before thee.

23 Nevertheless, I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven *but thee*? and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is* the † strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

27 For lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

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e Psal. 116. 15.
† Heb. one shall give.
† Heb. shall be.
† Heb. shall be as a son to continue his father's name for ever.
f Gen. 12. 3. & 22. 18.
‖ Or, for.
‖ Or, Yet.
† Heb. clean of heart.
a Job 21. 7. Psal. 37. 1. Jer. 12. 1.
† Heb. fat.
† Heb. in the trouble of other men.
† Heb. with.
b Job 15. 6. Psal. 119. 70.
† Heb. put the thoughts of the heart.
c Job 22. 13.
† Heb. Library of mine eyes.
d Job 21. 15. & 34. 9. & 35. 3. Psal. 66.
e Psal. 26. 6.
† Heb. I knew not.
† Heb. with thee.
f Psal. 35. 6.
g Job 20. 8.
h Psal. 92. 6.
† Heb. I knew not.
† Heb. with thee.
† Heb. part.

PSAL. LXXIV.

1 The prophet complaineth of the deſolation of the ſanctuary. 10 He moveth God to help, in conſideration of his power, 18 of his reproachful enemies, of his children, and of his covenant.

¶ || Maſchil of Aſaph.

O God, why haſt thou caſt *us* off for ever? *why* doth thine anger ſmoke againſt [a] the ſheep of thy paſture?

2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou haſt purchaſed of old; the || [b] rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou haſt redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou haſt dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual deſolations; *even* all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the ſanctuary.

4 Thine enemies roar in the midſt of thy congregations; they ſet up their enſigns *for* ſigns.

5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees:

6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.

7 [c] They have † caſt fire into thy ſanctuary, they have defiled *by caſting down* the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.

8 They ſaid in their hearts, Let us † deſtroy them together: they have burnt up all the ſynagogues of God in the land.

9 We ſee not our ſigns: [d] *there is* no more any prophet, neither *is there* among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long ſhall the adverſary reproach? ſhall the enemy blaſpheme thy name for ever?

11 Why withdraweſt thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck *it* out of thy boſom.

12 For [e] God *is* my King of old, working ſalvation in the midſt of the earth.

13 [f] Thou didſt † divide the ſea by thy ſtrength: thou brakeſt the heads of the || dragons in the waters.

14 Thou brakeſt the heads of leviathan in pieces, *and* gaveſt him *to be* meat to the people inhabiting the wilderneſs.

15 [g] Thou didſt cleave the fountain and the flood: [h] thou driedſt up † mighty rivers.

16 The day *is* thine, the night alſo *is* thine: [i] thou haſt prepared the light and the ſun.

17 Thou haſt ſet all the borders of the earth: thou haſt † made ſummer & winter.

18 [k] Remember this, *that* the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and *that* the fooliſh people have blaſphemed thy name.

19 O deliver not the ſoul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude *of the wicked*: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.

20 Have reſpect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.

21 O let not the oppreſſed return aſhamed: let the poor and needy praiſe thy name.

22 Ariſe, O God, plead thine own cauſe: [l] remember how the fooliſh man reproacheth thee daily.

23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of thoſe that riſe up againſt thee † increaſeth continually.

PSAL. LXXV.

1 The prophet praiſeth God. 2 He promiſeth to judge uprightly. 4 He rebuketh the proud by conſideration of Gods providence. 9 He praiſeth God, and promiſeth to execute juſtice.

¶ To the chief muſician, || Al-taſchith, A pſalm *or* ſong || of Aſaph.

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for that thy name *is* near, thy wondrous works declare.

2 When I ſhall || receive the congregation, I will judge uprightly.

3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are diſſolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah.

4 I ſaid unto the fools, Deal not fooliſhly; and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn.

5 Lift not up your horn on high: ſpeak *not* with a ſtiff neck.

6 For promotion *cometh* neither from the eaſt, nor from the weſt, nor from the † ſouth.

7 But God *is* the judge: [a] he putteth down one, and ſetteth up another.

8 For

[a] Job 22.13.
[b] Pſal. 74.2. Jer. 10.16. & 51.19.
[c] Pſal. 79.1. Jer. 52.13.
[d] Pſal. 74.9. & 35.3. Amos 8.11.
[e] Pſal. 44.4.
[f] Exod. 14.21. Pſal. 78.13. & 106.9. Iſa. 51.10.
[g] Pſal. 78.15. & 105.41. Iſa. 48.21.
[h] Joſh. 3.13. Pſal. 66.6. Jer. 51.36.
[i] Gen. 1.14. &c.
[k] v. 22.
[l] v. 18.
[a] 1 Sam. 2.7.

† Heb. *made them.*
† Heb. *deſtroy all the ſynagogues of God.*
† Heb. *I know not.*
† Heb. *with us.*
† Heb. *rock.*
† Heb. *aſcendeth.*
|| Or, *Deſtroy not*
|| Or, *for.*
|| Or, *take a ſet time.*
† Heb. *deſert.*

8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red: it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

9 But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; *but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSAL. LXXVI.

1 *A declaration of Gods majesty in the church.* 11 *An exhortation to serve him reverently.*

¶ To the chief musician on Neginoth, A psalm *or* song ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, for Asaph.

a Psal. 48. 1, &c.

a IN Judah *is* God known: his name *is* great in Israel.

2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.

3 There brake he the arrows of the bowe, the shield, and the sword, and the battel. Selah.

4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent then the mountains of prey.

5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands.

b Zech. 12. 5.

6 b At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

7 Thou, *even* thou *art* to be feared, and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgement to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,

9 When God arose to judgement to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents † unto him that ought to be feared.

† Heb. to fear.

12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes: *he is* terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSAL. LXXVII.

1 *The psalmist sheweth what fierce combat he had with diffidence.* 10 *The victory which he had by consideration of Gods great and gracious works.*

¶ To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A psalm ‖ of Asaph.

‖ Or, for Asaph.

I Cried unto God with my voice, *even* unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: † my sore ran in the night, & ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.

† Heb. my hand.

3 I remembred God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

a Psl. 143. 5.

5 a I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

6 I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

7 Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more?

† Heb. to generation and generations.

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail † for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

10 And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High.

11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, *is* in the sanctuary: who *is so* great a God as *our* God?

14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

b Exod. 6. 6. Ezek. 20. 33, 34. Psl. 114. 2.

15 b Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

c Hab. 3. 8, &c.

16 c The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee: they were afraid; the depths also were troubled.

† Heb. were poured forth with water.

17 The clouds † poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.

18 The

18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: [d] the lightnings lightned ỹ world, the earth trembled and shook.

19 Thy way *is* in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy foot steps are not known.

20 [e] Thou leddest thy people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSAL. LXXVIII.

1 An exhortation both to learn and to preach the law of God. 9 The story of Gōds wrath against the incredulous and disobedient. 67 The Israelites being rejected, God chose Judah, Zion, and David.

¶ [a] Maschil of Asaph.

GIve ear, O my people, *to* my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 [b] I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

3 [c] Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come ỹ praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderfull works that he hath done.

5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, & appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers [d] that they should make them known to their children:

6 That the generation to come might know *them, even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers, [e] a stubborn & rebellious generation; a generation *that* † set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed *and* † carrying bowes, turned back in the day of battel.

10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;

11 And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.

13 [f] He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through, and [g] he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 [h] In the day-time also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

15 [i] He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave *them* drink as out of the great depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 And they sinned yet more against him, by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

18 And [k] they tempted God in their heart, by asking meat for their lust.

19 [l] Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God † furnish a table in the wilderness?

20 [m] Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and [n] was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob & anger also came up against Israel;

22 Because they beleeved not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

24 [o] And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

25 ‖ Man did eat angels food: he sent them meat to the full.

26 [p] He caused an east-wind † to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south-wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and † feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea.

28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

30 They were not estranged from their lust: But [q] while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,

31 The

[d] Exod. 4.21.
[e] Exod. 15.8.
[f] Exod. 13.21. & 14.24. Psal. 105. 39.
[g] Exod. 17.6. Num. 20.11. Psalm 105.41. 1 Cor. 10.4.
[h] Ex. 16. 2.
[i] Num. 11.4. † Heb. order.
[k] Exod. 17.6. Numb. 20.11.
[l] Num. 11.1,10.
[m] Exod. 16.4,14. Ps. 105. 40. ‖ John 6. 31. 1 Cor. 10.3.
[n] Or, every one did set his face toward the mighty.
[o] Num. 11.31. † Heb. to go
[p] Heb. fowl of wing.
[q] Num. 11.33.

31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and † smote down the ‖ chosen *men* of Israel.

32 For all this [r] they sinned still, and beleeved not for his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God.

35 And they remembred that [r] God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.

37 For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

39 For [t] he remembred that they *were but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they ‖ provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert?

41 Yea, [u] they turned back and tempted God, and limited the holy One of Israel.

42 They remembred not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from ‖ the enemy.

43 How he had † wrought his signs in Egypt, & his wonders in the field of Zoan:

44 [x] And had turned their rivers into bloud; and their flouds, that they could not drink.

45 [y] He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and [z] frogs, which destroyed them.

46 [a] He gave also their increase unto the caterpiller, and their labour unto the locust.

47 [b] He † destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycomore trees with ‖ frost.

48 He † gave up their cattel also to the hail, and their flocks to ‖ hot thunderbolts.

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation & trouble, by sending evil angels *among them.*

50 He † made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their ‖ life over to the pestilence;

51 [c] And smote all the first-born in Egypt; the chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:

52 But [d] made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea [e] † overwhelmed their enemies.

54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, [f] *which* his right hand had purchased.

55 He cast out the heathen also before them, and [g] divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most High God, and kept not his testimonies:

57 But turned back and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers; they were turned aside [h] like a deceitfull bow.

58 [i] For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousie with their graven images.

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:

60 [k] So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemies hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance.

63 The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not † given to marriage.

64 Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, *and* like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.

66 And

† Heb. *made to bow.*
‖ Or, *young men*
[r] Num. 14. &c. & 7.
[r] Deut. 32. 4.
[t] Psal. 103. 14.
‖ Or, *rebell against him.*
[u] Num. 14. 22.
‖ Or, *afflicted.*
† Heb. *set.*
[x] Exod. 7. 20.
[y] Exod. 8. 24.
[z] Exod. 8. 6.
[a] Exod. 10. 13.
[b] Exod. 9. 23.
† Heb. *killed*
‖ Or, *great hail-stones.*
† Heb. *gave up.*
‖ Or, *lightnings.*
† Heb. *weighed a path.*
‖ Or, *reckoned the mortality.* Exo. 9. 3, 6.
[c] Exod. 12. 29.
[d] Psal. 77. 20.
[e] Exod. 14. 27, 28 & 15. 10.
† Heb. *covered.*
[f] Deut. 32.
[g] Jos. 13. 7. Psal. 136. 21, 22.
[h] Hos. 7. 16.
[i] Deut. 32. 16, 21.
[k] 1 Sam. 4. 11. Jer. 7. 12, 14. & 26. 6, 9.
† Heb. *praised.*

66 And [l]he ſmote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover, he refuſed the tabernacle of Joſeph, and choſe not the tribe of Ephraim:

68 But choſe the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion, which he loved.

69 And he built his ſanctuary like high *palaces*, like the earth which he hath †eſtabliſhed for ever.

70 [m] He choſe David alſo his ſervant, and took him from the ſheepfolds:

71 †From following the ewes great with young, he brought him [n] to feed Jacob his people, and Iſrael his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulneſs of his hands.

PSAL. LXXIX.

1 *The pſalmiſt complaineth of the deſolation of Jeruſalem.* 8 *He prayeth for deliverance,* 13 *and promiſeth thankfulneſs.*

¶ A pſalm ‖ of Aſaph.

O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance: [a] thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jeruſalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy ſervants have they given *to be* meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the fleſh of thy ſaints unto the beaſts of the earth.

3 Their bloud have they ſhed like water round about Jeruſalem: [b] and *there was* none to bury *them*.

4 [c] We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a ſcorn and deriſion to them that are round about us.

5 [d] How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? ſhall thy jealouſie burn like fire?

6 [e] Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waſte his dwelling-place.

8 [f] O remember not againſt us ‖ former iniquities: let thy tender mercies ſpeedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our ſalvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our ſins for thy names ſake.

10 [g] Wherefore ſhould the heathen ſay, Where *is* their God? let him be known among the heathen in our ſight *by* the † revenging of the bloud of thy ſervants *which is* ſhed.

11 Let [h] the ſighing of the priſoner come before thee: according to the greatneſs of † thy power † preſerve thou thoſe that are appointed to die.

12 And render unto our neighbours ſeven-fold into their boſom, their reproach wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So [i] we thy people and ſheep of thy paſture will give thee thanks for ever: we will ſhew forth thy praiſe † to all generations.

PSAL. LXXX.

1 *The pſalmiſt in his prayer complaineth of the miſeries of the church.* 8 *Gods former favours are turned into judgements.* 14 *He prayeth for deliverance.*

¶ To the chief muſician upon Shoſhannim eduth, A pſalm ‖ of Aſaph.

GIve ear, O Shepherd of Iſrael, thou that leadeſt Joſeph like a flock; thou that dwelleſt *between* the cherubims, ſhine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manaſſeh ſtir up thy ſtrength, and † come *and* ſave us.

3 Turn us again, O God, and [a] cauſe thy face to ſhine; and we ſhall be ſaved.

4 O LORD God of hoſts, how long wilt thou † be angry againſt the prayer of thy people?

5 [b] Thou feedeſt them with the bread of tears; and giveſt them tears to drink in great meaſure.

6 [c] Thou makeſt us a ſtrife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themſelves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hoſts, and cauſe thy face to ſhine; and we ſhall be ſaved.

8 Thou haſt brought a vine out of Egypt: [d] thou haſt caſt out the heathen, & planted it

† Heb. weighed a part. ‖ Or, *reaſon the matter.* Ex. 9.31. & Exod. 12.29. d Pſ. 77. 21.

† Found. 14. 17. & 15. 10. † Heb. covered. e Gen. 6.

f Joſ. 13. 7. Pſ. 136. 21, 22.

g Hoſ. 7. 16. h Deut. 12. 16, 31.

i 1 Sam. 4. 11. Jer. 7. 12, 14. & 26. 6. k Pſal. 44. 8. & 89. 46.

† Heb. *preſſed.*

‖ Or, *former iniquities of our fathers.*

l Sam. 5. 6. m 1 Sam. 16. 11. n Heb. *the ſheep of his paſture.* o 2 Sam. 5. 2. 1 Chr. 11. 2.

p Pſal. 74. 1. & 79. 5. Iſa. 63. 15. Ezek. 36. 5.

q Pſal. 42. 10. & 115. 2.

† Heb. *vengeance.*

r Pſal. 102. 20.

† Heb. *thine arm.*

† Heb. *reſerve the children of death.*

s Pſal. 95. 7.

† Heb. *to generation and generation.*

‖ Or, *for.*

† He's. *come for ſalvation to us.*

a Pſal. 4. 6.

† Heb. *ſmoke.*

b Pſal. 42. 3. & 102. 9.

c Pſal. 44. 13.

d Pſal. 44. 2.

9 Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the † goodly cedars.

† Heb. cedars of God.

11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river.

12 Why hast thou *then* [c] broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?

[c] Psal. 80. 40. Isa. 5. 5.

13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it.

14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold and visit this vine;

15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thy self.

16 *It is* burnt with fire; *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 [f] Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thy self.

[f] Psal. 89. 21.

18 So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

PSAL. LXXXI.

[a] An exhortation to a solemn praising of God. 4 God challengeth that duty by reason of his benefits. 8 God exhorting Israel to obedience, complaineth of their disobedience which proveth their own hurt.

¶ To the chief musician upon Gittith, *A psalm* || of Asaph.

|| Or, for.

SIng aloud unto God our strength: make a joyfull noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast-day.

4 For [a] this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

[a] Lev. 23. 24. Num. 10. 10.

5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony, when he went out || through the land of Egypt: *where* I heard a language *that* I understood not.

|| Or, against.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands † were delivered from the pots.

† Heb. passed away.

7 [b] Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee: I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I [c] proved thee at the waters of || Meribah. Selah.

[b] Ex. 2. 23 & 14. 10. [c] Exod. 17. 6, 7. Num. 20. 13. || Or, strife.

8 [d] Hear, O my people, and I will testifie unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

[d] Psal. 50. 7.

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 I *am* the LORD thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

[a] Ps. 78. 62. & 106. 6.

12 [e] So I gave them up || unto their own hearts lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

|| Or, to the hardness of their hearts, or, imagination. [e] Deut. 32. 29. Isa. 48. 18. Or, permitted. Heb. heard. [e] Deut. 32. 15.

13 [f] O that my people had hearkned unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

[f] Heb. that my people, &c.

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should have || † submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

|| Or, lied unto him. † Heb. fained.

16 He should [g] have fed them also with the † finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

[g] Deut. 32. 13, 14. † Heb. fat of wheat.

PSAL. LXXXII.

1 The psalmist having exhorted the judges, 5 and reproved their negligence, 8 prayeth God to judge.

¶ A psalm || of Asaph.

|| Or, for.

GOd [a] standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

[a] 2 Chr. 19. 6 Eccl. 5. 8.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and [b] accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

[b] Deut. 1. 17. 2 Chr. 19. 7.

3 † Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

† Heb. judge.

4 [c] Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

[c] Prov. 24. 11.

5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foun-

foundations of the earth are † out of course.

6 [d] I have said, Ye *are* gods; and all of you *are* children of the most High:

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSAL. LXXXIII.

1 A complaint to God of the enemies conspiracies. 9 A prayer against them that oppress the church.

¶ A song *or* psalm || of Asaph.

KEep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lift up the head.

3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one † consent: they are confederate against thee.

6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek, the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre.

8 Assur also is joyned with them: they have † holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

9 Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites; as *to* [b] Sisera, as *to* Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

10 *Which* perished at En-dor: they became *as* dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like [c] Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as [d] Zebah, and as Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to our selves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire burneth the wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:

18 That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most High over all the earth.

PSAL. LXXXIV.

1 The prophet longing for the communion of the sanctuary, 4 sheweth how blessed they are that dwell therein. 8 He prayeth to be restored unto it.

¶ To the chief musician upon Gittith, A psalm || for the sons of Korah.

HOw amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

2 [a] My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for her self, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

5 Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways *of them:*

6 *Who* passing through the valley || of Baca, make it a well: the rain also † filleth the pools.

7 They go from || strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts *is* better then a thousand: † I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God then to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the LORD God *is* a sun and [b] shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: [c] no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts, [d] blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM. LXXXV.

1 *The psalmist out of the experience of former mercies, prayeth for the continuance thereof.* 8 *He promiseth to wait thereon, out of confidence of Gods goodness.*

¶ To the chief musician, A psalm ||for the sons of Korah.

|| Or, of.

LORD, thou hast been || favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

|| Or, well pleased.

2 [a] Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

[a] Psal. 32. 1.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned || *thy self* from the fierceness of thine anger.

|| Or, thine anger from waxing hot.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger towards us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoyce in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for [b] he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

[b] Zech. 9. 10.

9 Surely his salvation *is* nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other.*

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is* good; and [c] our land shall yeeld her increase.

[c] Psal. 67. 6.

13 [d] Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

[d] Psal. 89. 14.

PSALM. LXXXVI.

1 *David strengtheth his prayer by the conscience of his religion,* 5 *by the goodness and power of God.* 11 *He desireth the continuance of former grace.* 14 *Complaining of the proud, he craveth some token of Gods goodness.*

¶ ||A prayer of David.

|| Or, A prayer being a psalm of David.

BOw down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I *am* poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I *am* ||holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

|| Or, one whom thou favourest.

3 Be mercifull unto me, O LORD: for I cry unto thee || daily.

4 Rejoyce the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 [a] For thou, Lord, *art* good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; & attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 [b] In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

8 [c] Among the gods *there is* none like unto thee, O Lord; neither *are there any works* like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorifie thy name.

10 For thou *art* great, and [d] doest wondrous things: [e] thou *art* God alone.

11 [f] Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorifie thy name for evermore.

13 For great *is* thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest || hell.

14 O God, [g] the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of † violent *men* have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 [h] But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious; long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and save [i] the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good: that they which hate me may see *it*, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM. LXXXVII.

1 *The nature and glory of the church.* 4 *The increase, honour, and comfort of the members thereof.*

¶ A psalm *or* song || for the sons of Korah.

HIs foundation *is* [a] in the holy mountains.

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2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more then all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are ſpoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

4 I will make mention of [b] Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philiſtia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia. This *man* was born there.

5 And of Zion it ſhall be ſaid, This and that man was born in her: and the Higheſt himſelf ſhall eſtabliſh her.

6 The LORD ſhall count when he writeth up the people, *that* this *man* was born there. Selah.

7 As well the ſingers as the players on inſtruments *ſhall be there*: all my ſprings *are* in thee.

PSAL. LXXXVIII.

A prayer containing a grievous complaint.

¶ A ſong *or* pſalm || for the ſons of Korah, to the chief muſician upon Mahalath Leannoth, ‖ Maſchil of [a] Heman the Ezrahite.

O LORD God of my ſalvation, I have cryed day *and* night before thee.

2 Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry.

3 For my ſoul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man *that hath* no ſtrength.

5 Free among the dead, like the ſlain that lie in the grave, whom thou remembreſt no more: and they are cut off ||from thy hand.

6 Thou haſt laid me in the loweſt pit, in darkneſs, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and [b] thou haſt afflicted *me* with all thy waves. Selah.

8 [c] Thou haſt put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou haſt made me an abomination unto them: *I am* ſhut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye mourneth by reaſon of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have ſtretched out my hands unto thee.

10 [d] Wilt thou ſhew wonders to the dead? ſhall the dead ariſe *and* praiſe thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy loving kindneſs be declared in the grave? *or* thy faithfulneſs in deſtruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteouſneſs in the land of forgetfulneſs?

13 But unto thee have I cryed, O LORD; and [e] in the morning ſhall my prayer prevent thee. [e] Pſ. 5. 4.

14 LORD, why caſteſt thou off my ſoul? *why* hideſt thou thy face from me?

15 I *am* afflicted and ready to die from *my* youth up: *while* [f] I ſuffer thy terrours, I am diſtracted. [f] Job 6. 4.

16 Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrours have cut me off.

17 They came round about me || daily like water; they compaſſed me about together. || Or, all the day.

18 Lover and friend haſt thou put far from me, *and* mine acquaintance into darkneſs.

PSAL. LXXXIX.

1 The pſalmiſt praiſeth God for his covenant, 5 for his wonderfull power, 15 for the care of his church. 19 for his favour to the kingdom of David. 38 Then complaining of contrary events, 46 he expoſtulateth, prayeth, and bleſſeth God.

¶ || Maſchil of [a] Ethan the Ezrahite. || Or, A pſalm for Ethan the Ezrahite, to give inſtruction. [a] 1 Chr. 2. 6.

I Will ſing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulneſs †to all generations. † Heb. to generation and generation.

2 For I have ſaid, Mercy ſhall be built up for ever: [b] thy faithfulneſs ſhalt thou eſtabliſh in the very heavens. [b] Pſal. 119. 89.

3 I have made a covenant with my choſen, I have [c] ſworn unto David my ſervant. [c] 2 Sam. 7. 11, &c.

4 Thy ſeed will I eſtabliſh for ever, and build up thy throne † to all generations. Selah. † Heb. to generation and generation.

5 And [d] the heavens ſhall praiſe thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulneſs alſo in the congregation of the ſaints. [d] Pſal. 19. 1.

6 For [e] who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? *who* among the ſons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? [e] Pſal. 86. 8.

7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all *them that are* about him.

8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

9 [f] Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

10 [g] Thou hast broken || Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: thou hast scattered thine enemies with † thy strong arm.

11 [h] The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoyce in thy name.

13 Thou hast † a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand.

14 [i] Justice and judgement *are* the || habitation of thy throne: [k] mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

15 Blessed *is* the people that know the [l] joyfull sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

16 In thy name shall they rejoyce all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

17 For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

18 For || the LORD *is* our defence; and the holy One of Israel *is* our King.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon *one that is* mighty; I have exalted *one* chosen out of the people.

20 [m] I have found David my servant: with my holy oyl have I anointed him:

21 [n] With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 [o] The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

24 But [p] my faithfulness and my mercy *shall be* with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 Also I will make him *my* first-born, higher then the kings of the earth.

28 [q] My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne [r] as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgements;

31 If they † break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then [s] will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless, my loving kindness will I not † utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness † to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing *that is* gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness, † that I will not lie unto David.

36 [t] His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne [u] as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithfull witness in heaven. Selah.

38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown, *by casting it* to the ground.

40 [x] Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruine.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoyce.

43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battel.

44 Thou hast made his †glory to cease, and

[f] Psal. 65. 8.

[g] Exod. 14. 26. || Or, Egypt. † Heb. the arm of thy strength.

[h] Gen. 1. 1. Psal. 24. 1. & 50. 12.

† Heb. an arm with might.

[i] Psal. 97. 2. || Or, establishment.

[k] Psal. 85. 13.

[l] Num. 10. 6.

|| Or, our shield is of the LORD, and our king is of the holy One of Israel.

[m] 1 Sa. 16. 1, 12.

[n] Psal. 80. 17.

[o] 2 Sam. 7. 10.

[p] Psal. 21. 7.

[q] Isa. 55. 3.

[r] Deut. 11. 21.

† Heb. profane.

[s] 2 Sam. 7. 14.

† Heb. my loving kindness from him.

† Heb. lie.

† Heb. if I lie. [t] 2 Sam. 7. 16. Lu. 1. 33. Joh. 12. 34.

[u] Psal. 72. 5, 17.

[x] Psal. 80. 12.

† Heb. brightness.

PSAL. XCIX.

1 The prophet setting forth the kingdom of God in Zion, 5 exhorteth all, by the example of forefathers, to worship God at his holy hill.

a THE LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: b he sitteth *between* the cherubims; let the earth † be moved.

2 The LORD *is* great in Zion, and he *is* high above all people.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; *for* it *is* holy.

4 The kings strength also loveth judgement: thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgement and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool: *for* || he *is* holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 c He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance *that* he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill: for the LORD our God *is* holy.

PSAL. C.

1 An exhortation to praise God cheerfully, 3 for his greatness, 4 and for his power.

¶ A psalm of || praise.

MAke a joyfull noise unto the LORD, † all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, || and not we ourselves: a *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankfull unto him, *and* bless his name.

5 For the LORD *is* good: his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* † to all generations.

PSAL. CI.

David maketh a vow and profession of godliness.

¶ A psalm of David.

I Will sing of mercy and judgement: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.

2 I will behave my self wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no † wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; *it* shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked *person*.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look, & a proud heart, will not I suffer.

6 Mine eyes *shall be* upon the faithfull of the land, that they may dwell with me; he that walketh || in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house; he that telleth lies shall not † tarry in my sight.

8 I will a early destroy all the wicked of the land: that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSAL. CII.

1 The prophet in his prayer maketh a grievous complaint. 12 He taketh comfort in the eternity and mercy of God. 18 The mercies of God are to be recorded. 23 He sustaineth his weakness by the unchangeableness of God.

¶ A prayer || of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

HEar my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day *when* I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day *when* I call, answer me speedily.

3 For my days are consumed || like smoke, and my bones are burnt as an hearth.

4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning, a my bones cleave to my || skin.

6 b I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert.

7 I watch,

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a Psal. 80. 1.

† Heb. *thing of Belial.*

|| Or, *perfect in the way.*

† Heb. *he established.* † Jer. 21. 12.

|| Or, *son.*

|| Or, *as some read, into smoke.*

a Job 19. 20. Lam. 4. 8

|| Or, *flesh.*

b Job 30. 29.

7 I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; *and* they that are mad against me are sworn against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, and [c] mingled my drink with weeping;

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.

11 [d] My days *are* like a shadow that declineth; and [e] I am withered like grass.

12 But [f] thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever, and [g] thy remembrance unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and [h] the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 [i] To hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose † those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, & the kingdoms to serve the LORD.

23 He † weakned my strength in the way; he shortned my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years *are* throughout all generations.

25 [k] Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens *are* the work of thy hands.

26 [l] They shall perish, but thou shalt † endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou *art* the same, and thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee.

PSAL. CIII.

1 An exhortation to bless God for his mercy, 15 and for the constancy thereof.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

[a] BLess the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

3 [b] Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases:

4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies:

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things*; *so that* [c] thy youth is renewed like the eagles.

6 [d] The LORD executeth righteousness and judgement for all *that are* oppressed.

7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

8 [e] The LORD *is* mercifull & gracious, slow to anger, and † plenteous in mercy.

9 [f] He will not always chide; neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

11 For † as the heaven is high above the earth, *so* great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

13 Like as a father pitieth *his* children, *so* the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth our frame: [g] he remembreth that we *are* dust.

15 *As for* man, [h] his days *are* as grass: [i] as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

16 For the wind passeth over it, and † it is gone; and [k] the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from ever-

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[c] Psal. 42. 3. & 80. 5.

[d] Psal. 109. 23. & 144. 4. Ecc. 6. 12.
[e] Is. 40. 6. Jam. 1. 10.
[f] Lam. 5. 19.
[g] Psal. 135. 13.

[h] Psal. 22. 31.

[i] Psal. 79. 11. † Heb. the children of death.

† Heb. as Red.

[k] Heb. 1. 10.

[l] Is. 15. 6. † Heb. hand.

[a] Psal. 104. 1. & 146. 1.

[b] Mat. 9. 2, 6. Mar. 2. 5. Luke 7. 47.

[c] Isa. 40. 31.

[d] Psal. 146. 7.

[e] Exod. 34. 6, 7. Num. 14. 18. Deut. 5. 10. Neh. 9. 17. Psalm 86. 15. Jer. 32. 18. † Heb. great of mercy. Isa. 57. 16. Jer. 3. 5. Mic. 7. 18. † Heb. according to the height of the heaven.

[f] Psal. 78. 38. & Psal. 90. 5.

[g] Psal. 90. 5.

[h] Job 14. 1, 2. Jam. 1. 10, 11. † Heb. it is not.

[i] Job 7. 10, & 20. 9.

everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousnes [l] unto childrens children;

18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, † that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkning unto the voice of his word.

21 Bless ye the LORD, all *ye* his hosts; *ye* ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSAL. CIV.

1 *A meditation upon the mighty power,* 7 *and wonderfull providence of God.* 31 *Gods glory is eternal.* 33 *The prophet vowcth perpetually to praise God.*

BLess the LORD, O my soul: O LORD my God, thou art very great; [a] thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest *thy self* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 [b] Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; [c] who walketh upon the wings of the wind:

4 [d] Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers, a flaming fire:

5 † [e] *Who* laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.

6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

7 [f] At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

8 ||They go up by the mountains, they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

9 [g] Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; [h] that they turn not again to cover the earth.

10 † He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* † run among the hills.

11 They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses † quench their thirst.

12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* † sing among the branches.

13 [i] He watereth the hills from his chambers: [k] the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

14 [l] He causeth the grass to grow for the cattel, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth,

15 And [m] wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* † oyl to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth mans heart.

16 The trees of the LORD are full *of sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, [n] which he hath planted:

17 Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir-trees *are* her house.

18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats, *and* the rocks for the coneys.

19 [o] He appointeth the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein † all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.

21 [p] The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.

22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work and to his labour untill the evening.

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 *So is* this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast † made to play therein.

27 [q] These wait all upon thee: that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.

28 *That* thou givest them, they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

29 Thou

† Heb. *break.*

† Heb. *give a voice.*

[i] Psal. 147. 8.

[k] Psal. 65. 9.

[l] Ger. 29, 30. & 3. 18.

[m] Judg. 9. 13. † Heb. *to make his face shine with oyl, or more then oyl.*

[n] Num. 24. 6.

[o] Gen. 1. 14.

† Heb. *all the beasts thereof do trample on the forest.*

[p] Job 38. 39.

† Heb. *formed.*

[q] Psal. 136. 25. & 145. 15.

29 Thou hideſt thy face, they are troubled: thou takeſt away their breath, they die, and return to their duſt.

30 Thou ſendeſt forth thy ſpirit, they are created; and thou reneweſt the face of the earth.

31 The glory of the LORD † ſhall endure for ever: the LORD ſhall rejoyce in his works.

32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, & they ſmoke.

33 [t] I will ſing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will ſing praiſe unto my God while I have my being.

34 My meditation of him ſhall be ſweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

35 Let the ſinners be conſumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: bleſs thou the LORD, O my ſoul. Praiſe ye the LORD.

PSAL. CV.

1 An exhortation to praiſe God, and to ſeek out his works. 7 The ſtory of Gods providence over Abraham, 16 over Joſeph, 23 over Jacob in Egypt, 26 over Moſes delivering the Iſraelites, 37 over the Iſraelites brought out of Egypt, fed in the wilderneſs, and planted in Canaan.

O [a] Give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

2 Sing unto him, ſing pſalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoyce that ſeek the LORD.

4 Seek the LORD, and his ſtrength: ſeek his face evermore.

5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

6 O ye ſeed of Abraham his ſervant, ye children of Jacob his choſen.

7 He *is* the LORD our God: his judgements *are* in all the earth.

8 He hath remembred his covenant for ever, the word *which* he commanded to a thouſand generations.

9 [b] Which *covenant* he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Iſaac;

10 And confirmed the ſame unto Jacob for a law, *and* to Iſrael *for* an everlaſting covenant;

11 Saying, [c] Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, † the lot of your inheritance.

12 [d] When they were *but* a few men in number; yea, very few, and ſtrangers in it:

13 When they went from one nation to another, from *one* kingdom to another people:

14 He ſuffered no man to do them wrong: yea, [e] he reproved kings for their ſakes,

15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, [f] he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole ſtaff of bread.

17 [h] He ſent a man before them, *even* Joſeph, *who* was ſold for a ſervant:

18 [k] Whoſe feet they hurt with fetters: † he was laid in iron.

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

20 [l] The king ſent and looſed him: *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

21 [m] He made him lord of his houſe, and ruler of all his † ſubſtance:

22 To bind his princes at his pleaſure; and teach his ſenatours wiſdom.

23 [n] Iſrael alſo came into Egypt; and Jacob ſojourned in the land of Ham.

24 And [o] he increaſed his people greatly; and made them ſtronger then their enemies.

25 [p] He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal ſubtilly with his ſervants.

26 [q] He ſent Moſes his ſervant; *and* Aaron, whom he had choſen.

27 [r] They ſhewed † his ſigns among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 [s] He ſent darkneſs, and made it dark; and they rebelled not againſt his word.

29 [t] He turned their waters into bloud, and ſlew their fiſh.

30 [u] Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.

31 [x] He ſpake, and there came divers ſorts of flies, *and* lice in all their coaſts.

32 [y] † He gave them hail for rain, *and* flaming fire in their land.

33 He ſmote their vines alſo & their figtrees; and brake the trees of their coaſts.

34 [z] He

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* Pſal. 146. 4. Ec. 12. 7.

† Heb. ſhall be.

[t] Pſal. 144. 5.

* Pſal. 146. 2.

[a] 1 Chr. 16. 8. Iſa. 12. 4.

[b] Gen. 17. 2. & 22. 16, &c. & 26. 3. & 28. 13. & 35. 11. Lu. 1. 73. Heb. 6. 17.

[c] Gen. 13. 15. & 15. 18.

† Heb. the cord.

* Gen. 34. 30. [d] Deut. 26. 5.

[e] Gen. 12. 17. & 20. 3, 7.

[f] Gen. 41. 54. & Lev. 26. 26. Iſa. 3. 1.

[h] Gen. 45. 5. & 50. 20.

† Gen. 37. 28.

* Gen. 39. 20.

† Heb. put into the ſtocks.

[i] Gen. 41. 40.

† Heb. poſſeſſion.

[k] Gen. 46. 6.

[l] Exod. 1. 8.

[m] Exod. 3. 21. & 11. 3.

[n] Exod. 5. 10. & 6. 13, 14.

[o] Exod. 7. 9.

† Heb. words of his ſigns.

[p] Exod. 10. 21.

[q] Exod. 7. 20.

[r] Ex. 8. 6.

[s] Exod. 8. 17, 24.

† Exod. 9. 23.

† Heb. he gave their rain hail.

34 [z] He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number,

35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

36 [a] He smote also all the first born in their land, the chief of all their strength.

37 [b] He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.

38 [c] Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

39 [d] He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire, to give light in the night.

40 [e] *The people* asked, and he brought quails; and [f] satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 [g] He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places *like* a river.

42 For he remembred [h] his holy promise, *and* Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy, *and* his chosen with † gladness:

44 [i] And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people:

45 [k] That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CVI.

The psalmist exhorteth to praise God. 4 He prayeth for pardon of sin. 7 The story of the peoples rebellion, and Gods mercy. 47 He concludeth with prayer and praise.

† PRaise ye the LORD, [l] O [b] give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? *who* can shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgement, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation!

5 That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoyce in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 [c] We have sinned with our fathers: we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt, they remembred not the multitude of thy mercies; [d] but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless, he saved them for his names sake, [e] that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 [f] He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so [g] he led them through the depths as through the wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated *them*, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 [h] And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

12 [i] Then beleeved they his words; they sang his praise.

13 [k] † They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 [l] But † lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

15 [m] And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

16 [n] They envied Moses also in the camp, *and* Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 [o] The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.

18 [p] And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burnt up the wicked.

19 [q] They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus [r] they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, *and* terrible things by the Red sea.

23 [s] Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy *them*.

24 Yea, they despised the † pleasant land, they beleeved not his word:

25 [t] But murmured in their tents, *and* hearkned not unto the voice of the LORD.

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[z] Gen. 13. 13, & 15. 18. † Heb. the end. [a] Gen. 34. 10. [b] cap. 36. 5. [c] Gen. 12. 17, & 20. 3, 7. [d] Exod. 14. 11, 12. [e] Exod. 9. 16. [f] Exod. 16. 13. Num. 11. 31. [g] Exod. 14. 21. Isa. 63. 11, 12, 13. [h] Gen. 15. 13, 14. Exod. 3. 7, 8. [i] Gen. 47. 27. Exod. 1. 7. [k] Gen. 26. 5. Lev. 26. 46. Deut. 4. 1, 5. [l] Gen. 49. 8, 9. [m] Gen. 30. 1. † Heb. *his soul became lean.* [n] Gen. 37. 11. [o] Num. 16. 1, &c. [p] Exod. 32. 35. [q] Exod. 32. 4. [r] Jer. 2. 11. Ro. 1. 23. [s] Exod. 32. 10, 11, 32. Deut. 9. 19. [t] Heb. *he gave their seed.*

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[a] Dan. 9. 5. [b] Exod. 14. 11, 12. [c] Exod. 9. 16. [d] Exod. 14. 21. [e] Isa. 63. 11, 12, 13. [f] Exod. 14. 27, & 15. 5. [g] Exod. 14. 31. & 15. 1. [h] Exod. 15. 24. & 17. 2. † Heb. *they made haste they fo gat.* [i] Num. 11. 4, 33. [k] Psal. 78. 18. 1 Cor. 10. 6. † Heb. *lusted a lust.* [l] Num. 11. 31. [m] Num. 16. 1, &c. [n] Num. 16. 31. Deut. 11. 6. [o] Num. 16. 35, 46. [p] Exod. 32. 4. [q] Jer. 2. 11. Ro. 1. 23. [r] Exod. 32. 10, 11, 32. Deut. 10. 10. † Heb. *a land of desire.* [s] Num. 14. 2.

u Num. 14. 28.

† Heb. to make them fall.
x Psal. 44. 11. Ezek. 20. 23.
y Num. 25. 2, 3. & 31. 16. Rev. 2. 14.

z Num. 25. 7.

a Num. 20. 3, 12.

b Judg. 1. 21, 27.
c Deut. 7. 2.
d Judg. 2. 2. & 3. 5, 6.

e 2 Kin. 16. 3. Isa. 57. 5. Ezek. 16. 20. & 20. 26.

f Num. 35. 33.

26 u Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderneſs:

27 †x To overthrow their ſeed alſo among the nations, and to ſcatter them in the lands.

28 y They joyned themſelves alſo unto Baal-peor, and ate the ſacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked *him* to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 z Then ſtood up Phinehas, and executed judgement: and *ſo* the plague was ſtayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteouſneſs unto all generations for evermore.

32 a They angred *him* alſo at the waters of ſtrife, ſo that it went ill with Moſes for their ſakes:

33 Becauſe they provoked his ſpirit, ſo that he ſpake unadviſedly with his lips.

34 b They did not deſtroy the nations c concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

35 d But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they ſerved their idols: which were a ſnare unto them.

37 Yea, e they ſacrificed their ſons and their daughters unto devils,

38 And ſhed innocent bloud, *even* the bloud of their ſons and of their daughters, whom they ſacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and f the land was polluted with bloud.

39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled againſt his people, inſomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies alſo oppreſſed them, and they were brought into ſubjection under their hand.

g Judg. 2. 16.
‖ Or, impoveriſhed, or weakened.
h Judg. 3. 9, & 4. 3. & 6. 7. & 10. 10. Deut. 26. 7.

i Jer. 42. 12. 1 Chr. 6. 35, 36.

43 g Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked *him* with their counſel, and were ‖ brought low for their iniquity.

44 Nevertheleſs, he regarded their affliction when h he heard their cry.

45 i And he remembred for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

46 k He made them alſo to be pitied of all thoſe that carried them captives.

47 l Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, *and* to triumph in thy praiſe.

48 Bleſſed *be* the LORD God of Iſrael from everlaſting to everlaſting: and let all the people ſay, Amen. Praiſe ye the LORD.

PSAL. CVII.

1 The pſalmiſt exhorteth the redeemed in praiſing God, to obſerve his manifold providence, 4 over travellers, 10 over captives, 17 over ſick men, 23 over ſea-men, 33 & in divers varieties of life.

O a Give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

a Pſal. 106. 1. & 118. 1. & 136. 1.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD ſay *ſo*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the eaſt and from the weſt, from the north and from † the ſouth.

† Heb. the ſea.

4 They wandred in the wilderneſs in a ſolitary way, they found no city to dwell in:

5 Hungry and thirſty, their ſoul fainted in them.

6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their diſtreſſes.

7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

8 Oh that *men* would praiſe the LORD *for* his goodneſs, and *for* his wonderfull works to the children of men:

9 For he ſatisfieth the longing ſoul, and filleth the hungry ſoul with goodneſs.

10 Such as ſit in darkneſs and in the ſhadow of death, *being* b bound in affliction and iron;

b Job 36. 8.

11 Becauſe they rebelled againſt the words

words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he saved them out of their distresses.

14 [c] He brought them out of darkness, and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderfull works to the children of men:

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools because of their transgression and because of their iniquities are afflicted.

18 [d] Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they [e] draw near unto the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble; he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word, and healed them, & delivered *them* from their destructions.

21 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderfull works to the children of men.

22 And [f] let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with † rejoycing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and † raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and † are at their wits end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderfull works to the children of men.

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water-springs into dry ground,

34 A fruitfull land into † barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 [g] He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yeeld fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattel to decrease.

39 Again they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction and sorrow.

40 [h] He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the || wilderness *where there is* no way.

41 [i] Yet setteth he the poor on high || from affliction, and [k] maketh *him* families like a flock.

42 [l] The righteous shall see *it*, & rejoyce: and all [m] iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 [n] Whoso *is* wise, and will observe those *things*, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the LORD.

PSAL. CVIII.

1 David encourageth himself to praise God. 5 He prayeth for Gods assistance according to his promise. 11 His confidence in Gods help.

¶ A song *or* psalm of David.

O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 [a] Awake, psaltery and harp: I *my self* will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

† Heb. *saltnesse.*

|| Or, *void place.*

|| Or, *affliction.*

4 For thy mercy *is* great above the heavens: and thy truth *reacheth* unto the || clouds.

|| Or, skies.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

6 [b] That thy beloved may be delivered: save *with* thy right hand and answer me.

[b] Ps. 60. 5, &c.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoyce: I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead *is* mine, Manasseh *is* mine; Ephraim also *is* the strength of mine head: Judah *is* my law-giver.

9 Moab *is* my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom?

11 *Wilt* not *thou*, O God, *who* hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 Give us help from trouble: for vain *is* the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: for he *it is that* shall tread down our enemies.

PSAL. CIX.

1 David complaining of his slanderous enemies, under the person of Judas, detesteth them. 16 He sheweth their sin. 21 Complaining of his own misery he prayeth for help. 30 He promiseth thankfulness.

To the chief musician, A psalm of David.

HOld not thy peace, O God of my praise.

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the † mouth of the deceitfull † are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

4 Heb. mouth of deceit. † Heb. have opened themselves.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me [a] without a cause.

[a] Ps. 69. 4

4 For my love, they are my adversaries: but I *give my self unto* prayer.

5 And [b] they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

[b] Ps. 35. 12. & 38. 20.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him: and let [c] || Satan stand at his right hand.

[c] Zech. 3. 1. || Or, an adversary.

7 When he shall be judged, let him † be condemned: and [d] let his prayer become sin.

† Heb. go out guilty, or wicked

[d] Prov. 28. 9.

8 Let his days be few; *and* [e] let another take his || office.

[e] Acts 1. 20. || Or, charge.

9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek *their bread* also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the stranger spoil his labour.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.

13 [f] Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

[f] Job 18. 19.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembred with the LORD, and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may [g] cut off the memory of them from the earth.

[g] Job 18. 17. Ps. 34. 16.

16 Because that he remembred not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 [h] As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

[h] Ezek. 35. 6.

18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come † into his bowels like water, and like oyl into his bones.

† Heb. within him.

19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 *Let* this *be* the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy names sake: because thy mercy *is* good, deliver thou me.

22 For I *am* poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone [i] like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

[i] Ps. 102. 11.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I became also a reproach unto them: when

when they looked upon me, [k] they shaked their heads.

26 Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this *is* thy hand, *that* thou LORD hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoyce.

29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, & let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a mantle.

30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save *him* from † those that condemn his soul.

PSAL. CX.

1 *The kingdom, 4 the priesthood, 5 the conquest, 7 and the passion of Christ.*

¶ A psalm of David.

THE [a] LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, untill I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the mids of thine enemies.

3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness ‖from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, [b] Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies: he shall wound ỹ heads over| many countreys.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSAL. CXI.

1 *The psalmist by his example inciteth others to praise God for his glorious, 5 and gracious works. 10 The fear of God breedeth true wisdom.*

† PRAISE ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and *in* the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD *are* great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work *is* honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderfull works to be remembred: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given † meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindfull of his covenant. † Heb. prey.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgement: [a] all his commandments *are* sure. [a] Ps. 19. 7. [b] Is. 40. 8. Mat. 5. 18.

8 [b] They † stand fast for ever and ever, *and are* done in truth and uprightness. † Heb. a e stablished. [c] Deut. 4. 6. Job 28. 28. Pr. 1. 7. & 9. 10. Eccles 12. 13. Eccles 1. 16.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend *is* his name.

10 [c] The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: ‖a good understanding have all they † that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever. ‖ Or, good success. † Heb. that do them.

PSAL. CXII.

1 *Godliness hath the promises of this life, 4 and of the life to come. 10 The prosperity of the godly shall be an eye-sore to the wicked.*

† PRAISE ye the LORD. Blessed *is* the man *that* feareth the LORD, *that* delighteth greatly in his commandments. † Heb. Hallelujah.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches *shall be* in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 [a] Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. [a] Ps. 97. 11.

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with † discretion. † Heb. judgement.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart *is* established, [b] he shall not [b] Ps. 33.

be afraid, untill he ſee *his deſire* upon his enemies.

9 [c] He hath diſperſed, he hath given to the poor; his righteouſneſs endureth for ever, [d] his horn ſhall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked ſhall ſee *it*, & be grieved; he ſhall gnaſh with his teeth, and melt away: the deſire of the wicked ſhall periſh.

PSAL. CXIII.

1 *An exhortation to praiſe God for his excellency,* 6 *for his mercy.*

† PRaiſe ye the LORD. Praiſe, O ye ſervants of the LORD, praiſe the name of the LORD.

2 [a] Bleſſed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

3 [b] From the riſing of the ſun unto the going down of the ſame the LORDS name *is* to be praiſed.

4 The LORD *is* high above all nations, *and* [c] his glory above the heavens.

5 Who *is* like unto the LORD our God, who † dwelleth on high?

6 [d] Who humbleth *himſelf* to behold *the things that are* in heaven, and in the earth?

7 [e] He raiſeth up the poor out of the duſt, *and* lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;

8 That he may [f] ſet *him* with princes, *even* with the princes of his people.

9 [g] He maketh the barren woman † to keep houſe, *and to be* a joyfull mother of children. Praiſe ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXIV.

1 *An exhortation, by the example of the dumb creatures, to fear God in his church.*

WHen [a] Iſrael went out of Egypt, the houſe of Jacob from a people of ſtrange language;

2 Judah was his ſanctuary, *and* Iſrael his dominion.

3 [b] The ſea ſaw *it*, and fled; [c] Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *and* the little hills like lambs.

5 [d] What *ailed* thee, O thou ſea, that thou fleddeſt? thou Jordan, *that* thou waſt driven back?

6 Ye mountains, *that* ye skipped like rams; *and* ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the preſence of the Lord, at the preſence of the God of Jacob:

8 [e] Which turned ỹ rock *into* a ſtanding water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSAL. CXV.

1 *Becauſe God is truly glorious,* 4 *and idols are vanity,* 9 *the pſalmiſt exhorteth to confidence in God,* 12 *God is to be bleſſed for his bleſſings.*

NOt unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truths ſake.

2 Wherefore ſhould the heathen ſay, [a] Where *is* now their God?

3 But our God *is* in the heavens: [b] he hath done whatſoever he pleaſed.

4 [c] Their idols *are* ſilver and gold, the work of mens hands.

5 They have mouthes, but they ſpeak not; eyes have they, but they ſee not:

6 They have ears, but they hear not; noſes have they, but they ſmell not:

7 They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not; neither ſpeak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them; *ſo is* every one that truſteth in them.

9 O Iſrael, truſt thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their ſhield.

10 O houſe of Aaron, truſt in the LORD: he *is* their help and their ſhield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, truſt in the LORD: he *is* their help and their ſhield.

12 The LORD hath been mindfull of us: he will bleſs *us*: he will bleſs the houſe of Iſrael, he will bleſs the houſe of Aaron.

13 He will bleſs them that fear the LORD, *both* ſmall † and great.

14 The LORD ſhall increaſe you more and more, you and your children.

15 You *are* bleſſed of the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORDS: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 [d] The dead praiſe not the LORD, neither any that go down into ſilence.

18 [e] But we will bleſs the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praiſe the LORD.

PSAL.

PSAL. CXVI.

1 The psalmist professeth his love and duty to God for his deliverance. 12 He studieth to be thankfull.

I Love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* † as long as I live.

3 [a] The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell † gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious *is* the LORD and righteous; yea, our God *is* mercifull.

6 The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for [b] the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

8 [c] For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, *and* my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the LORD [d] in the land of the living.

10 [e] I beleeved, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted.

11 [f] I said in my haste, [g] All men *are* liars.

12 What shall I render unto the LORD *for* all his benefits towards me?

13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of his saints.

16 Oh LORD, truly I *am* thy servant; I *am* thy servant, *and* [h] the son of thy handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to thee [i] the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,

19 In the courts of the LORDS house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXVII.

An exhortation to praise God for his mercy and truth.

O [a] Praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his mercifull kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the LORD *endureth* for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXVIII.

1 An exhortation to praise God for his mercy. 5 The psalmist by his experience sheweth how good it is to trust in God. 19 Under the type of the psalmist the coming of Christ in his kingdom is expressed.

O [a] Give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: because his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 Let Israel now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 I called upon the LORD † in distress: the LORD answered me, *and* [b] *set me* in a large place.

6 [c] The LORD *is* † on my side: I will not fear. What can man do unto me?

7 [d] The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.

8 [e] *It is* better to trust in the LORD then to put confidence in man.

9 [f] *It is* better to trust in the LORD then to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I † destroy them.

11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They compassed me about [g] like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will † destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

14 [h] The LORD *is* my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoycing and salvation

is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD hath chastned me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

19 [i] Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go in to them, *and* I will praise the LORD:

20 This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

22 [k] The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head-*stone* of the corner.

23 † This is the LORDS doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes.

24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made; we will rejoyce and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

26 [l] Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

27 God *is* the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords *even* unto the horns of the altar.

28 Thou *art* my God, and I will praise thee: *thou art* my God, I will exalt thee.

29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSAL. CXIX.

This psalm containeth sundry prayers, praises, and professions of obedience.

ALEPH.

BLessed *are* the ‖ undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast commanded *us* to keep thy precepts diligently.

5 O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

7 [a] I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned † thy righteous judgements.

8 I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 [b] Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD: [c] teach me thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I declared all the judgements of thy mouth.

14 I have rejoyced in the way of thy testimonies as *much as* in all riches.

15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

16 I will delight my self in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, *that* I may live, and keep thy word.

18 † Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

19 [d] I *am* a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath* unto thy judgements at all times.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed, which do err from thy commandments.

22 Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me: *but* thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight, *and* † my counsellers.

DALETH.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

26 I have

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§ 15.16.2.

a Mat. 21.42. Mark 12.10. Luke 20.17. Act.4.11 Eph.2.20. 1 Pet. 2.4,7. † Heb. *This is from the* LORD. i Matt. 21.9. & 23.39. Mark 11.9. Luke 19.38. See Zech. 4.7.

‖ Or, perfect, or sincere.

† Heb. judgements. a v.171 Heb. righteousness.

b Psal. 37.31. c v.26. 33,64, 68, 108, 124, 135.

† Heb. Reveal.

d Gen. 47.9. 1 Chron. 29.15. Psal. 39.12. 1 Cor. 5.6. Heb. 11.13.

† Heb. men of my counsel.

26 I have declared my ways, and thou heardeſt me: [c] teach me thy ſtatutes.

27 Make me to underſtand the way of thy precepts: ſo ſhall I talk of thy wondrous works.

28 My ſoul † melteth for heavineſs: ſtrengthen thou me according unto thy word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciouſly.

30 I have choſen the way of truth: thy judgements have I laid *before me*.

31 I have ſtuck unto thy teſtimonies: O LORD, put me not to ſhame.

32 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou ſhalt enlarge my heart.

HE.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy ſtatutes, and I ſhall keep it *unto* the end.

34 Give me underſtanding, and I ſhall keep thy law; yea, I ſhall obſerve it with *my* whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy teſtimonies, and not to covetouſneſs.

37 †Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; & quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stabliſh thy word unto thy ſervant, who *is devoted* to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgements *are* good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteouſneſs.

VAU.

41 Let thy mercies come alſo unto me, O LORD, *even* thy ſalvation, according to thy word.

42 ||So ſhall I have wherewith to anſwer him that reproacheth me: for I truſt in thy word.

43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgements.

44 So ſhall I keep thy law continually, for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk † at liberty: for I ſeek thy precepts.

46 I will ſpeak of thy teſtimonies alſo before kings, and will not be aſhamed.

47 And I will delight my ſelf in thy commandments which I have loved.

48 My hands alſo will I lift up unto thy commandments which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy ſtatutes.

ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy ſervant, upon which thou haſt cauſed me to hope.

50 This *is* my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickned me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in deriſion: *yet* have I not declined from thy law.

52 I remembred thy judgements of old, O LORD; and have comforted my ſelf.

53 Horrour hath taken hold upon me, becauſe of the wicked that forſake thy law.

54 Thy ſtatutes have been my ſongs in the houſe of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembred thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law.

56 This I had, becauſe I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

57 [f] *Thou art* my portion, O LORD: I have ſaid that I would keep thy words. [f] Pſ. 16. 5

58 I entreated thy † favour with *my* whole heart: be mercifull unto me according to thy word. † Heb. face.

59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy teſtimonies.

60 I made haſte and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

61 The ||bands of the wicked have robbed me: *but* I have not forgotten thy law. || Or, companies.

62 At midnight I will riſe to give thanks unto thee, becauſe of thy righteous judgements.

63 I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy ſtatutes.

TETH.

65 Thou haſt dealt well with thy ſervant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgement & know-

ledge: for I have beleeved thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted, I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

68 Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: *but* I will keep thy precepts with *my* whole heart.

70 [g] Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

71 *It is* good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

72 [h] The law of thy mouth *is* better unto me then thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

73 [i] Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee, will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements *are* † right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy mercifull kindness be † for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law *is* my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversly with me without a cause: *but* I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

81 [k] My soul fainteth for thy salvation; *but* I hope in thy word.

82 [l] Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; *yet* do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many *are* the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgement on them that persecute me?

85 [m] The proud have digged pits for me, which *are* not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments *are* † faithfull: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy loving kindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

89 [n] For ever, O LORD, thy word is setled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness *is* † unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it † abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickned me.

94 I *am* thine, save me: for I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

MEM.

97 O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser then mine enemies: for † they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding then all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

100 I understand more then the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgements: for thou hast taught me.

103 [o] How sweet are thy words unto my † taste! *yea*, *sweeter* then honey to my mouth.

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105 Thy word *is* a || lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

106 I have

[g] Isa. 6. 10.
[h] Psal. 19. 10. Prov. 8. 11.
[i] Job 10. 8.
[k] Psal. 84. 2.
[l] v. 123.
[m] Psal. 35. 7.
[n] Psal. 89. 2.
[o] Psal. 19. 10. Pr. S. 16.

† Heb. faithfulness.
† Heb. to generation and generation.
† Heb. stablished.
† Heb. righteousness.
† Heb. to comfort me.
† Heb. is with me.
† Heb. palate.
|| Or, candle.

106 p I have ſworn, and I will perform *it*, that I will keep thy righteous judgements.

107 I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beſeech thee, the free-will-offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgements.

109 My ſoul *is* continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a ſnare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 q Thy teſtimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they *are* the rejoycing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart †to perform thy ſtatutes alway, *even unto* the end.

SAMECH.

113 I hate *vain* thoughts: but thy law do I love.

114 r Thou *art* my hiding-place and my ſhield: I hope in thy word.

115 s Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be aſhamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I ſhall be ſafe: and I will have reſpect unto thy ſtatutes continually.

118 Thou haſt troden down all them that err from thy ſtatutes: for their deceit *is* falſhood.

119 Thou †putteſt away all the wicked of the earth *like* droſs: therefore I love thy teſtimonies.

120 My fleſh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy judgements.

AIN.

121 I have done judgement and juſtice: leave me not to mine oppreſſours.

122 Be ſurety for thy ſervant for good: let not the proud oppreſs me.

123 t Mine eyes fail for thy ſalvation, and for the word of thy righteouſneſs.

124 Deal with thy ſervant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy ſtatutes.

125 I *am* thy ſervant; give me underſtanding, that I may know thy teſtimonies.

126 *It is* time for *thee*, LORD, to work: *for* they have made void thy law.

127 u Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I eſteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; *and* I hate every falſe way.

PE.

129 Thy teſtimonies *are* wonderfull: therefore doth my ſoul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; x it giveth underſtanding unto the ſimple.

131 I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciſull unto me, † as thou uſeſt to do unto thoſe that love thy name.

133 Order my ſteps in thy word: and y let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppreſſion of man: ſo will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to ſhine upon thy ſervant: and teach me thy ſtatutes.

136 z Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: becauſe they keep not thy law.

TSADDI.

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, and upright *are* thy judgements.

138 Thy teſtimonies *that* thou haſt commanded *are* †righteous and very † faithfull.

139 a My zeal hath †conſumed me: becauſe mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 b Thy word *is* very †pure: therefore thy ſervant loveth it.

141 I *am* ſmall and deſpiſed: *yet* do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteouſneſs *is* an everlaſting righteouſneſs, and thy law *is* the truth.

143 Trouble and anguiſh have † taken hold on me: *yet* thy commandments *are* my delights.

144 The righteouſneſs of thy teſtimonies *is* everlaſting: give me underſtanding, and I ſhall live.

KOPH.

145 I cried with *my* whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy ſtatutes.

146 I cried

p Pſal. 19. 10. Prov. 8. 11.

q Pſal. 19. 7.

† Heb. according to the cuſtom towards thoſe, &c.

y Pſ. 19. 13.

z Jer. 9. 1. & 14. 17. See Ezek. 10. 4.

† Heb. righteouſneſs.

† Heb. faithfulneſs.

a Pſal. 69. 9. Joh. 2. 17.

† Heb. conſumed me.

b Pſ. 12. 6. & 18. 30. Pr. 30. 5.

† Heb. tried, or refined.

† Heb. found me.

146 I cried unto thee: ſave me, || and I ſhall keep thy teſtimonies.

147 [c] I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

148 [d] Mine eyes prevent ỹ *night*-watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy loving kindneſs: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgement.

150 They draw nigh that follow after miſchief: they are far from thy law.

151 Thou *art* near, O LORD; and all thy commandments *are* truth.

152 Concerning thy teſtimonies I have known of old, that thou haſt founded them for ever.

RESH.

153 Conſider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

154 [e] Plead my cauſe, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation *is* far from the wicked: for they ſeek not thy ſtatutes.

156 || Great *are* thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgements.

157 Many *are* my perſecutours and mine enemies; *yet* do I not decline from thy teſtimonies.

158 I beheld the tranſgreſſours, and was grieved; becauſe they kept not thy word.

159 Conſider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving kindneſs.

160 † Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgements *endureth* for ever.

SCHIN.

161 Princes have perſecuted me without a cauſe; but my heart ſtandeth in aw of thy word.

162 I rejoyce at thy word as one that findeth great ſpoil.

163 I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praiſe thee, becauſe of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and † nothing ſhall offend them.

166 [f] LORD, I have hoped for thy ſalvation, and done thy commandments.

167 My ſoul hath kept thy teſtimonies; and I love them exceedingly.

168 I have kept thy precepts & thy teſtimonies: for all my ways *are* before thee.

TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me underſtanding according to thy word.

170 Let my ſupplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

171 [g] My lips ſhall utter praiſe, when thou haſt taught me thy ſtatutes.

172 My tongue ſhall ſpeak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteouſneſs.

173 Let thine hand help me: for [h] I have choſen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy ſalvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.

175 Let my ſoul live, and it ſhall praiſe thee; and let thy judgements help me.

176 [i] I have gone aſtray like a loſt ſheep; ſeek thy ſervant: for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSAL. CXX.

1 *David prayeth againſt Doeg, 3 reproveth his tongue, 5 complaineth of his neceſſary converſation with the wicked.*

¶ A ſong of degrees.

IN [a] my diſtreſs I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me.

2 Deliver my ſoul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitfull tongue.

3 || What ſhall be given unto thee? or what ſhall be † done unto thee, thou falſe tongue?

4 || Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper.

5 Wo is me, that I ſojourn in Meſech, *that* I dwell in the tents of Kedar.

6 My ſoul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.

7 I *am* || *for* peace: but when I ſpeak, they *are* for war.

PSAL. CXXI.

1 *The great ſafety of the godly, who put their truſt in Gods protection.*

¶ A ſong of degrees.

I || Will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

2 [a] My

|| Or, that I may keep, c. 5. 5. & 130. 6.

[d] Pſ. 63. 1, 6.

|| Or, Many.

[e] Pſ. 35. 1. Mic. 7. 9.

† Heb. The beginning of thy word is true.

† Heb. They ſhall have no ſtumbling-block. Gen. 9. 18.

[f] Pſ. 38. 15. Luk. 18. 1, &c.

[g] Pſ. 51. 15.

[h] Joſh. 24. 22. Pſ. 119.

[i] Iſa. 53. 6. Luk. 15. 4, &c.

[a] Jon. 2. 2.

|| Or, What ſhall be deceitfull unto thee? || Or, forgive and give unto thee?

† Heb. added.

|| Or, It is as the ſharp arrows, &c.

|| Or, a man of peace.

|| Or, Should I lift up mine eyes to the hills? whence ſhould my help come? See Jer. 3. 23.

2 [a] My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade [b] upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

8 The LORD shall [c] preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even for evermore.

PSAL. CXXII.

1 David professeth his joy for the church, 6 and prayeth for the peace thereof.

¶ A song of degrees of David.

I Was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is [a] compact together:

4 [b] Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there † are set thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, *and* prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions sakes I will now say, Peace *be* within thee.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will [c] seek thy good.

PSAL. CXXIII.

1 The godly profess their confidence in God, 3 and pray to be delivered from contempt.

¶ A song of degrees.

UNto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou [a] that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon ỹ LORD our God, untill that he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

PSAL. CXXIV.

The church blesseth God for a miraculous deliverance.

¶ A song of degrees of David.

IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, [a] now may Israel say; [a] Psal. 129. 1.

2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

6 Blessed *be* the LORD, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped [b] as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. [b] Pr. 6. 5

8 [c] Our help *is* in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. [c] Psal. 121. 2.

PSAL. CXXV.

1 The safety of such as trust in God. 4 A prayer for the godly, and against the wicked.

¶ A song of degrees.

THey that trust in the LORD *shall be* as mount Zion, *which* cannot be removed, *but* abideth for ever.

2 *As* the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

3 For the rod of † the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. † Heb. wicked-ness.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that* be good, and to *them that are* upright in their hearts.

5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: *but* [a] peace *shall be* upon Israel. [a] Ps. 128. 6. Gal. 6. 16

PSAL.

PSAL. CXXVI.

1 The church celebrating her incredible return out of captivity, 4 prayeth for, and prophesieth the good success thereof.

¶ A song of degrees.

WHen the LORD † turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.

2 Then [a] was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath † done great things for them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for us; *whereof* we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.

5 [b] They that sow in tears shall reap in ‖ joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing ‖ precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoycing, bringing his sheaves *with him.*

† Heb. returned the returning of Zion.
[a] Job 8. 21.
† Heb. magnified to do with them.
[b] See Jer. 31. 9, &c.
‖ Or, singing.
‖ Or, seed-baskets.

PSAL. CXXVII.

1 The vertue of Gods blessing. 3 Good children are his gift.

¶ A song of degrees ‖ for Solomon.

EXcept the LORD build the house, they labour in vain † that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.

2 *It is* vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: *and* [a] the fruit of the womb *is his* reward.

4 As arrows *are* in the hand of a mighty man; so *are* children of the youth.

5 Happy *is* the man that † hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they ‖ shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

‖ Or, of Solomon.
† Heb. that are builders of us in us.
[a] Deut. 28. 4.
† Heb. hath filled his quiver with them.
‖ Or, shall subdue, as Psal 18. 47. or destroy.

PSAL. CXXVIII.

The sundry blessings which follow them that fear God.

¶ A song of degrees.

BLessed *is* every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways.

2 [a] For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy *shalt* thou *be*, and *it shall be* well with thee.

Isa. 3. 10.

3 Thy wife *shall be* as a fruitfull vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive-plants round about thy table.

4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

6 Yea, thou shalt see thy childrens children, *and* [b] peace upon Israel.

[b] Psal. 125. 5.

PSAL. CXXIX.

1 An exhortation to praise God for saving Israel in their great afflictions. 5 The haters of the church are cursed.

¶ A song of degrees.

MAny a time have they afflicted me from my youth, [a] may Israel now say:

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

4 The LORD *is* righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as ỹ graſs *upon* the house-tops, wch withereth afore it groweth up:

7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves, his bosom.

8 Neither do they which go by say, [b] The blessing of the LORD *be* upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD.

‖ Or, Israel may now say.
[a] Psal. 124. 1.
[b] Ruth 2. 4.

PSAL. CXXX.

1 The psalmist professeth his hope in prayer, 5 and his patience in hope. 7 He exhorteth Israel to hope in God.

¶ A song of degrees.

OUt [a] of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.

2 Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

3 [b] If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

4 But *there is* forgiveness with thee; that [c] thou mayest be feared.

5 [d] I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

6 My

[a] Lam. 3. 55. Jon. 2. 2.
[b] Psal. 143. 2.
[c] Psal. 86. 11. Jer. 32. 9.
[d] Psal. 33. 20. & 40. 1.

6 [c] My soul *waiteth* for the Lord more then they that watch for the morning: || *I say, more then* they that watch for the morning.

7 Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD *there is* mercy, and with him *is* plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

PSAL. CXXXI.

1 David professing his humility, 3 exhorteth Israel to hope in God.

¶ A song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I †exercise my self in great matters, or in things too † high for me.

2 Surely I have behaved & quieted † my self [a] as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

3 Let Israel hope in the LORD † from henceforth and for ever.

PSAL. CXXXII.

1 David in his prayer commendeth unto God the religious care he had for the ark. 8 His prayer at the removing of the ark, 11 with a repetition of Gods promises.

¶ A song of degrees.

LORD, remember David, *and* all his afflictions:

2 How he sware unto the LORD, *and* vowed unto the mighty *God* of Jacob;

3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, *or* slumber to mine eye lids,

5 Untill I find out a place for the LORD, † an habitation for ỹ mighty *God* of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacles; [a] we will worship at his footstool.

8 [b] Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

10 For thy servant Davids sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.

11 [c] The LORD hath sworn *in* truth unto David; he will not turn from it; [d] Of the fruit of † thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired *it* for his habitation.

14 [e] This *is* my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 [f] I will || abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfie her poor with bread.

16 [g] I will also clothe her priests wth salvation: & her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 [h] There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a || lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSAL. CXXXIII.

The benefit of the communion of saints.

¶ A song of degrees of David.

BEhold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell † together in unity.

2 *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aarons beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments:

3 As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for [c] there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.

PSAL. CXXXIV.

An exhortation to bless God.

¶ A song of degrees.

BEhold, bless ye the LORD, all *ye* servants of the LORD, [a] which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands || *in* the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

3 The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

PSAL. CXXXV.

An exhortation to praise God for his mercy, 5 for his power, 8 for his judgments. 15 The vanity of idols. 19 An exhortation to bless God.

PRaise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him*, O ye servants of the LORD.

2 Ye

† Hel. thy belly.

[e] Ps. 68. 16.

[f] Ps. 147. 14.

|| Or, *surely.*

[g] 2 Chr. 6. 41.

[h] Ezek. 29. 21. Luk. 1. 69.

|| Or, *candle.* See 1 K. 11. 36.

† Heb. even together

[a] Exod. 30. 25, 30.

[b] Deut. 4. 48.

[c] Lev. 25. 21. Deut. 28. 8.

[a] 1 Chr. 9. 33.

|| Or, *in holiness.*

2 Ye that ſtand in the houſe of the LORD, in the courts of the houſe of our God.

3 Praiſe ye the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: ſing praiſes unto his name; for *it is* pleaſant.

4 For [a] the LORD hath choſen Jacob unto himſelf, *and* Iſrael for his peculiar treaſure.

5 For I know that [b] the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods.

6 [c] Whatſoever the LORD pleaſed, *that* did he in heaven and in earth, in the ſeas, and all deep places.

7 [d] He cauſeth the vapours to aſcend from the ends of the earth, [e] he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treaſuries.

8 [f] Who ſmote the firſt-born of Egypt, † both of man and beaſt.

9 [g] *Who* ſent tokens and wonders into the midſt of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his ſervants.

10 [h] Who ſmote great nations, and ſlew mighty kings;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Baſhan, and [i] all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 [k] And gave their land *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Iſrael his people.

13 [l] Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, † throughout all generations.

14 [m] For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himſelf concerning his ſervants.

15 [n] The idols of the heathen *are* ſilver and gold, the work of mens hands.

16 They have mouthes, but they ſpeak not; eyes have they, but they ſee not:

17 They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them: *ſo is* every one that truſteth in them.

19 Bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Iſrael: bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Aaron:

20 Bleſs the LORD, O houſe of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bleſs the LORD.

21 Bleſſed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jeruſalem. Praiſe ye the LORD.

[a] Exod. 19. 5. Deut. 7. 6.
[b] Pſ. 95. 3. & Pſal. 115. 3.
[c] Jer. 10. 13. & 51. 16. & Job 38. 24, &c. Zech. 10. 1.
[d] Exod. 12. 12, 29. Pſal. 78. 51.
† Heb. *from man unto beaſt.*
[e] Ex. 7. & 8. & 9. & 10. & 14.
[f] Num. 21. 24, 34.
[g] Joſh. 12.
[h] Pſal. 78. 55.
[i] Pſ. 1. 102. 12.
† Heb. *to generation and generation.*
[k] Deut. 32. 36.
[l] Pſ. 115. 4, &c.

PSAL. CXXXVI.

An exhortation to give thanks to God for particular mercies.

O [a] Give thanks unto the LORD; for he *is* good: [b] for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

2 O Give thanks unto [c] the God of gods: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

5 [d] To him that by wiſdom made the heavens: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

6 [e] To him that ſtretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

7 [f] To him that made great lights: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

8 [g] The ſun, † to rule by day: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

9 The moon and ſtars, to rule by night: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

10 [h] To him that ſmote Egypt in their firſt-born: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

11 [i] And brought out Iſrael from among them: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

12 [k] With a ſtrong hand and with a ſtretched-out arm: for his mery *endureth* for ever.

13 [l] To him which divided the Red ſea into parts: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

14 And made Iſrael to paſs through the midſt of it: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

15 [m] But † overthrew Pharaoh and his hoſt in the Red ſea: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

16 [n] To him which led his people through the wilderneſs: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

17 [o] To him which ſmote great kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

18 [p] And ſlew famous kings: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

19 [q] Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

20 [r] And Og the king of Baſhan: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

21 [s] And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:

22 *Even*

[a] Pſ. 106. 1. & 107. 1. and 118. 1.
[b] 1 Chron. 16. 41. & Dan. 10. 17.
[c] Deut. 10. 17.
[d] Gen. 1. 1.
[e] Gen. 1. 9. Pſal. 24. 2. Jer. 10. 12.
[f] Gen. 1. 14.
[g] Gen. 1. 16.
† Heb. *for the ruling by day.*
[h] Exod. 12. 29.
[i] Exod. 12. 51. & 13. 17.
[k] Exod. 14. 21. Pſ. 78. 13.
[l] Exod. 14. 21, 22. Pſ. 78. 13.
[m] Exod. 14. 28.
† Heb. *ſhaked off.*
[n] Exod. 15. 22.
[o] Pſ. 135. 10, 11.
[p] Deut. 29. 7.
[q] Num. 21. 23.
[r] Num. 21. 33. & Jo. 12. 4. &c.

22 *Even* an heritage unto Iſrael his ſervant: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
23 Who remembred us in our low eſtate: for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
25 [c]Who giveth food to all fleſh: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSAL. CXXXVII.

The conſtancy of the Jews in captivity. 7 *The prophet curſeth Edom and Babel.*

BY the rivers of Babylon, there we ſat down, yea we wept, when we remembred Zion.
2 We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midſt thereof.
3 For there they that carried us away captive required of us † a ſong, and they that † [a] waſted us *required of us* mirth, *ſaying*, Sing us *one* of the ſongs of Zion.
4 How ſhall we ſing the LORDS ſong in a † ſtrange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jeruſalem, let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jeruſalem above † my chief joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, [b] the children of Edom in the day of Jeruſalem; who ſaid, † Raſe *it*, raſe *it*, *even* to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be † deſtroyed: happy *ſhall he be* that † [c] rewardeth thee as thou haſt ſerved us.
9 Happy *ſhall he be* that taketh & [d] daſheth thy little ones againſt † the ſtones.

PSAL. CXXXVIII.

1 *David praiſeth God for the truth of his word.* 4 *He propheſieth that the kings of the earth ſhall praiſe God.* 7 *He profeſſeth his confidence in God.*

¶ *A pſalm* of David.

I Will praiſe thee with my whole heart; [a] before the gods will I ſing praiſe unto thee.
2 I will worſhip towards thy holy temple, and praiſe thy name, for thy loving kindneſs and for thy truth: for thou haſt magnified thy word above all thy name.
3 In the day when I cried thou anſweredſt me, & ſtrengthnedſt me *with* ſtrength in my ſoul.
4 All the kings of the earth ſhall praiſe thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they ſhall ſing in the ways of the LORD: for great *is* the glory of the LORD.
6 [b] Though the LORD *be* high, yet [c] hath he reſpect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.
7 Though I walk in the mids of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou ſhalt ſtretch forth thine hand againſt the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand ſhall ſave me.
8 [d] The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forſake not the works of thine own hands.

PSAL. CXXXIX.

1 *David praiſeth God for his all-ſeeing providence,* 17 *and for his infinite mercies.* 19 *He deſieth the wicked.* 23 *He prayeth for ſincerity.*

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

O LORD, thou haſt ſearched me, and known *me*.
2 Thou knoweſt my down-ſitting and mine up-riſing, thou underſtandeſt my thought afar off.
3 Thou ‖ compaſſeſt my path and my lying down, and art acquainted *with* all my ways.
4 For *there is* not a word in my tongue, *but* lo, O LORD, thou knoweſt it altogether.
5 Thou haſt beſet me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderfull for me: it is high, I cannot *attain* unto it.
7 [a] Whither ſhall I go from thy ſpirit? or whither ſhall I flee from thy preſence?
8 [b] If I aſcend up into heaven, thou *art* there: [c] if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.
9 *If* I take the wings of the morning, *and* dwell in the uttermoſt parts of the ſea;
10 Even there ſhall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand ſhall hold me.

11 If

‖ Or, winnowſt.

11 If I ſay, Surely the darkneſs ſhall cover me; even the night ſhall be light about me.

12 Yea, [d] the darkneſs † hideth not from thee; but the night ſhineth as the day: † the darkneſs & the light *are* both alike *to thee.*

13 For thou haſt poſſeſſed my reins: thou haſt covered me in my mothers womb.

14 I will praiſe thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my ſoul knoweth † right well.

15 [e] My ‖ ſubſtance was not hid from thee, when I was made in ſecret, *and* curiouſly wrought in the loweſt parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did ſee my ſubſtance yet being unperfect; and in thy book † all *my members* were written, ‖ *which* in continuance were faſhioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

17 [f] How precious alſo are thy thoughts unto me, O God? how great is the ſum of them?

18 *If* I ſhould count them, they are more in number then the ſand: when I wake, I am ſtill with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt ſlay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloudy men.

20 For they ſpeak againſt thee wickedly: *and* thine enemies take *thy name* in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with thoſe that riſe up againſt thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 [g] Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

24 And ſee if *there be any* † wicked way in me, and [h] lead me in the way everlaſting.

PSAL. CXL.

1 David prayeth to be delivered from Saul and Doeg. 8 He prayeth againſt them. 12 He comforteth himſelf by confidence in God.

¶ To the chief muſician, A pſalm of David.

DEliver me, O LORD, from the evil man; preſerve me from the † violent man:

2 Which imagine miſchiefs in *their* heart: continually are they gathered together *for* war.

3 They have ſharpned their tongues like a ſerpent: [a] adders poiſon *is* under their lips. Selah.

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preſerve me from the violent man; who have purpoſed to overthrow my goings.

5 [b] The proud have hid a ſnare for me, and cords; they have ſpread a net by the way-ſide; they have ſet grins for me. Selah.

6 I ſaid unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my ſupplications, O LORD.

7 O GOD the Lord, the ſtrength of my ſalvation, thou haſt covered my head in the day of battel.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the deſires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; ‖ [c] *leſt* they exalt themſelves. Selah.

9 *As for* the head of thoſe that compaſs me about, [d] let the miſchief of their own lips cover them.

10 [e] Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be caſt into the fire; into deep pits, that they riſe not up again.

11 Let not † ‖ an evil ſpeaker be eſtabliſhed in the earth: evil ſhall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him.*

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cauſe of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

13 Surely the righteous ſhall give thanks unto thy name: the upright ſhall dwell in thy preſence.

PSAL. CXLI.

1 David prayeth that his ſuit may be acceptable, 3 his conſcience ſincere, 7 and his life ſafe from ſnares.

¶ A pſalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haſte unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be † ſet forth before thee *as* incenſe, *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening ſacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing,

[a] Job 26. 6. & 34. 22. Heb. 4. 13.
† Heb. *darkneth not.*
† Heb. *as is the darkneſs ſo is the light.*
† Heb. *greatly.*
[c] Job 10. 8, 10. Eccles 11. 5.
‖ Or, *ſtrength, or body.*
† Heb. *all of them*
‖ Or, *what days they ſhould be faſhioned*
[f] Pſ. 40. 5.
[g] Job 31. 6. Pſ. 26. 2.
† Heb. *way of pain, or grief.*
[h] Pſ. 5. 8. & 143. 10.
† Heb. *man of violences.*
[a] Pſal. 58. 4. Rom. 3. 13.
[b] Pſ. 10. 7, 8, 9. & 140. 5. Jer. 18. 22.
‖ Or, *as there not be exalted.*
[c] Deut. 32. 27.
[d] Pſ. 7. 16. & 94. 23. Eſa. 32. 7.
[e] Pſal. 11. 6.
† Heb. *a man of tongue.*
‖ Or, *an evil ſpeaker, a wicked man of violence ſhall be eſtabliſhed in the earth: evil ſhall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.*
† Heb. *directed.*

thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

5 [a] ‖ Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oyl, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words, for they are sweet.

7 Our bones are scattered at the graves mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust, † leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from [b] the snare *which* they have laid for me, and the grins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilest that I withall † escape.

PSAL. CXLII.

David sheweth that in his trouble all his comfort was in prayer unto God.

¶ ‖ Maschil of David; a prayer [a] when he was in the cave.

I Cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.

2 [b] I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. [c] In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 ‖ I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but [d] *there was* no man that would know me: refuge † failed me; no man † cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge, *and* [e] my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutours; for they are stronger then I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSAL. CXLIII.

1 David prayeth for favour in judgement. 3 He complaineth of his griefs. 5 He strengtheneth his faith by meditation and prayer. 7 He prayeth for grace, 9 for deliverance, 10 for sanctification, 12 for destruction of his enemies.

¶ A psalm of David.

HEar my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant: for [a] in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

5 [b] I remember the days of old, I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: [c] my soul *thirsteth* after thee as a thirsty land. Selah.

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, [d] ‖ lest I be like unto them that go down into ỹ pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for [e] I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I † flee unto thee to hide me.

10 [f] Teach me to do thy will; for thou *art* my God: thy spirit *is* good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy names sake: for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for [g] I *am* thy servant.

PSAL. CXLIV.

1 David blesseth God for his mercy, 5 prayeth that God would powerfully deliver him from his enemies, 9 promiseth to praise God, 11 prayeth for the happy estate of the kingdom.

¶ *A psalm* of David.

BLessed *be* the LORD † my strength, [a] which teacheth my hands † to war, *and* my fingers to fight.

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a Psal. 58. 2. Prov. 9. 8.

b Ps. 15. & 26. 9. & 28. 3. & 125. 5. Prov. 1. 10. & 4. 14. & 23. 28. Jer. 5. 26. c Psal. 140. 5. † Heb. a man of tongues. ‖ Or, an evil disease, a wicked matter of continuance shall be established upon him: he shall not arise any more. Heb. shall not be remembered in his overthrow.

† Heb. directed.

a Exod. 34. 7. Job 4. 17. Rom. 3. 20. Gal. 2. 16

b Psal. 77. 5, 11.

c Psal. 63. 1.

d Psal. 28. 1. ‖ Or, for I am become like, &c.

e Psal. 25. 1.

† Heb. hide me with thee. f Psal. 25. 4, 5. & 139. 24

g Psal. 116. 16.

† Heb. my rock. a 2 Sam. 22. 35. † Heb. to the war, &c.

2 [b] || My goodneſs, and my fortreſs; my high towre, and my deliverer; my ſhield, and *he* in whom I truſt; who ſubdueth my people under me.

3 [c] LORD, what *is* man, that thou takeſt knowledge of him? *or* the ſon of man, that thou makeſt account of him?

4 [d] Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a ſhadow that paſſeth away.

5 [e] Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: [f] touch the mountains, and they ſhall ſmoke.

6 [g] Caſt forth lightning, & ſcatter them: ſhoot out thine arrows, and deſtroy them.

7 [h] Send thine † hand from above; rid me and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of ſtrange children;

8 Whoſe mouth ſpeaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falſhood.

9 I will [i] ſing a new ſong unto thee, O God: upon a pſaltery, *and* an inſtrument of ten ſtrings will I ſing praiſes unto thee.

10 *It is he* that giveth || ſalvation unto kings: who delivereth David his ſervant from the hurtfull ſword.

11 Rid me and deliver me from the hand of ſtrange children, whoſe mouth ſpeaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falſhood:

12 That our ſons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner-ſtones, † poliſhed *after* the ſimilitude of a palace;

13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording † all manner of ſtore; *that* our ſheep may bring forth thouſands and ten thouſands in our ſtreets;

14 *That* our oxen *may be* † ſtrong to labor; *that* there *be* no breaking in, nor going out; that *there be* no complaining in our ſtreets.

15 [k] Happy *is that* people that is in ſuch a caſe: *yea*, happy *is that* people whoſe God *is* the LORD.

PSAL. CXLV.

1 David praiſeth God for his fame, 8 for his goodneſs, 11 for his kingdom, 14 for his providence, 17 for his ſaving mercy.

¶ Davids *pſalm* of praiſe.

I Will extoll thee, my God, O King; and I will bleſs thy name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bleſs thee; and I will praiſe thy name for ever and ever.

3 Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praiſed; & † [a] his greatneſs *is* unſearchable.

4 One generation ſhall praiſe thy works to another, and ſhall declare thy mighty acts.

5 I will ſpeak of the glorious honour of thy majeſty, and of thy wondrous † works.

6 And *men* ſhall ſpeak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will † declare thy greatneſs.

7 They ſhall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodneſs, and ſhall ſing of thy righteouſneſs.

8 [b] The LORD *is* gracious, and full of compaſſion; ſlow to anger, and † of great mercy.

9 The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works.

10 All thy works ſhall praiſe thee, O LORD; and thy ſaints ſhall bleſs thee.

11 They ſhall [c] ſpeak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12 To make known to the ſons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majeſty of his kingdom.

13 Thy kingdom *is* † an everlaſting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations.

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, & [e] raiſeth up all *thoſe that be* bowed down.

15 [d] The eyes of all || wait upon thee; and [e] thou giveſt them their meat in due ſeaſon.

16 Thou openeſt thine hand, and ſatisfieſt the deſire of every living thing.

17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and || holy in all his works.

18 [f] The LORD *is* nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfill the deſire of them that fear him: he alſo will hear their cry, and will ſave them.

20 The LORD preſerveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he deſtroy.

21 My mouth ſhall ſpeak the praiſe of the LORD: and let all fleſh bleſs his holy name for ever and ever.

PSAL.

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[b] 2 Sam. 22. 2, 3. 40, 48. || Or, my mercy.

[c] Job 7. 17. Heb. 2. 8, 4. Heb. 2. 6

[d] Job 14. 2. Pſal. 39. 5. & 62. 9.

[e] Pſal. 18. 9.

[f] Pſal. 104. 32.

[g] Pſal. 18. 14.

[h] Pſal. 18. 16. † Heb. hands.

[i] Pſal. 33. 2, 3.

|| Or, victory.

† Heb. poliſhed.

† Heb. from kind to kind.

† Heb. able to bear burdens; or, loaden with fleſh.

[k] Pſal. 33. 12 & 65. 4.

† Heb. of his greatneſs there is no ſearch.

[a] Job 5. 9. & 9. 10.

† Heb. ſayings, or, words.

† Heb. declare it.

[b] Exod. 34. 6, 7. Num. 14. 18. Pſal. 86. 5, 15. & 103. 8.

† Heb. great in mercy.

[c] Heb. kingdom of all ages.

[d] Pſal. 145. 8. & Pſal. 104. 27. Or, look unto thee.

[e] Pſal. 136. 25.

|| Or, merciful, or, bountiful.

† Deut. 4. 7.

PSAL. CXLVI.

1 The psalmist voweth perpetual praises to God. 3 He exhorteth, not to trust in man. 5 God for his power, justice, mercy and kingdom is onely worthy to be trusted.

†PRaise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

2 [a] While I live, will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

3 [b] Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no ‖ help.

4 [c] His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day [d] his thoughts perish.

5 Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

6 [e] Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth for ever:

7 [f] Which executeth judgement for the oppressed, which giveth food to the hungry. [g] The LORD looseth the prisoners:

8 [h] The LORD openeth *the eyes of* the blind: [i] the LORD raiseth *them that are* bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

9 [k] The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of ẏ wicked he turneth upside down.

10 [l] The LORD shall reign for ever, *even* thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXLVII.

1 The prophet exhorteth to praise God, for his care of the church, 4 his power, 6 and his mercy; 7 for his providence; 12 for his blessings upon the kingdom, 15 for his power over the meteors, 19 and for his ordinances in the church.

PRaise ye the LORD: for [a] *it is* good to sing praises unto our God, for *it is* pleasant, *and* [b] praise is comely.

2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: *he* gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their † wounds.

4 [d] He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by *their* names.

5 Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: † his understanding *is* infinite.

6 [e] The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

8 [f] Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

9 [g] He giveth to the beast his food, *and* [h] to the young ravens which cry.

10 [i] He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthned the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 †He maketh peace *in* thy borders, *and* [k] filleth thee with the† finest of the wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment *upon* earth: his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wooll: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, *and* the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his † word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgements unto Israel.

20 [l] He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgements, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSAL. CXLVIII.

1 The psalmist exhorteth the celestial, 7 the terrestrial, 11 and the rational creatures to praise God.

†PRaise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

2 [a] Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

3 Praise ye him sun and moon; praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and [b] ye waters that *be* above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for [c] he commanded, and they were created.

6 [d] He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire, and hail; snow and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word.

9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitfull trees, and all cedars:

10 Beasts, and all cattell; creeping things, and † flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for [e] his name alone is † excellent; his glory *is* above the earth and heaven.

14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; *even* of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.

[b] Gen. 1. 7.
[c] Gen. 1. 1, 6. Ps. 33. 9.
[d] Psal. 89. 37. & 119. 90. Jer. 31. 35, 36.
† Heb. *birds of wing.*
[e] Psal. 8. 1. Is. 12. 4.
† Heb. *exalted.*

PSAL. CXLIX.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to praise God for his love to the church,* 5 *and for his benefits.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. [a] Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise in the congregation of saints.

2 Let Israel rejoyce in [b] him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyfull in their King.

3 [c] Let them praise his name ‖ in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautifie the meek with salvation.

5 Let the saints be joyfull in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 *Let* the high *praises* of God *be* in their † mouth, and [d] a two edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 [e] To execute upon them the judgement written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
[a] Psal. 33. 3.
[b] Psal. 100. 3.

PSAL. CL.

1 *An exhortation to praise God,* 3 *with all kind of instruments.*

† PRaise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 [a] Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the ‖ trumpet: [b] praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and ‖ dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals, praise him upon ỹ high-sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

† Heb. *Hallelujah.*
[a] Psal. 33. 3.
[b] Psal. 100. 3.

The PROVERBS.

CHAP. I.

1 *The use of the proverbs.* 7 *An exhortation to fear God, and believe his word:* 10 *to avoid the entisings of sinners.* 20 *Wisdom complaineth of her contempt.* 24 *She threatneth her contemners.*

THE [a] proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

2 To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding;

3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgement, and † equity;

4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and ‖ discretion.

5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and ‖ the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 ¶ [b] The fear of the LORD *is* the ‖ beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

[a] 1 Kin. 4. 32. Cha. 10. 1. & 25. 1.
† Heb. *equity.*
‖ Or, *principal part.*

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

9 For they *shall be* † an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

10 ¶ My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

13 We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

14 Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

15 My son, [e] walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path.

16 [d] For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the † sight of any bird.

18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood; they lurk privily for their *own* lives.

19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 ¶ † [e] Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

24 ¶ [f] Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye [g] have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

28 [h] Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD.

30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.

31 Therefore [i] shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the || prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

CHAP. II.

1 Wisdom promiseth godliness to her children. 10 and safety from evil company, 20 and direction in good ways.

MY son, if thou wilt receive my words, and [a] hide my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* † liftest up thy voice for understanding;

4 [b] If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

6 [c] For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding.

7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: [d] *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

8 He keepeth the paths of judgement, and preserveth the way of his saints.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgement, and equity; *yea*, every good path.

10 ¶ When wisdom entreth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11 Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*, from the man that speaketh froward things;

13 Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;

14 Who rejoyce to do evil, *and* delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

15 Whose ways *are* crooked, and *they* froward in their paths.

16 To deliver thee from the strange woman, *e even* from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words;

17 † Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

18 For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead.

19 None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life.

20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good *men*, and keep the paths of the righteous.

21 g For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

22 h But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressours shall be ‖ rooted out of it.

CHAP. III.

1 An exhortation to obedience, 5 to faith, 7 to mortification, 9 to devotion. 11 to patience, 13 The happy gain of wisdom. 19 The power, 21 and the benefits of wisdom. 27 An exhortation to charitableness, 30 peaceableness, 31 and contentedness. 33 The cursed state of the wicked.

MY son, forget not my law; a but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2 For length of days, and † long life, and peace shall they add to thee.

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: b bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 c So shalt thou find favour, and ‖ good understanding in the sight of God & man.

5 ¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 d In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 ¶ e Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be † health to thy navel, and † marrow to thy bones.

9 f Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase:

10 g So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

11 ¶ h My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth, i even as a father the son *in whom* he delighteth.

13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* † getteth understanding.

14 k For the merchandise of it *is* better then the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof then fine gold.

15 She *is* more precious then rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

16 l Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour.

17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace.

18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is every one* that retaineth her.

19 m The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he ‖ established the heavens.

20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

21 ¶ My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion.

22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

23 n Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

24 o When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 p Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

26 For

c Chap. 5. 3. & 6 24. & 7 5
g See Mal. 2. 14, 15.
g Psal. 37. 29.
h Job 18. 17. Psal. 104. 35
‖ Or, plucked up.
a Deut. 8. 1. & 30. 16, 20
† Heb. years of life.
b Exod. 13. 9. Deut. 6. 8 ch 6. 21. & 7. 3.
c Psal. 111. 10.
‖ Or, good understanding.
d 1 Chr. 28. 9.
e Rom. 12. 16. Heb. wise conceits
† Heb. health to.
† Heb. moistening
f Deut. 26. 2. and 23. 19, 20. 24. 26. Deut. 26. 5. Mal. 3. 10. Luke 4. 13.
g Deut. 28. 8.
h Job 5. 17. Heb. 12. 5. Revel. 3. 19.
i Deut. 8. 5.
† Heb. doth delight
k Psal. 19. 10. & 119. 72. Prov. 8. 10, 19. & 16. 16.
l Chap. 8. 18.
m Psal. 136. 5. Jer. 10. 12.
‖ Or, prepared
n Psal. 37. 24.
o Psal. 4. 8.
p Psal. 91. 5.

26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

27 ¶ Withhold not good from † them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do *it*.

28 [q] Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

29 || Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

30 ¶ Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

31 ¶ [r] Envy thou not † the oppressour, and choose none of his ways.

32 For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: [s] but his secret *is* with the righteous.

33 ¶ [t] The curse of the LORD *is* in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

34 ¶ [u] Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

35 The wise shall inherit glory, but shame † shall be the promotion of fools.

CHAP. IV.

1 Solomon, to perswade obedience, 3 sheweth what instruction he had of his parents. 5 To study wisdom, 14 and to shun the path of the wicked. 20 He exhorteth to faith, 23 and sanctification.

HEar, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

2 For I give you good doctrine: forsake you not my law.

3 For I was my fathers son, [a] tender and onely *beloved* in the sight of my mother.

4 [b] He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: [c] keep my commandments, and live.

5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing: *therefore* get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9 She shall give to thine head [d] an ornament of grace: || a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitned; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go: keep her; for she *is* thy life.

14 ¶ [f] Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil *men*.

15 Avoid it, pass not by it; turn from it, and pass away.

16 For they sleep not except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

20 ¶ My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings.

21 [g] Let them not depart from thine eyes: keep them in the midst of thine heart.

22 For they *are* life unto those that find them, and [h] † health to all their flesh.

23 ¶ Keep thy heart † with all diligence: for out of it *are* the issues of life.

24 Put away from thee † a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.

25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eye-lids look straight before thee.

26 Ponder the path of thy feet; and || let all thy ways be established.

27 [i] Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

CHAP. V.

1 Solomon exhorteth to the study of wisdom. 3 He sheweth the mischief of whoredom and riot. 15 He exhorteth to contentedness, liberality, and chastity. 22 The wicked are overtaken with their own sins.

MY son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding:

[d] Chap. 1. 9. || Or, *she shall compass thee with a crown of glory.*

[e] Psal. 91. 11, 12

[f] Psal. 1. 1. Chap. 1. 10, 15.

[g] Chap. 3. 3, 21.

[h] Chap. 3. 8. † Heb. *medicine.* † Heb. *above all keeping.* † Heb. *frowardness of mouth, and perverseness of lips.* || Or, *all thy ways shall be ordered aright.*

[i] Deut. 5. 32. & 28. 14.

2 That thou mayeſt regard diſcretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge.

3 ¶ [a] For the lips of a ſtrange woman drop *as* an honey-comb, and her † mouth *is* ſmoother then oyl:

4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, ſharp as a two-edged ſword.

5 [b] Her feet go down to death; her ſteps take hold on hell.

6 Leſt thou ſhouldeſt ponder the path of life, her ways are moveable, *that* thou canſt not know *them*.

7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

8 Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her houſe:

9 Leſt thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

10 Leſt ſtrangers be filled with thy †wealth; and thy labours *be* in the houſe of a ſtranger,

11 And thou mourn at the laſt, when thy fleſh and thy body are conſumed,

12 And ſay, How have I hated inſtruction, and my heart deſpiſed reproof?

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that inſtructed me?

14 I was almoſt in all evil, in the midſt of the congregation and aſſembly.

15 ¶ Drink waters out of thine own ciſtern, and running waters out of thine own well.

16 Let thy fountains be diſperſed abroad, *and* rivers of waters in the ſtreets.

17 Let them be onely thine own, and not ſtrangers with thee.

18 Let thy fountain be bleſſed: and rejoyce with the wife of thy youth.

19 *Let her be as* the loving hind, and pleaſant roe: let her breaſts † ſatisfie thee at all times, and † be thou raviſht always with her love.

20 And why wilt thou, my ſon, be raviſht with a ſtrange woman, and embrace the boſom of a ſtranger?

21 [c] For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings.

22 ¶ His own iniquities ſhall take the wicked himſelf, and he ſhall be holden with the cords of his † ſins.

23 [d] He ſhall die without inſtruction; and in the greatneſs of his folly he ſhall go aſtray.

CHAP. VI.

1 Againſt ſuretiſhip, 6 idleneſs, 12 and miſchievouſneſs. 16 Seven things hateful to God. 20 The bleſſings of obedience. 25 The miſchiefs of whoredom.

MY ſon, if thou be ſurety for thy friend, *if* thou haſt ſtricken thy hand with a ſtranger,

2 Thou art ſnared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.

3 Do this now, my ſon, and deliver thy ſelf, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend: go, humble thy ſelf, || and make ſure thy friend.

4 Give not ſleep to thine eyes, nor ſlumber to thine eye lids.

5 Deliver thy ſelf as a roe from the hand *of the hunter*, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.

6 ¶ Go to the ant, thou ſluggard; conſider her ways, and be wiſe:

7 Which having no guide, overſeer, or ruler,

8 Provideth her meat in the ſummer, *and* gathereth her food in the harveſt.

9 [a] How long wilt thou ſleep, O ſluggard? when wilt thou ariſe out of thy ſleep?

10 *Yet* a little ſleep, a little ſlumber, a little folding of the hands to ſleep:

11 So ſhall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

12 ¶ A naughty perſon, a wicked man walketh with a froward mouth.

13 He winketh with his eyes, he ſpeaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers.

14 Frowardneſs *is* in his heart, he deviſeth miſchief continually; he † ſoweth diſcord.

15 Therefore ſhall his calamity come ſuddenly: ſuddenly ſhall he be broken without remedy.

16 ¶ Theſe ſix *things* doth the LORD hate; yea, ſeven *are* an abomination † unto him:

17 [b] † A

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[a] Chap. 2. 16. & 6. 24. † Heb. palate.

[b] Chap. 7. 27.

† Heb. ſtrength.

† Heb. meaſure thee. † Heb. be thou always in her love. [a] 2 Chr. 36. 9. Job 31. 4. & 34. 21. Pſa. 139. 2. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19.

[c] Heb. Behold. Job 31. 4. & 34. 21. Pſa. 139. 2. Jer. 16. 17. & 32. 19.

[d] Job 36. 12.

† Heb. by the hand of his ſins.

|| Or, If thou haſt thus provided with thy friend

[a] Chap. 24. 33.

† Heb. of his ſoul.

17 [b] † A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent bloud,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, [c] feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and him that soweth discord among brethren.

20 ¶ [d] My son, keep thy fathers commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother.

21 [e] Bind them continually upon thine heart, *and* tie them about thy neck.

22 [f] When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and *when* thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 [g] For the commandment *is* a || lamp; and the law *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

24 [h] To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery || of the tongue of a strange woman.

25 [i] Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eye-lids.

26 For [k] by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and † the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burnt?

28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burnt?

29 So he that goeth in to his neighbours wife: whosoever toucheth her, shall not be innocent.

30 *Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfie his soul when he is hungry;

31 But *if* he be found, [l] he shall restore seven-fold, he shall give all the substance of his house:

32 *But* whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh † understanding: he *that* doeth it, destroyeth his own soul.

33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousie *is* the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not † regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Solomon perswadeth to a sincere and kind familiarity with wisdom.* 6 *In an example of his own experience, he sheweth* 10 *the cunning of an whore,* 22 *and the desperate simplicity of a young wanton.* 24 *He dehorteth from such wickedness.*

MY son, keep my words, and [a] lay up my commandments with thee.

2 [b] Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

3 [c] Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou *art* my sister; and call understanding *thy* kinswoman:

5 [d] That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words.

6 ¶ For at the window of my house I looked through my casement,

7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among † the youths a young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house,

9 In the twilight, in the † evening, in the black and dark night:

10 And behold, there met him a woman *with* the attire of an harlot, and subtile of heart.

11 ([e] She *is* loud and stubborn; [f] her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now *is she* without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, *and* † with an impudent face said unto him,

14 † *I have* peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows.

15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

16 I have deckt my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved *works*, with fine linen of Egypt.

17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love untill the morning; let us solace our selves with loves.

19 For

[a] Chap. 2. 1.
[b] Lev. 18. 5. Ch. 4. 4. [c] Deut. 6. 8. & 11. 18. Chap. 3. 3. & 6. 21.
[d] Chap. 2. 16. & 5. 3.
† Heb. the sons.
† Heb. evening of the day
[e] Chap. 9. 13. [f] 1 Tim. 5. 13. Tit. 2. 5.
† Heb. she strengthened her face, and said.
† Heb. peace-offerings are upon me.

19 For the good-man *is* not at home, he is gone a long journey:

20 He hath taken a bag of money † with him, *and* will come home at ‖ the day appointed.

21 With her much fair ſpeech ſhe cauſed him to yeeld, with the flattering of her lips ſhe forced him.

22 He goeth after her † ſtraightway, as an ox goeth to the ſlaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the ſtocks;

23 Till a dart ſtrike through his liver; as a bird haſteth to the ſnare, and knoweth not that it *is* for his life.

24 ¶ Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth.

25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not aſtray in her paths.

26 For ſhe hath caſt down many wounded: yea, many ſtrong *men* have been ſlain by her.

27 [g] Her houſe *is* the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

† Heb. *in his hand.*
‖ Or, *the new-moon.*
† Heb. *ſtraightway.*
[g] Chap. 2. 18. & 5. 5.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The fame, 6 and evidence of wiſdom.* 10 *The excellency,* 12 *the nature,* 15 *the power,* 18 *the riches,* 22 *and the eternity of wiſdom.* 32 *Wiſdom is to be deſired for the bleſſedneſs it bringeth.*

[a] DOth not wiſdom cry? and underſtanding put forth her voice?

2 She ſtandeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths.

3 She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

4 Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice *is* to the ſons of man.

5 O ye ſimple, underſtand wiſdom: and ye fools, be ye of an underſtanding heart.

6 Hear: for I will ſpeak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips *ſhall be* right things.

7 For my mouth ſhall ſpeak truth; and wickedneſs *is* † an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth *are* in righteouſneſs; *there is* nothing † froward or perverſe in them.

9 They *are* all plain to him that underſtandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

[a] Chap. 1. 20.
† Heb. *the abomination of my lips.*
† Heb. *wreathed.*

10 Receive my inſtruction, and not ſilver; & knowledge rather then choice gold.

11 [b] For wiſdom *is* better then rubies; and all the things that may be deſired are not to be compared to it.

12 I wiſdom dwell with ‖ prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth do I hate.

14 Counſel *is* mine, and ſound wiſdom: I *am* underſtanding; I have ſtrength.

15 [c] By me kings reign, and princes decree juſtice.

16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.

17 I love them that love me; and [d] thoſe that ſeek me early ſhall find me.

18 [e] Riches and honour *are* with me; *yea,* durable riches and righteouſneſs.

19 [f] My fruit *is* better then gold, yea, then fine gold; and my revenue then choice ſilver.

20 I ‖ lead in the way of righteouſneſs, in the midſt of the paths of judgement:

21 That I may cauſe thoſe that love me to inherit ſubſtance; & I will fill their treaſures.

22 The LORD poſſeſſed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

23 I was ſet up from everlaſting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

24 When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth: when *there were* no fountains abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains were ſettled, before the hills was I brought forth:

26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the ‖ fields, nor ‖ the higheſt part of the duſt of the world.

27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there: when he ſet ‖ a compaſs upon the face of the depth:

28 When he eſtabliſhed the clouds above: when he ſtrengthned the fountains of the deep:

29 [g] When he gave to the ſea his decree, that the waters ſhould not paſs his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

30 [h] Then I was by him, *as* one brought up

[b] Job 28. 15. Pſal. 19. 10. & 119. 72. Prov. 3. 14, 15. & 16. 16.
‖ Or, *ſubtilty.*
[c] Dan. 2. 21. Rom. 13. 1.
[d] Jam. 1. 5.
[e] Chap. 3. 16.
[f] Chap. 3. 14.
‖ Or, *walk.*
‖ Or, *open places.*
‖ Or, *the chief part.*
[g] Gen. 1. 9, 10. Job 38. 8, 10, 11.
‖ Or, *circuit.*
[h] Or, *with him.*

with him: and I was daily *his* delight, rejoycing always before him:

31 Rejoycing in the habitable part of his earth, and my delights *were* with the sons of men.

32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for [i] blessed *are they that* keep my ways.

33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

34 Blessed *is* the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

35 For whoso findeth me, findeth life, and shall † [k] obtain favour of the LORD.

36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me, love death.

CHAP. IX.

1 The discipline, 4 and doctrine of wisdom. 13 The custom 16 and errour of folly.

WIsdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars.

2 [a] She hath killed †her beasts, she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

3 She hath sent forth her maidens: [b] she crieth upon the highest places of the city:

4 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: *as* for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

5 [c] Come, eat of my bread, and drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.

6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

7 He that reproveth a scorner, getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked *man, getteth* himself a blot.

8 [d] Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: [e] rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love thee.

9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

10 [f] The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

11 [g] For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thy self: but *if* thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear *it*.

13 ¶ [h] A foolish woman *is* clamorous: *she is* simple, and knoweth nothing.

14 For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

15 To call passengers who go right on their ways:

16 Whoso *is* simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,

17 [i] Stollen waters are sweet, and bread †*eaten* in secret is pleasant.

18 But he knoweth not that [k] the dead *are* there; *and that* her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

CHAP. X.

From this chapter to the five and twentieth are sundry observations of moral vertues and their contrary vices.

THe proverbs of Solomon. [a] A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son *is* the heaviness of his mother.

2 [b] Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

3 [c] The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away || the substance of the wicked.

4 [d] He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but [e] the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.

6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just: but [f] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 [g] The memory of the just *is* blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: [h] but † a prating fool shall || fall.

9 [i] He that walketh uprightly, walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

10 [k] He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: [l] but a prating fool shall || fall.

11 [m] The mouth of a righteous *man is* a well

[h] Chap. 7. 11.

[i] Prov. 20. 17. - Heb. *of secrecies.*

[k] Chap. 2. 18.

[a] Chap. 15. 20.

[b] Chap. 11. 4.

[c] Psal. 34. 10. & 37. 25. || Or, *the wicked for their wicked-nesse.*

[d] Chap. 13. 24. & 19. 15.

[e] Chap. 13. 4. & 21. 5.

[f] Ver. 11.

[g] Psal. 112. 6. - Ver. 10

† Heb. *a fool of lips.* || Or, *he beaten.*

[i] Psal. 33. 4.

[k] Chap. 6. 13.

[l] Ver. 8. || Or, *he beaten.*

[m] Chap. 13. 14.

a well of life: but [o] violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

12 Hatred ſtirreth up ſtrifes: but [p] love covereth all ſins.

13 In the lips of him that hath underſtanding wiſdom is found: but [q] a rod *is* for the back of him that is void of † underſtanding.

14 Wiſe *men* lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the fooliſh *is* near deſtruction.

15 [r] The rich mans wealth *is* his ſtrong city: the deſtruction of the poor *is* their poverty.

16 The labour of the righteous *tendeth* to life; the fruit of the wicked to ſin.

17 He *is in* the way of life that keepeth inſtruction: but he that refuſeth reproof ‖ erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips, and he that uttereth a ſlander, is a fool.

19 [s] In the multitude of words there wanteth not ſin: but he that reſraineth his lips *is* wiſe.

20 The tongue of the juſt *is as* choice ſilver: the heart of [y] wicked *is* little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of † wiſdom.

22 The bleſſing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no ſorrow with it.

23 [t] *It is* a ſport to a fool to do miſchief: but a man of underſtanding hath wiſdom.

24 The fear of the wicked, it ſhall come upon him: but the deſire of the righteous ſhall be granted.

25 As the whirlwind paſſeth, ſo *is* the wicked no *more*: but [z] the righteous *is* an everlaſting foundation.

26 As vineger to the teeth, and as ſmoke to the eyes, ſo *is* the ſluggard to them that ſend him.

27 [u] The fear of the LORD † prolongeth days: but [x] the years of the wicked ſhall be ſhortned.

28 The hope of the righteous *ſhall be* gladneſs: but the [y] expectation of the wicked ſhall periſh.

29 The way of the LORD *is* ſtrength to the upright: but deſtruction *ſhall be* to the workers of iniquity.

30 [z] The righteous ſhall never be removed: but the wicked ſhall not inhabit the earth.

31 [a] The mouth of the juſt bringeth forth wiſdom: but the froward tongue ſhall be cut out.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: but the mouth of the wicked *ſpeaketh* † frowardneſs.

CHAP. XI.

A [a] † Falſe balance *is* abomination to the LORD: but † a juſt weight *is* his delight.

2 [b] *When* pride cometh, then cometh ſhame: but with the lowly *is* wiſdom.

3 [c] The integrity of the upright ſhall guide them: but the perverſeneſs of tranſgreſſours ſhall deſtroy them.

4 [d] Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteouſneſs delivereth from death.

5 The righteouſneſs of the perfect ſha † direct his way: but the wicked ſhall fall by his own wickedneſs.

6 The righteouſneſs of the upright ſhall deliver them: but [e] tranſgreſſours ſhall be taken in *their own* naughtineſs.

7 When a wicked man dieth, *his* expectation ſhall periſh: and the hope of unjuſt *men* periſheth.

8 [f] The righteous is delivered out of trouble, & the wicked cometh in his ſtead.

9 An [g] hypocrite with *his* mouth deſtroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge ſhall the juſt be delivered.

10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoyceth: and when the wicked periſh, *there is* ſhouting.

11 By the bleſſing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

12 He that is † void of wiſdom deſpiſeth his neighbour: but a man of underſtanding holdeth his peace.

13 † A tale-bearer revealeth ſecrets: but he that is of a faithfull ſpirit concealeth the matter.

14 [h] Where no counſel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counſellers *there is* ſafety.

15 He that is ſurety for a ſtranger ſhall † ſmart *for it*: and he that hateth † ſuretiſhipis ſure.

16 A

[o] Ver. 6.
[p] 1 Cor. 13. 4. 1 Pet. 4. 8.
[q] Chap. 26. 3
† Heb. *heart.*
[r] Chap. 18. 11.
‖ Or, *cauſeth to err.*
[s] Eccl. 5. 3.
† Heb. *heart.*
[t] Chap. 14. 9. & 15. 21.
[z] Matt. 7. 24. 25. & 16. 18.
[u] Chap. 9. 11.
† Heb. *adderib.*
[x] Job 15. 32. & 22. 16. Pſ 55. 23
[y] Job 8. 13. & 11. 20. Pſal 112. 10.
[z] Pſal. 37. 22. & 125. 1.
[a] Pſal. 37. 30.
† Heb. *Prooved.* *meaſure.*
[a] Lev. 19. 35. Deut. 25. 13. 16. 1 King. 10. 28. Hoſ. 12. 7. Amos 8. 5.
† Heb. *balances of deceit.*
[b] Chap. 16. 18. & 18. 12.
† Heb. *perfect.*
[c] Chap. 10. 9. & 13. 6.
[d] Chap. 10. 2. Ezek. 7. 19. Zeph. 1. 18.
† Heb. *perfecteth.*
[e] Chap. 5. 22.
† Chap. 21. 18.
[f] Job 8. 13.
† Heb. *he that was wicked, being a tale-bearer.*
† Heb. *be that is faithfull of heart.*
† Heb. *he that is faithfull in ſpirit concealeth.*
[g] Pſal. 55. 21.
† Heb. *he ſhe breaker.*
† Heb. *ſhe that hateth ſuretiſhipis ſure.*
[h] Chap. 15. 22. & 24. 6.

16 A gracious woman retaineth honour: and ſtrong *men* retain riches.

17 The merciſull man doeth good to his own ſoul: but *he that is* cruel troubleth his own fleſh.

18 The wicked worketh a deceitfull work: but to him that ſoweth righteouſneſs *ſhall be* a ſure reward.

19 As righteouſneſs *tendeth* to life: ſo he that purſueth evil *purſueth it* to his own death.

20 They that are of a froward heart *are* abomination to the LORD: but *ſuch as are* upright in *their* way *are* his delight.

21 [i] *Though* hand *joyn* in hand, the wicked ſhall not be unpuniſhed: but the ſeed of the righteous ſhall be delivered.

22 *As* a jewel of gold in a ſwines ſnout, *ſo is* a fair woman which † is without diſcretion.

23 The deſire of the righteous *is* onely good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

24 There is that ſcattereth, and yet increaſeth; & *there is* that withholdeth more then is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.

25 [k] The † liberal ſoul ſhall be made fat: and he that watereth ſhall be watered alſo himſelf.

26 [l] He that withholdeth corn, the people ſhall curſe him: but bleſſing *ſhall be* upon the head of him that ſelleth *it*.

27 He that diligently ſeeketh good procureth favour: [m] but he that ſeeketh miſchief, it ſhall come unto him.

28 [n] He *that* trufteth in his riches ſhall fall: but [o] righteous ſhall flouriſh as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own houſe ſhall inherit the wind: and the fool *ſhall be* ſervant to the wiſe of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and [p] he that † winneth ſouls *is* wiſe.

31 [q] Behold, the righteous ſhall be recompenſed in the earth: much more the wicked and the ſinner.

CHAP. XII.

WHoſo loveth inſtruction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof *is* bruti ſh.

2 [a] A good *man* obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.

3 A man ſhall not be eſtabliſhed by wickedneſs: but the [b] root of the righteous ſhall not be moved.

4 [c] A vertuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but ſhe that maketh aſhamed *is* as rottenneſs in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous *are* right: *but* the counſels of the wicked *are* deceit.

6 [d] The words of the wicked *are* to lie in wait for bloud: but the mouth of the upright ſhall deliver them.

7 [e] The wicked are overthrown, and *are* not: but the houſe of the righteous ſhall ſtand.

8 A man ſhall be commended according to his wiſdom: but he that is † of a perverſe heart ſhall be deſpiſed.

9 [f] *He that is* deſpiſed and hath a ſervant, *is* better then he that honoureth himſelf, and lacketh bread.

10 [g] A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beaſt: but the || tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.

11 [h] He that tilleth his land ſhall be ſatisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain *perſons is* void of underſtanding.

12 The wicked deſireth || the net of evil *men*: but the root of the righteous yeelded *fruit*.

13 † [i] The wicked is ſnared by the tranſgreſſion of *his* lips: but the juſt ſhall come out of trouble.

14 [k] A man ſhall be ſatisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth, & the recompence of a mans hands ſhall be rendred unto him.

15 [l] The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkneth unto counſel *is* wiſe.

16 A fools wrath is † preſently known: but a prudent *man* covereth ſhame.

17 [m] *He that* ſpeaketh truth ſheweth forth righteouſneſs; but a falſe witneſs, deceit.

18 [n] There is that ſpeaketh like the piercings of a ſword: but the tongue of the wiſe *is* health.

19 The lip of truth ſhall be eſtabliſhed for

[a] Prov. 18. 22. & 19. 14.
[b] Chap. 10. 25.
[c] 1 Cor. 11. 7.
[d] Chap. 1. 11, 18.
[e] Pſal. 37. 37. Chap. 11. 21.
† Heb. perverſe of heart.
[f] Chap. 13. 7.
[g] Deut. 25. 4. || Or, bowels.
[h] Chap. 28. 19.
|| Or, the forreſs.
† Heb. the ſnare of the wicked is in the tranſgreſſion of lips.
[i] Chap. 18. 7.
[k] Chap. 13. 2.
[l] Chap. 3. 7.
† Heb. in that day.
[m] Chap. 14. 5.
[n] Pſal. 57. 4. & 59. 7.

for ever: but a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.

20 Deceit *is* in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellers of peace *is* joy.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

22 [o] Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly *are* his delight.

23 [p] A prudent man concealeth knowledge: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 [q] The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but ỹ ‖ slothfull shall be under tribute.

25 [r] Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but [s] a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous *is* more ‖ excellent then his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.

27 The slothfull *man* rosteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

28 In the way of righteousness *is* life; & in the path-way *thereof there is* no death.

CHAP. XIII.

A Wise son *heareth* his fathers instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 [a] A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth: but the soul of the transgressours *shall eat* violence.

3 [b] He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: *but* he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

4 [c] The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

5 A righteous *man* hateth lying: but a wicked *man* is loathsom, and cometh to shame.

6 [d] Righteousness keepeth *him that is* upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth † the sinner.

7 [e] There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing: *there is* that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.

8 The ransom of a mans life *are* his riches: but the poor heareth not rebuke.

9 The light of the righteous rejoyceth: [f] but the ‖ lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 Onely by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* wisdom.

11 § Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth † by labour shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but [h] *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be ‖ rewarded.

14 [i] The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressours *is* hard.

16 [k] Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool † layeth open *his* folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief: but a faithfull ambassadour *is* health.

18 Poverty and shame *shall be to* him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 [l] The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be † destroyed.

21 Evil pursueth sinners: but to the righteous good shall be repayed.

22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his childrens children: and the [m] wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.

23 [n] Much food *is in* the tillage of the poor: but there is *that is* destroyed for want of judgement.

24 [o] He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chastneth him betimes.

25 [p] The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: but the belly of the wicked shall want.

CHAP. XIV.

EVery wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

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[o] Chap. 6. 17. & 11. 20.
[p] Chap. 13. 16. & 15. 2.
[q] Chap. 10. 4. ‖ Or, *deceitful.*
[r] Chap. 15. 13.
[s] Isa. 50. 4 ‖ Or, *abundant*
[a] Chap. 12. 14.
[b] Chap. 21. 23.
[c] Chap. 20. 4.
[d] Chap. 11. 3, 5 & † Heb. *sin.*
[e] Chap. 12. 9.
[f] Job 18. 6 & 21. 17. ‖ Or, *candle.*
§ Chap. 10. 2. & 20. 21. † Heb. *minished.*
[h] Ver. 19.
[i] Chap. 14. 27.
[k] Chap. 12. 23. & 15. 2 † Heb. *spreadeth.*
[l] Ver. 12.
† Heb. *keepeth.*
[m] Job 27. 16. Chap. 28. 8. Eccl. 2. 26.
[n] Chap. 12. 11.
[o] Chap. 19. 18. & 22. 15. & 23. 13. & 29. 15, 17.
[p] Psal. 34. 10. & 37. 3.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: [a] but *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean: but much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.

5 [b] A faithfull witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not: but [c] knowledge *is* easie unto him that understandeth.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not *in him* the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.

9 [d] Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous *there is* favour.

10 The heart knoweth † his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.

12 [e] There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowfull, and [f] the end of that mirth *is* heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be [g] filled with his own ways: and a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.

15 The simple beleeveth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

16 [h] A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth and is confident.

17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good; and the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 [i] The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but † the rich *hath* many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: [k] but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy *is* he.

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips *tendeth* onely to penury.

24 The crown of the wise *is* their riches: *but* the foolishness of fools *is* folly.

25 [l] A true witness delivereth souls: but a deceitfull *witness* speaketh lies.

26 In the fear of the LORD *is* strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 [m] The fear of the LORD *is* a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people *is* the kings honour: but in the want of people *is* the destruction of the prince.

29 *He that is* slow to wrath *is* of great understanding: but *he that is* † hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy, the rottenness of the bones.

31 [n] He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor.

32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but [o] the righteous hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding: but *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach † to any people.

35 The kings favour *is* toward a wise servant: but his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.

CHAP. XV.

A [a] Soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: [b] but the mouth of fools † poureth out foolishness.

3 [c] The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

4 † A wholesom tongue *is* a tree of life: but perverseness therein *is a* breach in ŷ spirit.

5 [d] A

[a] Psal. 112. 9.

Ver. 5.

[m] Chap. 13. 14.

† Heb. *sort of spirit.*

[n] Chap. 17. 5. Mat. 25. 40, 45.

[o] Job 13. 15. & 19. 26. Psal. 23. 4. 2 Cor. 5. 8.

† Heb. *to nations.*

[i] Chap. 15. 15.

[k] Ver. 28. Chap. 12. 23. & 13. 16.

† Heb. *sickneth, or bubbleth.*

[b] Job 34. 21. Ch. 5. 22. Heb. 4. 13.

† Heb. *The healing of the tongue.*

5 [d] A fool despiseth his fathers instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the righteous *is* much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of ŷ wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish *doth* not so.

8 [e] The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but the prayer of the upright *is* his delight.

9 The way of the wicked *is* an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 || Correction *is* grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: *and* he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 [f] Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD: how much more then § the hearts of the children of men?

12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him, neither will he go unto the wise.

13 [h] A merry heart maketh a cheerfull countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge: but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

15 All the days of the afflicted *are* evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16 [i] Better *is* little with the fear of the LORD, then great treasure, and trouble therewith.

17 [k] Better *is* a dinner of herbs where love is, then a stalled ox, and hatred therewith.

18 A [l] wrathfull man stirreth up strife: but *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the slothfull *man is* as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous *is* † made plain.

20 [m] A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 [n] Folly *is* joy to *him that is* † destitute of wisdom: but a man of understanding walketh uprightly.

22 [o] Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellers they are established.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* † in due season, how good *is it?*

24 [r] The way of life *is* above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

25 [q] The LORD will destroy the house of the proud: but he will establish the border of the widow.

26 [r] The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD: but *the words* of the pure *are* † pleasant words.

27 [s] He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; but he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 [u] The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but [x] he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoyceth the heart: *and* a good report maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

32 He that refuseth || instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that || heareth reproof † getteth understanding.

33 [y] The fear of the LORD *is* ŷ instruction of wisdom; and [z] before honour *is* humility.

CHAP. XVI.

THE [a] || preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue *is* from the LORD.

2 [b] All the ways of a man *are* clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3 [c] † Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made all *things* for himself; [d] yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 [e] Every one *that is* proud in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD: [f] *though* hand *joyn* in hand, he shall not be † unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

7 When

[d] Chap. 10. 1.
[e] Chap. 3. 27. Isa. 1. 11. & 61. 8. & 66. 3. Jer. 6. 20 & 7. 22. Amos 5. 22.
|| Or, instruction.
[f] Job 26. 6. 2 Chr. 6. 30. Ps. 7. 9. & 44 21. John 2. 24, 25 & 21. 17. Act. 1. 24.
[h] Chap. 17. 22.
[i] Psal. 37. 16. Chap. 16. 8. 1 Tim. 6. 6.
[k] Chap. 17. 1.
[l] Chap. 26. 21. & 29. 22.
† Heb. *raised up as a causey.*
[m] Chap. 10. 1.
[n] Chap. 10. 23.
† Heb. *void of heart.*
[o] Chap. 11. 14. & 20. 18.
† Heb. *in his season.* Phil. 1. 20. Col. 3. 4. Chap. 12. 7. & 14. 11. † Psal. 81. 5, 6. Chap. 6. 18. † Heb. *words of pleasantness.* Chap. 1. 19.
[r] Psal. 34. 16.
[u] Psal. 145. 18. 19.
§ Or, *the secrets.*
Or, *correction.*
Or, *obeyeth.*
† Heb. *possession.* Chap. 18. 12.
[y] Ver. 22. Chap. 19. 23. & 20. 24. Jer. 10. 23.
[z] Or, *before honour is humility.* Chap. 15. 33. & 18. 12.
[a] Psal. 37. 5. 55. 22. Mat. 6. 25. Luke 12. 22. † Heb. *The preparations.* Job 11. 13. 4 Job 31. 24. Rom. 9. 16. Chap. 21. 30. Jer. 10. 23. Chap. 6. 18. Chap. 15. 22. & 19. 21. & 20. 18. & 24. 6. Isa. 28. 29. Chap. 11. 14. & 24. 6. Isa. 9. 6. Chap. 8. 14. Isa. 11. 2. & 28. 29. Chap. 2. 6. & 8. 14

7 When a mans ways pleaſe the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 [e] Better *is* a little with righteouſneſs then great revenues without right.

9 [b] A mans heart deviſeth his way; but the LORD directeth his ſteps.

10 † A divine ſentence *is* in the lips of the king: his mouth tranſgreſſeth not in judgement.

11 [i] A juſt weight and balance *are* the LORDS: all the † weights of the bag *are* his work.

12 *It is* an abomination to kings to commit wickedneſs: for [k] the throne is eſtabliſhed by righteouſneſs.

13 Righteous lips *are* ỹ delight of kings; and they love him that ſpeaketh right.

14 [l] The wrath of a king *is as* meſſengers of death; but a wiſe man will pacifie it.

15 In the light of the kings countenance *is* life; and [m] his favour *is* as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 [n] How much better *is it* to get wiſdom, then gold? and to get underſtanding, rather to be choſen then ſilver?

17 The high-way of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preſerveth his ſoul.

18 [o] Pride *goeth* before deſtruction, and an haughty ſpirit before a fall.

19 Better *it is to be* of an humble ſpirit with the lowly then to divide the ſpoil with the proud.

20 He that || handleth a matter wiſely ſhall find good: and whoſo [p] truſteth in the LORD, happy *is* he.

21 The wiſe in heart ſhall be called prudent: and the ſweetneſs of the lips increaſeth learning.

22 [q] Underſtanding *is* a well-ſpring of life unto him that hath it: but the inſtruction of fools *is* folly.

23 The heart of the wiſe † teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleaſant words *are as* an honey comb, ſweet to the ſoul, and health to the bones.

25 [r] There is a way that ſeemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

26 [s] †He that laboureth laboureth for himſelf; for his mouth † craveth it of him.

27 † An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his lips *there is* as a burning fire.

28 [t] A froward man † ſoweth ſtrife, and [u] a whiſperer ſeparateth chief friends.

29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way *that is* not good.

30 He ſhutteth his eyes to deviſe froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to paſs.

31 [x] The hoary head *is* a crown of glory, *if* it be found in the way of righteouſneſs.

32 *He that is* ſlow to anger *is* better then the mighty; and he that ruleth his ſpirit, then he that taketh a city.

33 The lot is caſt into the lap; but the whole diſpoſing thereof *is* of the LORD.

CHAP. XVII.

BEtter *is* [a] a dry morſel, and quietneſs therewith, then a houſe full of || ſacrifices *with* ſtrife.

2 A wiſe ſervant ſhall have rule over a ſon that cauſeth ſhame, and ſhall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.

3 [b] The fining-pot *is* for ſilver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A wicked doer giveth heed to falſe lips; *and* a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

5 [c] Whoſo mocketh the poor reproacheth his maker: *and* he that is glad at calamities ſhall not be † unpuniſhed.

6 [d] Childrens children *are* the crown of old men; and the glory of children *are* their fathers.

7 † Excellent ſpeech becometh not a fool; much leſs do † lying lips a prince.

8 [e] A gift *is as* † a precious ſtone in the eyes of him that hath it: whitherſoever it turneth, it proſpereth.

9 [f] He that covereth a tranſgreſſion || ſeeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter ſeparateth *very* friends.

10 || A reproof entreth more into a wiſe man then an hundred ſtripes into a fool.

11 An evil *man* ſeeketh onely rebellion: therefore a cruel meſſenger ſhall be ſent againſt him.

[e] Eccl. 6. 7.
† Heb. *The ſoul of him that laboureth.*
† Heb. *boweth unto him.*
† Heb. *A man of Belial.*
[i] Chap. 6. 14, 19. & 15. 18. & 26. 21. & 29. 22.
† Heb. *ſendeth forth.*
[u] Chap. 17. 9.
[x] Chap. 20. 29.
[a] Chap. 15. 17.
|| Or, *good cheer*
[b] Pſal. 26. 2. Chap. 27. 21. Jer. 17. 10. Mal. 3. 3.
[c] Chap. 14. 31.
† Heb. *held innocent.*
[d] Pſal. 127. 3. & 128. 3.
† Heb. *A lip of excellency.*
† Heb. *a lip of lyes.*
[e] Chap. 18. 16.
† Heb. *a ſtone of grace.*
[f] Chap. 10. 12.
|| Or, *procureth*
|| Or, *A reproof entreth more a wiſe man, then to ſmite a fool an hundred times.*

12 Let [g] a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather then a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso [h] rewardeth evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife *is as* when one letteth out water: therefore [i] leave off contention before it be meddled with.

15 [k] He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, seeing *he hath* no heart *to it*?

17 [l] A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

18 [m] A man void of † understanding striketh hands, *and* becometh surety in the presence of his friend.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 † He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.

21 [n] He that begetteth a fool *doeth it* to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.

22 [o] A merry heart doeth good ‖ *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

23 A wicked *man* taketh a gift out of the bosom to pervert the ways of judgement.

24 [p] Wisdom *is* before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool *are* in the ends of the earth.

25 [q] A foolish son *is* a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him.

26 Also to punish the just *is* not good, *nor* to strike princes for equity.

27 [r] He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of ‖ an excellent spirit.

28 [s] Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.

CHAP. XVIII.

THrough desire a man having separated himself seeketh *and* intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover it self.

3 When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

4 [a] The words of a mans mouth *are as* deep waters, *and* the well spring of wisdom *as* a flowing brook.

5 [b] *It is* not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgement.

6 A fools lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes.

7 [c] A fools mouth *is* his destruction, and his lips *are* the snare of his soul.

8 [d] The words of a ‖ tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the † innermost parts of the belly.

9 He also that is slothfull in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

10 [e] The name of the LORD *is* a strong towre: the righteous runneth into it, and † is safe.

11 [f] The rich mans wealth *is* his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit.

12 [g] Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour *is* humility.

13 He that † answereth a matter before he heareth *it*, it *is* folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 [h] A mans gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

17 *He that is* first in his own cause *seemeth* just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty.

19 A brother offended *is harder to be won* then a strong city: and *their* contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

20 [i] A mans belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death

[g] Hos. 13. 8.
[h] Rom. 12. 17. 1 Thess. 5. 15. 1 Pet. 3. 9.
[i] Chap. 20. 3.
[k] Exod. 23. 7. chap. 24. 24. Isa. 5. 23.
[l] Chap. 18. 24.
[m] Chap. 6. 1. & 11. 15.
† Heb. *heart.*
† Heb. *The froward of heart.*
[n] Chap. 10. 1.
[o] Chap. 15. 13. & 17. 22.
‖ Or, *as a medicine.*
[p] Eccles 2. 14. & 8. 1.
[q] Chap. 10. 1. & 15. 20. & 19. 13.
[r] Jam. 1. 19.
‖ Or, *a cool spirit.*
[s] Job 13. 5.
‖ Or, *He that separateth himself seeketh according to his desire, and intermeddleth in every businesse.*
[a] Chap. 20. 5.
[b] Lev. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 17. & 16. 19. Chap. 24. 23.
[c] Chap. 10. 14. & 12. 13. & 13. 3. Eccl. 10. 12.
[d] Chap. 26. 22.
‖ Or, *whisperer.*
† Heb. *The words of a whisperer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.*
[e] Chap. 10. 15. & 14. 26. & 22. 4. Isa. 30. 25. & 59. 19.
‖ Or, *high.*
† Heb. *is set on high.*
[f] Chap. 10. 15. & 11. 28. & 13. 8.
[g] Chap. 15. 33. & 16. 18.
† Heb. *answereth a word.*
[h] Chap. 17. 8. & 19. 6.
[i] Chap. 12. 14. & 13. 2.

21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 [k] *Whoso* findeth a wife findeth a good *thing*, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties; but the rich answereth [l] roughly.

24 A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: [m] and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer then a brother.

CHAP. XIX.

[a] BEtter *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, then *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.

2 Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge *it is* not good: and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

3 The foolishnes of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 [b] Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.

5 [c] A false witnes shall not be † unpunished, and *he that* speaketh lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man *is* a friend to † him that giveth gifts.

7 [d] All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth *them with* words, *yet* they are wanting to him.

8 He that getteth † wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 [e] A false witnes shall not be unpunished; and *he that* speaketh lies shall perish.

10 Delight is not seemly for a fool; much less [f] for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 [g] The || discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 [h] The kings wrath *is* as the roaring of a lion; but his favour *is* as dew upon the grass.

13 [i] A foolish son *is* the calamity of his father: [k] and the contentions of a wife *are* a continual dropping.

14 House and riches *are* the inheritance of fathers: and [l] a prudent wife *is* from the LORD.

15 Slothfulnes casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall [m] suffer hunger.

16 [n] He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; *but* he that despiseth his ways shall die.

17 [o] He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and || that which he hath given will he pay him again.

18 [p] Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare || for his crying.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment: for if thou deliver *him*, yet thou must † do it again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 [q] *There are* many devices in a mans heart; nevertheles the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The desire of a man *is* his kindnes: and a poor man *is* better then a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: and *he that hath it* shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

24 [r] A slothfull *man* hideth his hand in *his* bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 [s] Smite a scorner, and the simple † will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

26 He that wasteth *his* father, *and* chaseth away *his* mother, *is a* son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth* to err from the words of knowledge.

28 † An ungodly witnes scorneth judgement: and the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgements are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAP. XX.

WIne *is* a mocker, strong drink *is* raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

2 [a] The fear of a king *is* as the roaring

[l] Chap. 18. 22.

[m] Chap. 10. 4. & 20. 13. [n] Luke 11. 28.

[o] Mat. 10. 42. & 25. 40. 2 Cor. 9. 6, 7. || Or, *his deed.*

[p] Chap. 13. 24. & 23. 13. || Or, *to his destruction:* or, *to cause him to die.* † Heb. *add.*

[q] Job 23. 13. Psal. 33. 10, 11. Chap. 16. 1, 9. Isa. 46. 10. Hebr. 6. 17.

[r] Chap. 15. 19. & 26. 13, 15.

[s] Chap. 21. 11. † Heb. *will be cunning.*

† Heb. *A witnes of Belial.*

[a] Chap. 16. 14. & 19. 12.

of a lion: *who*so provoketh him to anger ſinneth *againſt* his own ſoul.

3 [b] *It is* an honour for a man to ceaſe from ſtrife: but every fool will be medling.

4 [c] The ſluggard will not plow by reaſon of the || cold; *therefore* ſhall he beg in harveſt, and *have* nothing.

5 [d] Counſel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; but a man of underſtanding will draw it out.

6 Moſt men will proclaim every one his own || goodneſs: but a faithfull man who can find?

7 The juſt *man* walketh in his integrity: [e] his children *are* bleſſed after him.

8 [f] A king that ſitteth in the throne of judgement ſcattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 [g] Who can ſay, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my ſin?

10 [h] † Divers weights, *and* † divers meaſures, both of them *are* alike abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work *be* pure, and whether *it be* right.

12 [i] The hearing ear, and the ſeeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

13 [k] Love not ſleep, leſt thou come to poverty: open thine eyes, *and* thou ſhalt be ſatisfied with bread.

14 *It is* nought, *it is* nought, ſaith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boaſteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but [l] the lips of knowledge *are* a precious jewel.

16 [m] Take his garment that is ſurety *for* a ſtranger, and take a pledge of him for a ſtrange woman.

17 [n] † Bread of deceit *is* ſweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth ſhall be filled with gravel.

18 [o] *Every* purpoſe is eſtabliſhed by counſel: and with good advice make war.

19 [p] He that goeth about *as* a tale-bearer revealeth ſecrets: therefore meddle not with him that || flattereth with his lips.

20 [q] Whoſo curſeth his father or his mother, his || lamp ſhall be put out in obſcure darkneſs.

21 [r] An inheritance *may be* gotten haſtily at the beginning; but the end thereof ſhall not be bleſſed.

22 [s] Say not thou, I will recompenſe evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he ſhall ſave thee.

23 [t] Divers weights *are* an abomination unto the LORD; and † a falſe balance *is* not good.

24 [u] Mans goings *are* of the LORD: how can a man then underſtand his own way?

25 *It is* a ſnare to the man *who* devoureth *that which is* holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

26 [x] A wiſe king ſcattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them.

27 The ſpirit of man *is* the || candle of the LORD, ſearching all the inward parts of the belly.

28 [y] Mercy and truth preſerve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.

29 The glory of young men *is* their ſtrength: and [z] the beauty of old men *is* the gray head.

30 The blueneſs of a wound † cleanſeth away evil: ſo *do* ſtripes the inward parts of the belly.

CHAP. XXI.

THE kings heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whitherſoever he will.

2 [a] Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

3 [b] To do juſtice and judgement *is* more acceptable to the LORD then ſacrifice.

4 [c] † An high look, and a proud heart, *and* || the plowing of the wicked, *is* ſin.

5 [d] The thoughts of the diligent *tend* onely to plenteouſneſs; but of every one *that is* haſty, onely to want.

6 [e] The getting of treaſures by a lying tongue *is* a vanity toſſed to and fro of them that ſeek death.

7 The robbery of the wicked ſhall † deſtroy them, becauſe they refuſe to do judgement.

8 The way of man *is* froward & ſtrange: but *as for* the pure, his work *is* right.

9 [f] It

[a] Chap. 17. 14.
[b] Chap. 20. 4.
[c] Or, winter.
[d] Chap. 18. 4.
[e] Or, country.
[f] Pſal. 112. 2.
[g] ver. 16.
[h] 1 Kings 8. 46. 2 Chron. 6. 36. Job 14. 4. Pſ. 51. 5. Eccles 7. 20. 1 John 1. 8.
[i] ver 23. Deu. 25. 13, &c. Ch. 11. 1. & 16. Mic. 6. 10, 11.
† Heb. *A ſtone and a ſtone.* † Heb. *an ephah and an ephah.*
[k] Exod. 4. 11. Pſal. 94. 9.
[l] Ch. 6. 9. & 12. 11. & 19. 15.
[m] Chap. 3. 15. & 8. 11.
[n] Chap. 22. 27. & 27. 13.
[o] Chap. 9. 17.
† Heb. *Bread of lying, or falſhood.*
[p] Chap. 15. 22.
[q] Chap. 11. 13.
|| Or, *enticeth.*
[r] Ex. 21. 17. Lev. 20. 9. Mat. 15. 4.

9 [f] *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the house-top then with † a brawling woman in † a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour † findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 [h] When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked: *but God* overthroweth the wicked for *their* wickedness.

13 [i] Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

14 [k] A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom, strong wrath.

15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgement: but destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandreth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

17 He that loveth ‖ pleasure *shall be* a poor man: he that loveth wine and oyl shall not be rich.

18 [l] The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressour for the upright.

19 [m] *It is* better to dwell in the † wilderness then with a contentious and an angry woman.

20 [n] *There is* a treasure to be desired, and oyl in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness and honour.

22 [o] A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 [p] Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 Proud *and* haughty scorner *is* his name who dealeth † in proud wrath.

25 [q] The desire of the slothfull killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

26 He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the [r] righteous giveth, and spareth not.

27 [s] The sacrifice of the wicked *is* abomination: how much more, *when* he bringeth it † with a wicked mind?

28 [t] † A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.

29 A wicked man hardneth his face: but *as for* the upright, he ‖ directeth his way.

30 [u] *There is* no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

31 [x] The horse *is* prepared against the day of battel: but [y] ‖ safety *is* of the LORD.

CHAP. XXII.

A [a] *Good* name *is* rather to be chosen then great riches, *and* ‖ loving favour rather then silver and gold.

2 [b] The rich and poor meet together: the LORD *is* the maker of them all.

3 [c] A prudent *man* forseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

4 [d] ‖ By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches and honour and life.

5 Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

6 ‖ Train up a child † in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 [e] The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower *is* servant to the † lender.

8 [f] He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and ‖ the rod of his anger shall fail.

9 [g] † He that hath a bountifull eye shall be blessed: for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 [h] Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

11 [i] He that loveth pureness of heart, ‖ *for* the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the ‖ words of the transgressour.

13 [k] The slothfull *man* saith, *There is* a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.

14 [l] The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit: he that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child,

† Heb. in wickedness.
[f] Chap. 19. 5, 9.
‖ Heb. A witness of lies
‖ Or, considereth.
[h] Jer. 9. 3.
[i] Psal. 10. 7. & 13. 17. Pr. 3, 8.
[k] Or, victory.
[l] Eccles 7. 1.
‖ Or, favour is better then &c.
[m] Chap. 19. 13.
[n] Chap. 14 16. & 27. 12.
[o] Psal. 112. 3.
‖ Or, The reward of humility, &c.
‖ Or, catechize
† Heb. in his way.
[p] Jam. 3. 6.
† Heb. man that lendeth.
[q] Job 4. 8. Hos. 10. 13.
‖ Or, with the rod of his anger he shall be consumed
[r] 2 Cor. 9. 6.
† Heb. Good of eye.
[s] Psal. 101. 3.
[t] Psal. 101. 6. Chap. 16. 13.
‖ Or, and hath grace in his lips.
‖ Or, matters.
[x] Chap. 25. 13.
[y] 1 Cha. 2. 16. & 5. 3. & 7. 5. & 23. 27.

a child, *but* [m] the rod of correction ſhall drive it far from him.

14 He that oppreſſeth the poor to increaſe his *riches*, *and* he that giveth to the rich, *ſhall* ſurely *come* to want.

17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wiſe, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For *it is* a pleaſant thing if thou keep them † within thee; they ſhall withall be fitted in thy lips.

19 That thy truſt may be in the LORD, I have made known to thee this day, || even to thee.

20 Have not I written to thee [n] excellent things in counſels and knowledge,

21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mighteſt anſwer the words of truth to them that || ſend unto thee?

22 Rob not the poor, becauſe he *is* poor: [o] neither oppreſs the afflicted in the gate.

23 [p] For the LORD will plead their cauſe, and ſpoil the ſoul of thoſe that ſpoiled them.

24 Make no friendſhip with an angry man; and with a furious man thou ſhalt not go:

25 Leſt thou learn his ways, and get a ſnare to thy ſoul.

26 [q] Be not thou *one* of them that ſtrike hands, *or* of them that are ſureties for debts.

27 If thou haſt nothing to pay, why ſhould he [r] take away thy bed from under thee?

28 [s] Remove not the ancient || landmark, which thy fathers have ſet.

29 Seeſt thou a man diligent in his buſineſs? he ſhall ſtand before kings; he ſhall not ſtand before † mean *men*.

CHAP. XXIII.

WHen thou ſitteſt to eat with a ruler, conſider diligently what *is* before thee:

2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou *be* a man given to appetite.

3 Be not deſirous of his dainties: for they *are* deceitfull meat.

4 [a] Labour not to be rich: ceaſe from thine own wiſdom.

5 Wilt thou † ſet thine eyes upon that which is not? for *riches* certainly make themſelves wings; they fly away as an eagle towards heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither deſire thou his dainty meats.

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, ſo *is* he: Eat and drink, ſaith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

8 The morſel *which* thou haſt eaten ſhalt thou vomit up, and loſe thy ſweet words.

9 [b] Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will deſpiſe the wiſdom of thy words.

10 [c] Remove not the old || land-mark; & enter not into the fields of the fatherleſs.

11 [d] For their redeemer *is* mighty; he ſhall plead their cauſe with thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto inſtruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 [e] Withhold not correction from the child: for, *if* thou beateſt him with the rod, he ſhall not die.

14 Thou ſhalt beat him with the rod, and ſhalt deliver his ſoul from hell.

15 My ſon, if thine heart be wiſe, my heart ſhall rejoyce, || even mine.

16 Yea, my reins ſhall rejoyce, when thy lips ſpeak right things.

17 [f] Let not thine heart envy ſinners: but *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the day long.

18 [g] For ſurely there is an || end; and thine expectation ſhall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my ſon, and be wiſe, and guide thine heart in the way.

20 [h] Be not amongſt wine-bibbers; amongſt riotous eaters † of fleſh.

21 For the drunkard and the glutton ſhall come to poverty: and drowſineſs ſhall clothe *a man* with rags.

22 [i] Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and deſpiſe not thy mother when ſhe is old.

23 [k] Buy the truth, and ſell *it* not; *alſo* wiſdom, and inſtruction, & underſtanding.

24 [l] The father of the righteous ſhall greatly rejoyce: and he that begetteth a wiſe *child* ſhall have joy of him.

25 Thy father and thy mother ſhall be glad,

[m] Chap. 13. 24 & 19. 18. & 23. 13, 14. & 29. 15, 17.

† Heb. *in thy belly.*

|| Or, *truſt ſhew alſo.*

[n] Chap. 8. 6.

|| Or, *ſend thee*

[o] Zech. 7. 10.

[p] Job 31. 21. Chap. 23. 11.

[q] Chap. 6. 1. & 11. 15.

[r] Chap. 20. 16.

[s] Deut. 19. 14. & 27. 17. Chap. 23. 10.

|| Or, *bound.*

† Heb. *obſcure men.*

[a] Chap. 28. 20. 1 Tim. 6. 9, 10.

[b] Chap. 9. 8. Matth. 7. 6.

[c] Deut. 19. 14. & 27. 17. Chap. 22. 28.

[d] Jer. 50. 34.

[e] Chap. 13. 24. & 22. 15. & 29. 15.

[f] Pſal. 37. 1. & 73. 3. Chap. 24. 1.

[g] Chap. 24. 14.

[h] Iſa. 5. 22. Luke 21. 34. Rom. 13. 13. Eph. 5. 18.

[i] Chap. 1. 8.

[k] Chap. 8. 5, 10.

[l] Chap. 10. 1. & 15. 20.

glad, and ſhe that bare thee ſhall rejoyce.

26 My ſon, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes obſerve my ways.

27 [m] For an whore *is* a deep ditch; and a ſtrange woman *is* a narrow pit.

28 [n] She alſo lieth in wait || as *for* a prey, and increaſeth the tranſgreſſours among men.

29 [o] Who hath wo? who hath ſorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cauſe? who hath redneſs of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to ſeek mixt wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, *when* it moveth itſelf aright.

32 At the laſt it biteth like a ſerpent, and ſtingeth like an || adder.

33 Thine eyes ſhall behold ſtrange women, and thine heart ſhall utter perverſe things.

34 Yea, thou ſhalt be as he that lieth down in the † midſt of the ſea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a maſt.

35 They have ſtricken me, *ſhalt thou ſay, and* I was not ſick; they have beaten me, *and* I † felt *it* not: when ſhall I awake? I will ſeek it yet again.

CHAP. XXIV.

BE not thou [a] enviouſ againſt evil men, neither deſire to be with them:

2 [b] For their heart ſtudieth deſtruction, and their lips talk of miſchief.

3 Through wiſdom is an houſe builded, and by underſtanding it is eſtabliſhed:

4 And by knowledge ſhall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleaſant riches.

5 [c] A wiſe man † *is* ſtrong; yea, a man of knowledge † increaſeth ſtrength.

6 [d] For by wiſe counſel thou ſhalt make thy war: and in multitude of counſellers *there is* ſafety.

7 Wiſdom *is* too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviſeth to do evil ſhall be called a miſchievous perſon.

9 The thought of fooliſhneſs *is* ſin: and the ſcorner *is* an abomination to men.

10 *If* thou faint in the day of adverſity, thy ſtrength *is* † ſmall.

11 [e] If thou forbear to deliver *them that are* drawn unto death, and *thoſe that are* ready to be ſlain;

12 If thou ſayeſt, Behold, we knew it not: doth not he that pondereth the heart conſider *it*? and he that keepeth thy ſoul, doth *not* he know *it*? and ſhall *not* he [f] render to *every* man according to his works?

13 My ſon, eat thou honey, becauſe *it is* good; and the honey-comb, *which is* ſweet † to thy taſte:

14 [g] So *ſhall* the knowledge of wiſdom *be* unto thy ſoul: when thou haſt found *it*, [h] then there ſhall be a reward, and thy expectation ſhall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, O wicked *man*, againſt the dwelling of the righteous; ſpoil not his reſting-place:

16 [i] For a juſt *man* falleth ſeven times, and riſeth up *again*: [k] but the wicked ſhall fall into miſchief.

17 [l] Rejoyce not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he ſtumbleth:

18 Leſt the LORD ſee *it*, and it † diſpleaſe him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

19 [m] Fret not thy ſelf becauſe of evil *men*, neither be thou envious at the wicked:

20 For there ſhall be no reward to the evil *man*; [n] the || candle of the wicked ſhall be put out.

21 My ſon, fear thou the LORD, and the king: *and* meddle not with † them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity ſhall riſe ſuddenly; and who knoweth the ruine of them both?

23 Theſe *things* alſo *belong* to the wiſe. [o] *It is* not good to have reſpect of perſons in judgement.

24 [p] He that ſaith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him ſhall the people curſe, nations ſhall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke *him* ſhall be delight, and † a good bleſſing ſhall come upon them.

26 *Every man* ſhall kiſs *his* lips that † giveth a right anſwer.

† Heb. *narrow.*
* Pſal. 82. 4.
† Job. 34. 11. Pſ. 62. 12. Jer. 32. 19. Rom. 2. 6. Rev. 22. 12.
† Heb. *upon thy palate.*
‖ Pſal. 19. 10. & 119. 103.
[a] Chap. 23. 18.
[b] Job 5. 19. Pſal. 34. 19. & 37. 24.
[c] Am. 5. 2. & 8. 14.
[d] Job 31. 29. Pſal. 35. 15. Chap. 17. 5.
† Heb. *be evil in his eyes.*
[e] Pſal. 37. 1. Chap. 23. 17. verſ. 1.
‖ Or, *Keep not company with the wicked.*
[f] Job 18. 5. & 21. 17. Chap. 13. 9. & 20. 20.
‖ Or, *lamp.*
† Heb. *changers.*
[g] Lev. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 17. & 16. 19. Chap. 18. 5. & 28. 21. John 7. 24.
[h] Chap. 17. 15. Iſa. 5. 23.
† Heb. *a bleſſing of lips.*
† Heb. *anſwereth right words.*

27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thy self in the field; and afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive *not* with thy lips.

29 [q] Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothfull, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And lo, it was all grown over with thorns, *and* nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone-wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I saw, *and* † considered it well: I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.

33 [r] *Yet* a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come *as* one that travelleth, and thy want as † an armed man.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *Observations about kings,* 8 *and about avoiding quarrels, and sundry causes thereof.*

THese *are* also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 [a] *It is* the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings *is* to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth, and the heart of kings † *is* unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer:

5 [b] Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6 † Put not forth thy self in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*:

7 [c] For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; then that thou should'st be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest *thou know not* what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 [d] Debate thy cause with thy neighbour *himself*; and discover not || a secret to another:

10 Lest he that heareth *it* put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word † fitly spoken *is like* apples of gold in pictures of silver.

12 *As* an ear ring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, *so is* a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

13 [e] As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, *so is* a faithfull messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 Whoso boasteth himself † of a false gift, *is like* [f] clouds and wind without rain.

15 [g] By long forbearing is a prince perswaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 || Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbours house; lest he be † weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

18 [h] A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour *is* a maul and a sword and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithfull man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth and a foot out of joynt.

20 *As* he that taketh away a garment in cold weather, *and as* vinegar upon nitre; so *is* he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 [i] If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

23 [k] || The north-wind driveth away rain: so *doth* an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

24 [l] *It is* better to dwell in a corner of the house-top then with a brawling woman and in a wide house.

25 *As* cold waters to a thirsty soul, so *is* good news from a far country.

26 A righ-

[q] Chap. 20. 22. Rom. 12. 17, 19.

† Heb. *set my heart.* [r] Chap. 6. 9, &c.

† Heb. *a man of shield.*

[a] Deut. 29. 29. Rom. 11. 33.

† Heb. *there is no searching.*

[b] Chap. 20. 8.

† Heb. *Set not thy glory.*

[c] Luke 14. 10.

[d] Mat. 5. 23, & 18. 15. || Or, *the secret of another.*

† Heb. *spoken upon his wheels.*

[e] Chap. 13. 17.

† Heb. *as a gift of falsehood.* [f] Jude 12.

[g] Gen. 32. 4, &c. Sam. 25. 24, &c. Chap. 15. 1, & 16. 14.

† Or, *let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbours house.* † Heb. *full of thee.*

[h] Psal. 120. 4. Chap. 12. 18.

[i] Exod. 23. 4. Mat. 5. 44. Rom. 12. 20.

[k] Job 37. 22. || Or, *The north wind bringeth forth rain: so doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.*

[l] Chap. 19. 13. & 21. 9, 19.

26 A righteous man falling down before the wicked *is as* a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring.

27 [m] *It is* not good to eat much honey: so *for men* to search their own glory *is not* glory.

28 [n] He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city *that is* broken down *and* without walls.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *Observations about fools,* 13 *sluggards,* 17 *and contentious busie-bodies.*

AS snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the bird by wandring, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.

3 [a] A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fools back.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own † conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool, cutteth off the feet, *and* drinketh || damage.

7 The legs of the lame are † not equal: so *is* a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 || As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so *is* he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 *As* a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so *is* a parable in ỳ mouth of fools.

10 || The great *God* that formed all *things*, both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressours.

11 [b] As a dog returneth to his vomit, *so* a fool † returneth to his folly.

12 [c] Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? *there is* more hope of a fool then of him.

13 [d] The slothfull *man* saith, *There is* a lion in the way; a lion *is* in the streets.

14 *As* the door turneth upon his hinges, so *doth* the slothfull upon his bed.

15 [e] The slothfull hideth his hand in *his* bosom; || it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard *is* wiser in his own conceit then seven men ỳ can render a reason.

17 He that passeth by, *and* || meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a mad *man* who casteth † firebrands, arrows, and death;

19 So *is* the man *that* deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?

20 † Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so [f] where *there is* no || talebearer, the strife † ceaseth.

21 [g] *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire; so *is* a contentious man to kindle strife.

22 [h] The words of a tale-bearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the † innermost parts of the belly.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart *are like* a potsherd covered with silver dross.

24 He that hateth || dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him.

25 When he † speaketh fair, beleeve him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart.

26 || *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation.

27 [i] Whoso diggeth a pit, shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruine.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *Observations of self-love,* 5 *of true love,* 11 *of care to avoid offences,* 23 *and of the household-care.*

[a] BOast not thy self of † to morrow: for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone *is* †heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fools wrath *is* heavier then them both.

4 † Wrath *is* cruel, and anger *is* outragious; but who is able to stand before || envy?

5 Open rebuke *is* better then secret love.

6 [b] Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* || deceitfull.

7 The

|| Or, *is enraged.*

† Heb. *flames, or sparks.*

† Heb. *Without wood.* f Chap. 22. 10.

|| Or, *whisperer.* † Heb. *is silent.* g Chap. 15, 18. & 29. 22.

h Chap. 18. 8. † Heb. *chambers.*

|| Or, *is known.*

† Heb. *maketh his voice gracious.*

|| Or, *Hatred is covered in secret.*

i Pſal. 7. 15, 16. & 9. 15. & 57. 6. Eccles 10. 8.

a Jam. 4. 13, &c. † Heb. *to morrow-day.*

† Heb. *heaviness.* † Heb. *Wrath is cruelty, and anger an overflowing.* || Or, *jealousie.*

b Pſal. 141. 5. || Or, *earnest, or frequent.*

7 The full soul † loatheth an honeycomb; but [e] to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandreth from her nest, so *is* a man that wandreth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoyce the heart: so *doth* the sweetness of a mans friend † by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend and thy fathers friend forsake not; neither go into thy brothers house in the day of thy calamity: *for* [d] better *is* a neighbour *that is* near then a brother far off.

11 [e] My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 [f] A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, *and* hideth himself; *but* the simple pass on, *and* are punished.

13 [g] Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

15 [h] A continual dropping in a very rainy day, & a contentious woman are alike.

16 Whosoever hideth her, hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand *which* bewrayeth *it self*.

17 Iron sharpneth iron; so a man sharpneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19 As in water face *answereth* to face, so the heart of man to man.

20 [i] Hell and destruction are † never full, so [k] the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 [l] *As* the fining-pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so *is* a man to his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestill, *yet* will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, *and* † look well to thy herds.

24 For † riches *are* not for ever: & doth the crown *endure* † to every generation?

25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth it self, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

26 The lambs *are* for thy clothing, and the goats *are* the price of the field.

27 And *thou shalt have* goats milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and *for* † maintenance for thy maidens.

CHAP. XXVIII.

General observations of impiety and religious integrity.

THE [a] wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many *are* the princes thereof: but ‖ by a man of understanding *and* knowledge the state *thereof* shall be prolonged.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor *is like* a sweeping rain † which leaveth no food.

4 [b] They that forsake the law praise the wicked, but such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgement: but [c] they that seek the LORD understand all *things*.

6 [d] Better *is* the poor that walketh in his uprightness, then *he that is* perverse *in his* ways, though *he be* rich.

7 [e] Whoso keepeth the law *is* a wise son: but he that ‖ is a companion of riotous *men* shameth his father.

8 [f] He that by usury and † unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.

9 [g] He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

10 [h] Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good *things* in possession.

11 The rich man *is* wise † in his own conceit; but the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

12 [i] When righteous *men* do rejoyce, *there is* great glory: but when the wicked rise, a man is ‖ hidden.

13 [k] He that covereth his sins shall not

† Heb. treadeth under foot.
[e] Job 6. 7.

† Heb. from the counsel of the soul.
[d] Chap. 17. 17. & 18. 24.
[e] Chap. 10. 1. & 23. 24.

[f] Chap. 22. 3.

[g] Chap. 20. 16.

[h] Chap. 19. 13.

[i] Chap. 30. 16. Hab. 2. 5.
† Heb. nor.
[k] Eccles 1. 8. & 6. 7.
[l] Chap. 17. 3.

† Heb. set thy heart.
† Heb. strength.
† Heb. to generation and generation.

[a] Lev. 26. 17, 36.

‖ Or, by means of understanding and wisdom shall they be prolonged.
† Heb. meat.

[b] Psal. 10. 3. Rom. 1. 32.
[c] 1 Cor. 2. 15. 1 John 2. 20, 27.
[d] Chap. 19. 1.
[e] Chap. 29. 3.
‖ Or, feedeth gluttons.
† Chap. 13. 22. Eccles 2. 26.
† Heb. by usury.
[f] Psal. 66. 18.
[g] Chap. 28. 9.
† Heb. an his eyes.
[h] Levit. 26. Chap. 11. 18. & 29. 4. Eccles 10. 8.
‖ Or, sought for.
[i] Psal. 32. 3, 5.
[k] 1 John 1. 9.

not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

14 Happy *is* the man that feareth always: [1] but he that hardneth his heart shall fall into mischief.

15 *As* a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; *so is* a wicked ruler over the poor people.

16 The prince that wanteth understanding *is* also a great oppressour; *but* he that hateth covetousness shall prolong *his* days.

17 [m] A man that doth violence to the bloud of *any* person, shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.

18 [n] Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but *he that is* perverse *in his* ways shall fall at once.

19 [o] He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithfull man shall abound with blessings: [p] but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be ‖ innocent.

21 [q] To have respect of persons *is* not good: for for a piece of bread *that* man will transgress.

22 ‖ He that hasteth to be rich *hath* an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.

23 [r] He that rebuketh a man, afterwards shall find more favour then he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, *It is* no transgression; the same *is* the companion of † a destroyer.

25 [s] He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife; but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 [t] He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 [u] When the wicked rise, men hide themselves: but when they perish, the righteous increase.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Observations of publick government, 15 and of private. 22 Of anger, pride, thievery, cowardise, and corruption.

† HE that being often reproved hardneth *his* neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 [a] When the righteous are ‖ in authority, the people rejoyce: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 [b] Whoso loveth wisdom rejoyceth his father: [c] but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth *his* substance.

4 The king by judgement stablisheth the land: but † he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoyce.

7 [d] The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: *but* the wicked regardeth not to know *it*.

8 Scornfull men ‖ bring a city into a snare: but wise *men* turn away wrath.

9 *If* a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.

10 † The bloud-thirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 [e] A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise *man* keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants *are* wicked.

13 [f] The poor and ‖ the deceitfull man meet together: the LORD lightneth both their eyes.

14 [g] The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 [h] The rod and reproof give wisdom: but [i] a child left *to himself* bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: [k] but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 [l] Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where

18 Where *there is* no vision, the people ‖ perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

‖ Or, *is made naked.*

19 A servant will not be corrected by words; for, though he understand, he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man *that is* hasty ‖ in his words? [m] *there is* more hope of a fool then of him.

‖ Or, *in his matters.*

[m] Chap. 26. 12.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child, shall have him become *his* son at the length.

22 [n] An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

[n] Chap. 15. 18. & 26. 21.

23 [o] A mans pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

[o] Job 22. 29. Chap. 15 33. & 18. 12. Isa. 66. 2 Mat. 23 12. Luke 14. 11. & 18. 14. Jam. 4. 6, 10 1 Pet. 5. 5

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth *it* not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be † safe.

† Heb. *set on high.*

26 [p] Many seek † the rulers favour; but every mans judgement *cometh* from the LORD.

[p] Chap. 29. 6. † Heb. *the face of a ruler*

27 An unjust man *is* an abomination to the just: and *he that is* upright in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

CHAP. XXX.

Agurs confession of his faith. 7 The two points of his prayer. 10 The meanest, not to be wronged. 11 Four wicked generations. 15 Four things unsatiable. 17 Parents, not to be despised. 18 Four things hard to be known. 21 Four things unsupportable. 24 Four things exceeding wise. 29 Four things stately. 32 Wrath is to be prevented.

THE words of Agur the son of Jakeh, *even* the prophesie: the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal.

2 Surely I *am* more brutish then *any* man, and have not the understanding of a man.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor † have the knowledge of the holy.

† Heb. *knew.*

4 [a] Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? [b] who hath gathered ỹ wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what *is* his name, and what *is* his sons name, if thou canst tell?

[a] Job. 3. 13. [b] Job. 38. 4, &c Psa. 104. 3, &c. Isa. 40. 12, &c. [c] Psal. 12. 6. & 18. 30. & 19. 8 & 119. 140. † Heb. *purified.*

5 [c] Every word of God *is* † pure: he *is* a shield unto them ỹ put their trust in him.

6 [d] Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

[d] Deut. 4. & 12. 32. Rev. 22. 18, 19.

7 Two *things* have I required of thee; † deny me *them* not before I die.

† Heb. *withhold not from me.*

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty, nor riches; [e] feed me with food † convenient for me:

[e] Mat. 6. 11. † Heb. *of my allowance.*

9 [f] Lest I be full, and † deny *thee*, and say, Who *is* the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain.*

[f] Deut. 8. 12. & 32. 15. Hos. 13. 6. † Heb. *belyed thee.*

10 † Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

† Heb. *Harm not with thy tongue.*

11 *There is* a generation *that* curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 *There is* a generation *that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their filthiness.

13 *There is* a generation, O how † lofty are their eyes! and their eye-lids are lifted up.

† Heb. *lofty.*

14 [h] *There is* a generation whose teeth *are as* swords, and their jaw-teeth *as* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.

[h] Chap. 6. 17.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, *crying*, Give, give. There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* say not, † *It is* enough:

[i] Job 39. 19. Psal. 52. 2. & 57. 4. Chap. 12. 18.

† Heb. *wealth.*

16 [i] The grave; and the barren womb; the earth, *that* is not filled with water; and the fire, *that* saith not, *It is* enough.

[i] Chap. 27. 20. Hab. 2. 5.

17 The eye *that* mocketh at *his* father, and despiseth to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the ‖ valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

‖ Or, *brook.*

18 There be three *things which* are too wonderfull for me, yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the † midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a maid.

† Heb. *heart.*

20 Such *is* the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three *things* the earth is disquieted, and for four *which* it cannot bear:

22 [k] For

22 [k] For a servant, when he reigneth; and a fool, when he is filled with meat;

23 For an odious *woman*, when she is married; and an handmaid, that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* † exceeding wise:

25 [l] The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in ỹ summer;

26 [m] The conies *are but* a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them † by bands;

28 The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings palaces.

29 There be three *things* which go well, yea, four are comely in going:

30 A lion, *which is* strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any;

31 A ‖ † grey-hound; an he-goat also; and a king, against whom *there is* no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thy self, or if thou hast thought evil, [n] *lay* thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter, and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth bloud: so the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Lemuels lesson of chastity and temperance. 6 The afflicted are to be comforted and defended. 10 The praise and properties of a good wife.

THE words of king Lemuel, the prophesie that his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

3 [o] Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways [b] to that which destroyeth kings.

4 [c] *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes, strong drink:

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and † pervert the judgement of † any of the afflicted.

6 [d] Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine to those that be † of heavy hearts.

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all † such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, [e] judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

10 ¶ [f] Who can find a vertuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and † buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loyns with strength, and strengthneth her arms.

18 She † perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She † stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with ‖ scarlet.

22 She maketh her self coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing: and she shall rejoyce in time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her

† Heb. *the sons of destruction.*

† Lev. 9. 15. Deut. 1. 16. Chap. 2. 4. & 18. 22. & 9. 14.

† Heb. *taketh.*

† Heb. *planteth.*

† Heb. *spreadeth.*

‖ Or, *double garment.*

28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her:

29 Many daughters have ‖ done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

‖ Or, gotten riches.

30 Favour *is* deceitfull, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES, or the PREACHER.

CHAP. I.

1 The preacher sheweth that all humane courses are vain; 4 because the creatures are restless in their courses; 9 they bring forth nothing new, and all old things are forgotten: 12 and because he hath found it so in the studies of wisdom.

THE words of the preacher, the son of David, king of Jerusalem.

2 [a] Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities; [b] all *is* vanity.

3 [c] What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

4 *One* generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh: [d] but the earth abideth for ever.

5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and †hasteth to his place where he arose.

6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north: it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 [e] All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea *is* not full: unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they † return again.

8 All things *are* full of labour; man cannot utter *it*: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 [f] The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done, *is* that which shall be done: and *there is* no new *thing* under the sun.

10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time which was before us.

11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things*; neither shall there be *any* remembrance of *things* that are to come, with *those* that shall come after.

12 ¶ I the preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven: this sore travel hath God given to the sons of men ‖ to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 [g] *That which is* crooked cannot be made straight: and † that which is wanting cannot be numbred.

16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten [h] more wisdom then all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart † had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.

17 [i] And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived ý this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom *is* much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

CHAP. II.

1 The vanity of humane courses in the works of pleasure. 12 Though the wise be better then the fool, yet both have one event. 18 The vanity of humane labour in leaving it they know not to whom. 24 Nothing better then joy in our labour; but that is Gods gift.

I Said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and behold, this also *is* vanity.

2 I said of laughter, *It is* mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

3 [a] I sought in mine heart † to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom, and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men which they should do under the heaven † all the days of their life.

4 I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

[a] Psal. 39. 5, 6. & 62. 9 & 144. 4 Chap. 12. 8.
[b] Rom. 8. 20.
[c] Chap. 3. 22. & 5. 9.
[d] Psal. 104. 5 & 119. 90.
† Heb. *panteth.*
[e] Job 38. 10. Ps. 104. 8, 9.
† Heb. *return to go.*
[f] Chap. 3. 15.
[g] Chap. 7. 13.
[h] 1 Kin. 3. 12, 13. & 4. 30.
† Heb. *seen much of.*
[i] 1 Kin. 4. 29. & 10. 23.
[a] Chap. 1. 17. Heb. *the number of the days of their life.*

5 I made me gardens and orchards, & I planted trees in them of all *kind of* fruits:

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

7 I got *me* servants and maidens, and had † servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattel, above all that were in Jerusalem before me:

8 [b] I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* † musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9 So I was great, and increased more then all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them: I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoyced in all my labour: and [c] this was my portion of all my labour.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and behold, all *was* [d] vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there was* no profit under the sun.

12 And I turned my self to behold wisdom, [e] and madness and folly: for what *can* the man *do* that cometh ‖ after ỹ king? *even* that which hath been already done.

13 Then I saw that † wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.

14 [f] The wise mans eyes *are* in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I my self perceived also that [g] one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth ‖ even to me; and why was I then *more* wise? Then I said in my heart that this also *is* vanity.

16 For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more then of the fool for ever; seeing that which now *is*, in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man?* as the fool.

17 Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under ỹ sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 ¶ Yea, I hated all my labour wch I had † taken under the sun: because [h] I should leave it unto the man ỹ shall be after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed my self wise under the sun. This *is* also vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun

21 For there is a man whose labour *is* in wisdom and in knowledge and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he † leave it *for* his portion. This also *is* vanity, and a great evil.

22 [i] For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

23 For all his days *are* [k] sorrows, and his travel grief: yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

24 ¶ [l] *There is* nothing better for a man *then* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he ‖ should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw that it *was* from the hand of God.

25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten *hereunto* more then I?

26 For *God* giveth to a man that *is* good † in his sight wisdom and knowledge and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travel, to gather and to heap up, that [m] he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAP. III.

1 *By the necessary change of times vanity is added to humane travel.* 11 *There is an excellency in Gods works:* 16 *But as for man, God shall judge his works there, and here he shall be like a beast.*

TO every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under ỹ heaven:

2 A time to † be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, & a time to build up;

4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time

† Heb. *laboured.*
[b] Psal. 49. 10.
† Heb. *give.*
[i] Chap. 1. 3. & 3. 9.
[k] Job 14. 1.
[l] Chap. 2. 12, 13, 22. & 5. 18. & 8. 15.
‖ Or, *delight his senses.*
† Heb. *before him.*
[m] Job 27. 16, 17. Pro. 28. 8.
† Heb. *hear.*

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and [a] a time to † refrain from embracing;

6 A time to ‖ get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

7 A time to rent, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 [b] What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

10 I have seen the travel which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

11 He hath made every *thing* beautifull in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that [c] no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

12 I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoyce, and to do good in his life.

13 And also [d] that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it *is* the gift of God.

14 I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth *it* that *men* should fear before him.

15 [e] That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is † past.

16 ¶ And moreover, [f] I saw under the sun the place of judgement, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.

17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* [g] a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that ‖ God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 [h] For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other, yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity.

20 All go unto one place; [i] all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of † man that † goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

22 [k] Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better then that a man should rejoyce in his own works: for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAP. IV.

1 *Vanity is increased unto men by oppression, 4 by envy, 5 by idleness, 7 by covetousness, 9 by solitariness, 13 by wilfulness.*

SO I returned, and considered all the [a] oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the † side of their oppressours *there was* power, but they had no comforter.

2 [b] Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more then the living which are yet alive.

3 [c] Yea, better is *he* then both they which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work *that* is done under the sun.

4 ¶ Again, I considered all travel, and † every right work, that † for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

5 [d] The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

6 [e] Better *is* an handfull *with* quietness then both the hands full *with* travel and vexation of spirit.

7 ¶ Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

8 There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet *is there* no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches, *neither saith he*, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This *is* also vanity, yea, it *is* a sore travel.

9 ¶ Two *are* better then one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but wo to him *that is* alone when

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[a] Joel 3. 16. 1 Cor. 7. 5. † Heb. *be far from.* ‖ Or, *seek.*

[b] Chap. 1. 3.

[c] Chap. 8. 17.

[d] Chap. 2. 24.

[e] Chap. 1. 9. † Heb. *driven away.*

[f] Chap. 5. 8.

[g] verſ. 1.

‖ Or, *they might clear God, and see,* &c.

[h] Pſal. 49. 12, 20. Chap. 2. 16.

[i] Gen. 3. 19. † Heb. *the Sons of man.* Heb. *the ſpiritual.*

[k] Chap. 3. 22. 11. 9.

[a] Chap. 3. 16.

† Heb. *hand.*

[b] Job 3. 17, &c. Ch. 6. 9.

[c] Job 3. 16.

† Heb. *is the portion of his way.* Heb. *from his neighbour.* [d] Prov. 26. 10. 24. 33. [e] Prov. 15. 16. 17. & 16. 8.

† Pſal. 39. 6.

when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*?

12 And if one prevail againſt him, two ſhall withſtand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 ¶ Better *is* a poor and a wiſe child then an old and fooliſh king who † will no more be admoniſhed.

14 For out of priſon he cometh to reign; whereas alſo *he that is* born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I conſidered all the living which walk under the ſun, with the ſecond child that ſhall ſtand up in his ſtead.

16 *There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they alſo that come after ſhall not rejoyce in him. Surely this alſo *is* vanity and vexation of ſpirit.

CHAP. V.

1 *Vanities in divine ſervice,* 8 *in murmuring againſt oppreſſion,* 9 *and in riches.* 18 *Joy in riches is the gift of God.*

KEep thy foot when thou goeſt to the houſe of God, and be more ready to hear [a] then to give the ſacrifice of fools: for they conſider not that they do evil.

2 Be not raſh with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be haſty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words [b] be few.

3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of buſineſs, and [c] a fools voice *is known* by multitude of words.

4 [d] When thou voweſt a vow unto God, defer not to pay it: for *he hath* no pleaſure in fools: [e] pay that which thou haſt vowed.

5 [f] Better *is it* that thou ſhouldſt not vow then that thou ſhouldſt vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cauſe thy fleſh to ſin; neither ſay thou before the angel that it *was* an errour: wherefore ſhould God be angry at thy voice, and deſtroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* alſo *divers* vanities: but fear thou God.

8 ¶ If thou ſeeſt the oppreſſion of the poor, and violent perverting of judgement and juſtice in a province, marvel not at the † matter: for *he that is* higher then the higheſt regardeth, & *there be* higher then they.

9 ¶ Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himſelf* is ſerved by the field.

10 He that loveth ſilver ſhall not be ſatisfied with ſilver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increaſe. This *is* alſo vanity.

11 When goods increaſe, they are increaſed that eat them: and what good *is there* to the owners thereof, ſaving the beholding *of them* with their eyes?

12 The ſleep of a labouring man *is* ſweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not ſuffer him to ſleep.

13 There is a ſore evil *which* I have ſeen under the ſun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But thoſe riches periſh by evil travel: and he begetteth a ſon, and *there is* nothing in his hand.

15 [g] As he came forth of his mothers womb, naked ſhall he return to go as he came, and ſhall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this alſo *is* a ſore evil, *that* in all points as he came, ſo ſhall he go: and [h] what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?

17 All his days alſo [i] he eateth in darkneſs, and *he hath* much ſorrow, and wrath with his ſickneſs.

18 ¶ Behold *that* which I have ſeen: [k] † *it is* good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the ſun, † all the days of his life which God giveth him: [l] for it *is* his portion.

19 [m] Every man alſo to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoyce in his labour; this *is* the gift of God.

† Heb. will, or purpoſe.

[g] Job 1. 21. Pſal. 49. 17. 1 Tim. 6. 7.
[h] Chap. 1. 3.
[i] Pſal. 127. 2.
[k] Chap. 2. 24. & 3. 12, 13, 22. & 9. 7. & 11. 9.
1 Tim. 6. 17.
† Heb. here is a good which is comely, &c.
† Heb. the number of the days.
[l] Chap. 2. 10. & 8. 22.
[m] Chap. 2. 24. & 3. 13. & 5. 2.

20 ‖ For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.

‖ Or, Though he give no much: yet he remembreth, &c.

CHAP. VI.

1 *The vanity of riches without use,* 3 *of children,* 6 *and old age without riches.* 9 *The vanity of sight and wandring desires.* 11 *The conclusion of vanities.*

THere is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it *is* common among men:

2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth and honour, [a] so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this *is* vanity, and it *is* an evil disease.

3 ¶ If a man beget an hundred *children*, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and [b] also *that* he have no burial; I say *that* [c] an untimely birth *is* better then he.

4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.

5 Moreover, he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any thing*: this hath more rest then the other.

6 ¶ Yea, though he live a thousand years twice *told*, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?

7 [d] All the labour of man *is* for his mouth, and yet the † appetite is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise more then the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?

9 ¶ Better *is* the sight of the eyes, then the † wandring of the desire. This *is* also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it *is* man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier then he.

11 ¶ Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what *is* man the better?

12 For who knoweth what *is* good for man in *this* life, † all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as [e] a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

[a] Job 21. 10. Psal. 17. 14. & 73. 7.

[b] Ha. 14. 19, 20 Jer. 22. 19.

[c] Job 3. 16. Ps. 58. 8.

[d] Prov. 16. 26.

† Heb. *soul.*

† Heb *walking of the soul.*

† Heb *the number of the days of the life of his vanity.*

[e] Psal. 102. 11. & 109. 23. & 144. 4. Jam. 4. 14.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Remedies against vanity, are a good name,* 2 *mortification,* 7 *patience,* 11 *wisdom.* 23 *The difficulty of wisdom.*

A [a] *good* name *is* better then precious ointment; and the day of death, then the day of ones birth.

2 ¶ *It is* better to go to the house of mourning then to go to the house of feasting: for that *is* the end of all men; and the living will lay *it* to his heart.

3 ‖ Sorrow *is* better then laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise *is* in the house of mourning: but the heart of fools *is* in the house of mirth.

5 [b] *It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise then for a man to hear the song of fools.

6 For as the † crackling of thorns under a pot, so *is* the laughter of the fool. This also *is* vanity.

7 ¶ Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad, [c] and a gift destroyeth the heart.

8 Better *is* the end of a thing then the beginning thereof: *and* [d] the patient in spirit *is* better then the proud in spirit.

9 [e] Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, What is *the cause* that the former days were better then these? for thou dost not enquire † wisely concerning this.

11 ¶ Wisdom *is* ‖ good with an inheritance: and *by it there is* profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom *is* a † defence, *and* money *is* a defence: but the excellency of knowledge *is*, *that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God: for [f] who can make *that* straight which he hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyfull; but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath † set the one over against the other,

[a] Prov. 15. 30 & 22. 1.

‖ Or, Anger.

[b] Prov. 15. 31. & 25. 12. Eccl. 9. 4. † Heb. *song.*

[c] Exod. 23. 8. Deut. 16. 19. 2 Pet. 2. 14.

[d] Prov. 14. 29. & 16. 32.

[e] Heb. *Be not hasty of spirit to be angry.*

† Heb. *in wisdom.*

† Heb. *a shadow.*

[f] Eccl. 1. 15. See Isa. 42. 16.

† Heb. *made.*

other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All *things* have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just *man* that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* that prolongeth *his life* in his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thy self over-wise: why shouldst thou † destroy thy self?

17 Be not overmuch wicked; neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die † before thy time?

18 *It is* good that thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

19 [h] Wisdom strengthneth the wise more then ten mighty *men* which are in the city.

20 [i] For *there is* not a just man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not.

21 Also † take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee.

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thy self likewise hast cursed others.

23 ¶ All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it *was* far from me.

24 [k] That which is far off and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

25 †[l] I applied mine heart to know and to search and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness *and* madness:

26 [m] And I find more bitter then death the woman whose heart *is* snares and nets, *and* her hands *as* bands: † whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, || *counting* one by one to find out the account;

28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found, [n] that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

[n] Gen. 1. 27.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Kings are greatly to be respected.* 6 *The Divine providence is to be observed.* 12 *It is better with the godly in adversity then with the wicked in prosperity.* 16 *The work of God is unsearchable.*

WHo *is* as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? [a] A mans wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the † boldness of his face shall be changed.

[a] Prov. 4. 8, 9. & 17. 24. See Act. 6. 15. † Heb. strength.

2 I *counsel thee* to keep the kings commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God.

3 [b] Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

[b] Chap. 10. 4.

4 Where the word of a king *is*, *there is* power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall † feel no evil thing: and a wise mans heart discerneth both time & judgement.

† Heb. know.

6 ¶ Because to every purpose there is time and judgement, therefore the misery of man *is* great upon him.

7 For [c] he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him || when it shall be?

[c] Prov. 24. 22. Chap. 6. 12. || Or, how.

8 *There is* no man that hath power [d] over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither *hath he* power in the day of death: and *there is* no || discharge in *that* war: neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

[d] Job 14. 5. || Or, casting off weapons.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: *there is* a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This *is* also vanity.

11 [e] Because sentence *against* an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

[e] Psal. 50. 21. Isa. 26. 10.

12 ¶Though a ſinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet ſurely I know that [f] it ſhall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

13 But it ſhall not be well with the wicked, neither ſhall he prolong *his* days *which are* as a ſhadow; becauſe he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth, that [g] there be juſt *men* unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked *men* to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous. I ſaid that this alſo *is* vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, becauſe [h] a man hath no better thing under the ſun then to eat and to drink and to be merry: for that ſhall abide with him of his labour the days of his life which God giveth him under the ſun.

16 ¶ When I applied mine heart to know wiſdom, and to ſee the buſineſs that is done upon the earth: For alſo *there is that* neither day nor night ſeeth ſleep with his eyes:

17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that [i] a man cannot find out the work that is done under the ſun: becauſe though a man labour to ſeek *it* out, yet he ſhall not find *it*; yea further, though a wiſe *man* think to know *it*, yet ſhall he not be able to find *it*.

CHAP. IX.

1 Like things happen to good and bad. 4 There is a neceſſity of death unto men. 7 Comfort is all their portion in this life. 11 Gods providence ruleth over all. 13 Wiſdom is better then ſtrength.

FOr all this † I conſidered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous and the wiſe, and their works *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them.

2 [a] All *things come* alike to all: *there is* one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that ſacrificeth, and to him that ſacrificeth not: as *is* the good, ſo *is* the ſinner; *and* he that ſweareth, as *he* that feareth an oath.

3 This *is* an evil among all *things* that are done under the ſun, that *there is* one event unto all: yea, alſo the heart of the ſons of men is full of evil, and madneſs *is* in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

4 ¶ For to him that is joyned to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better then a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they ſhall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Alſo their love and their hatred and their envy is now periſhed; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the ſun.

7 ¶ Go thy way, [b] eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart: for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

9 † Live joyfully with the wife whom thou loveſt all the days of the life of thy vanity which he hath given thee under the ſun, all the days of thy vanity: [c] for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takeſt under the ſun.

10 Whatſoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might: for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wiſdom in the grave, whither thou goeſt.

11 ¶ I returned, and ſaw under the ſun, that the race *is* not to the ſwift, nor the battel to the ſtrong, neither yet bread to the wiſe, nor yet riches to men of underſtanding, nor yet favour to men of ſkill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man alſo knoweth not his time. As the fiſhes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds *that are* caught in the ſnare; ſo *are* the ſons of men [d] ſnared in an evil time, when it falleth ſuddenly upon them.

13 ¶This wiſdom have I ſeen alſo under the ſun, and it *ſeemed* great unto me:

14 *There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king againſt it, and beſieged it, and built great bulwarks againſt it:

15 Now

f Pſal. 37. 11, 18, 19. Prov. 1. 32, 33. Iſa. 3. 10, 11.

g Pſal. 73. 4. Chap. 7. 15.

h Chap. 2. 24. & 3. 12, 22. & 5. 18. & 9. 7.

i Job 5. 9. Chap. 3. 11. Rom. 11. 33.

† Heb. *I gave, I ſet to my heart.*

a Pſal. 73. 3, 12, 13. Mal. 3. 15.

b Chap. 8. 15.

† Heb. *See or Enjoy life.*

c Chap. 2. 10, 24. & 3. 22. & 5. 18.

d Prov. 29. 6. Luk. 12. 20, 39.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 [c] Then said I, Wisdom *is* better then strength: nevertheless the poor mans wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise *men are* heard in quiet more then the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

18 Wisdom *is* better then weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

CHAP. X.

1 *Observations of wisdom and folly.* 16 *Of riot,* 18 *slothfulness,* 19 *and money* 20 *Mens thoughts of kings ought to be reverent.*

†DEad flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour; *so doth* a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom *and* honour.

2 A wise mans heart *is* at his right hand; but a fools heart *is* at his left.

3 Yea also when he that is a fool walketh by the way, †his wisdom faileth *him*, and he saith to every one *that* he *is* a fool.

4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, [a] leave not thy place: for [b] yeelding pacifieth great offences.

5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an errour *which* proceedeth † from the ruler:

6 Folly is set in great † dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen servants [c] upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

8 [d] He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whoso removeth stones, shall be hurt therewith; *and* he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom *is* profitable to direct.

11 Surely, the serpent will bite [e] without enchantment; and † a babbler is no better.

12 [f] The words of a wise mans mouth *are* † gracious: but [g] the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth *is* foolishness; and the end of his † talk *is* mischievous madness.

14 [h] A fool also † is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and [i] what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 ¶ [k] Wo to thee, O land, when thy king *is* a child, and thy princes eat in the morning.

17 Blessed *art* thou, O land, when thy king *is* the son of nobles, and [l] thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness.

18 ¶ By much slothfulness the building decayeth, and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

19 ¶ A feast is made for laughter, and [m] wine † maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*.

20 ¶ [n] Curse not the king, no not in thy || thought; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

CHAP. XI.

1 *Directions for charity.* 7 *Death in life,* 9 *and the day of judgement in the days of youth are to be thought on.*

CAst thy bread upon the † waters: for thou shalt find it after [a] many days.

2 [b] Give a portion to seven, and also to eight: for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north; in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind shall not sowe; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As [c] thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, [d] *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with

[c] Prov. 10. 32. & 12. 13.
† Heb. *grace.*
[g] Prov. 10. 14. & 18. 7.
† Heb. *mouth.*
[h] Prov. 15. 2.
† Heb. *multiplieth words.*
[i] Chap. 3. 22. & 6. 12. & 8. 7.
[k] Isa. 3. 4, 5, 12 & 5. 11.
[l] Prov. 31. 4.
[m] Ps. 104. 15.
† Heb. *maketh glad the life.*
[n] Exod. 22. 28. Acts 23. 5.
‖ Or, *conscience.*
† Heb. *face of the waters.*
[a] Deut. 15. 10. Prov. 19. 17 Matt. 10. 42.
[b] Psal. 112. 9. Luke 6. 30.
[c] John 3. 8.
[d] Psal. 139. 14, 15.

child, even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall † prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.

† Heb. be right.

7 ¶ Truly the light *is* sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun:

8 But if a man live many years, *and* rejoyce in them all: yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh *is* vanity.

9 ¶ Rejoyce, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgement.

10 Therefore remove ‖ sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth *are* vanity.

‖ Or, anger.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The Creatour is to be remembred in due time.* 8 *The preachers care to edifie.* 13 *The fear of God is the chief antidote of vanity.*

a Prov. 22. 6.

a REmember now thy Creatour in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh b when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

b See 2 Sam. 19. 35.

2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars be not darkned, nor the clouds return after the rain:

3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders ‖ cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkned,

‖ Or, fail, because they grind little.

4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low;

5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:

6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

7 c Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God d who gave it.

c Gen. 3. 19.
d Num. 16. 22. & 27. 16. Job 34. 14. Ps. 37. 16. Zech. 12. 1.

8 ¶ e Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher: all *is* vanity.

e Chap. 1. 2.

9 And ‖ moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs.

‖ Or, the more wise the preacher was, &c. 1 King. 4. 32.

10 The preacher sought to find out † acceptable words: and *that which was* written *was* upright, *even* words of truth.

† Heb. words of delight.

11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, & as nails fastned *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

‖ Or, reading.

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books *there is* no end, and much ‖ study *is* a weariness of the flesh.

‖ Or, The end of the matter, even all that hath been heard, is, &c. Deut. 6. 2, & 10. 12.

13 ¶ ‖ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

14 For h God shall bring every work into judgement, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

h Rom. 2. 16, & 14. 10. 1 Cor. 4. 5. 2 Cor. 5. 10.

The SONG of SOLOMON.

CHAP. I.

1 *The churches love unto Christ.* 5 *She confesseth her deformity,* 7 *and prayeth to be directed to his flock.* 8 *Christ directeth her to the shepherds tents:* 9 *and shewing his love to her,* 11 *giveth her gracious promises.* 12 *The church and Christ congratulate one another.*

THE song of songs, which *is* Solomons.

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: [a] for thy † love *is* better then wine.

3 Because of the savour of thy good ointments, thy name *is as* ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

4 [b] Draw me, we will run after thee. The king [c] hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoyce in thee; we will remember thy love more then wine: ‖ the upright love thee.

5 I *am* black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I *am* black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mothers children were angry with me, they made me the keeper of the vineyards; *but* mine own vineyard have I not kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon: for why should I be as one ‖ that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

8 ¶ If thou know not, [d] O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds tents.

9 I have compared thee, [e] O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaohs chariots.

10 [f] Thy cheeks are comely with rows *of jewels*, thy neck with chains *of gold*.

11 We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

12 ¶ While the king *sitteth* at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

13 A bundle of myrrh *is* my welbeloved unto me: he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

14 My beloved *is* unto me *as* a cluster of ‖ camphire in the vineyards of En-gedi.

15 [g] Behold, thou *art* fair, my ‖ love, behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves eyes.

16 Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green.

17 The beams of our house *are* cedar, *and* our ‖ rafters of fir.

CHAP. II.

1 *The mutual love of Christ and his church.* 8 *The hope,* 10 *and calling of the church.* 14 *Christs care of the church.* 16 *The profession of the church, her faith and hope.*

I *Am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. † I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my † taste.

4 He brought me to the † banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

5 Stay me with flagons, † comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.

6 [a] His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

7 [b] I † charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

8 ¶ The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

9 [c] My beloved *is* like a roe, or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, † shewing himself through the latteſs.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

11 For

‖ Or, cypress.
[g] Chap. 4. 1. & 5. 12.
‖ Or, companion.
‖ Or, galleries.
† Heb. *I delighted and I sat down, &c.*
† Heb. *palate.*
† Heb. *house of wine.*
† Heb. *straw.*
[a] Chap. 8. 3.
[b] Chap. 3. 5. & 8. 4.
† Heb. *adjure.*
Ver. 17
† Heb. *flourishing.*

11 For lo, the winter is paſt; the rain is over, *and* gone.

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the ſinging *of birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* ſmell. Ariſe, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 ¶ O my dove *that art* in the cleſts of the rock, in the ſecret *places* of the ſtairs, let me ſee thy countenance, [d] let me hear thy voice: for ſweet *is* thy voice, and thy countenance *is* comely.

15 Take us [e] the foxes, the little foxes, that ſpoil the vines: for our vines *have* tender grapes.

16 ¶ [f] My beloved *is* mine, and I *am* his: he feedeth among the lilies.

17 [g] Untill the day break, and the ſhadows flee away; turn, my beloved, and be thou [h] like a roe, or a young hart upon the mountains of ||Bether.

[d] Chap. 8. 13.

[e] Ezek. 13. 4. Luke 13. 32.

[f] Chap. 6. 3. & 7. 10.

[g] Chap. 4. 6.

[h] Chap. 8. 14.

|| Or, Division.

CHAP. III.

1 *The church her fight and victory in temptation.* 6 *The church glorieth in Chriſt.*

BY night on my bed I ſought him whom my ſoul loveth: I ſought him, but I found him not.

2 I will riſe now, and go about the city in the ſtreets, and in the broad ways I will ſeek him whom my ſoul loveth: I ſought him, but I found him not.

3 [a] The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I ſaid,* Saw ye him whom my ſoul loveth?

4 *It was* but a little that I paſſed from them, but I found him whom my ſoul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, untill I had brought him into my mothers houſe, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

5 [b] I charge you, O ye daughters of Jeruſalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye ſtir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he pleaſe.

6 ¶ [c] Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderneſs like pillars of ſmoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincenſe, with all powders of the merchant?

[a] Chap. 5. 7.

[b] Chap. 2. 7. & 8. 4.

[c] Chap. 8. 5.

7 Behold, his bed which *is* Solomons; threeſcore valiant men *are* about it, of the valiant of Iſrael.

8 They all hold ſwords, *being* expert in war: every man *hath* his ſword upon his thigh, becauſe of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himſelf a ||chariot of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof *of* ſilver, the bottom thereof *of* gold, the covering of it *of* purple; the midſt thereof being paved *with* love, for the daughters of Jeruſalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his eſpouſals, and in the day of the gladneſs of his heart.

|| Or, bed.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Chriſt ſetteth forth the graces of the church.* 8 *He ſheweth his love to her.* 16 *The church prayeth to be made fit for his preſence.*

[a] BEhold, thou *art* fair, my love, behold, thou *art* fair: thou *haſt* doves eyes within thy locks: [b] thy hair *is* as a flock of goats, that ||appear from mount Gilead.

2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock *of ſheep that are even* ſhorn, which come up from the waſhing; whereof every one bear twins, and none *is* barren among them.

3 Thy lips *are* like a threed of ſcarlet, and thy ſpeech *is* comely: [c] thy temples *are* like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

4 [d] Thy neck *is* like the towre of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thouſand bucklers, all ſhields of mighty men.

5 [e] Thy two breaſts *are* like two young roes that are twins, which feed among the lilies.

6 [f] Untill the day †break, and the ſhadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincenſe.

7 [g] Thou *art* all fair, my love; *there is* no ſpot in thee.

8 ¶ Come with me from Lebanon, *my* ſpouſe, with me from Lebanon: look from the top of Amana, from the top of Shenir [h] and Hermon, from the lions dens, from

[a] Chap. 1. 15. & 5. 12.

[b] Chap. 6. 5, 6. || Or, are ſeen, &c.

[c] Chap. 6. 7.

[d] Chap. 7. 4.

[e] Chap. 7. 3.

[f] Chap. 2. 17. † Heb. breathe.

[g] Eph. 5. 27.

[h] Deut. 3. 9.

from the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou haſt ‖ raviſhed my heart, my ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe; thou haſt raviſhed my heart with one of thine eyes, with one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe! how much better is thy love then wine! and the ſmell of thine ointments then all ſpices!

11 Thy lips, O *my* ſpouſe, drop *as* the honey-comb: honey and milk *are* under thy tongue; and the ſmell of thy garments *is* like the ſmell of Lebanon.

12 A garden † incloſed *is* my ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe; a ſpring ſhut up, a fountain ſealed.

13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates, with pleaſant fruits; ‖ camphire, with ſpikenard,

14 Spikenard and ſaffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincenſe; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief ſpices.

15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and ſtreams from Lebanon.

16 ¶ Awake, O north-wind; and come, thou ſouth, blow upon my garden, *that* the ſpices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleaſant fruits.

CHAP. V.

1 Chriſt awaketh the church with his calling. 2 The church having a taſte of Chriſts love, is ſick of love. 9 A deſcription of Chriſt by his graces.

I Am come into my garden, my ſiſter, *my* ſpouſe: I have gathered my myrrh with my ſpice; I have eaten my honey-comb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends, drink, ‖ yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 ¶ I ſleep, but my heart waketh: *it is* the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *ſaying*, Open to me, my ſiſter, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, *and* my locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how ſhall I put it on? I have waſhed my feet; how ſhall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole *of the door*, and my bowels were moved ‖ for him.

5 I roſe up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped *with* myrrh, and my fingers with † ſweet-ſmelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

6 I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himſelf, *and* was gone: my ſoul failed when he ſpake: [a] I ſought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no anſwer.

7 [b] The watchmen that went about the city found me, they ſmote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

8 I charge you, O daughters of Jeruſalem, if ye find my beloved, † that ye tell him that I *am* ſick of love.

9 ¶ What *is* thy beloved more then *another* beloved, [c] O thou faireſt among women? what *is* thy beloved more then *another* beloved, that thou doſt ſo charge us?

10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy, † the chiefeſt among ten thouſand.

11 His head *is as* the moſt fine gold, his locks *are* ‖ buſhy, *and* black as a raven.

12 [d] His eyes *are* as *the eyes* of doves by the rivers of waters, waſhed with milk, *and* † fitly ſet.

13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of ſpices, *as* ‖ ſweet flowers: his lips *like* lilies, dropping ſweet-ſmelling myrrh.

14 His hands *are as* gold rings ſet with the beryl: his belly *is as* bright ivory overlaid *with* ſapphires.

15 His legs *are as* pillars of marble ſet upon ſockets of fine gold: his countenance *is* as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His † mouth *is* moſt ſweet: yea, he *is* altogether lovely. This *is* my beloved, and this *is* my friend, O daughters of Jeruſalem.

CHAP. VI.

1 The church profeſſeth her faith in Chriſt. 4 Chriſt ſheweth the graces of the church, 10 and his love towards her.

WHither is thy beloved gone, [a] O thou faireſt among women? whither is thy beloved turned aſide? that we may ſeek him with thee.

2 My beloved is gone down into his garden,

garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 [b] I *am* my beloveds, and my beloved *is* mine: he feedeth among the lilies.

4 ¶ Thou *art* beautifull, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as *an army* with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have ‖ overcome me: [c] thy hair *is* as a flock of goats that appear from Gilead.

6 Thy teeth *are* as a flock of sheep which go up from the washing, whereof every one beareth twins, and *there is* not one barren among them.

7 [d] As a piece of a pomegranate *are* thy temples within thy locks.

8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number.

9 My dove, my undefiled is *but* one; she *is* the *onely* one of her mother, she *is* the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; *yea*, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 ¶ Who *is* she *that* looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, *and* terrible as *an army* with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* [e] to see whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.

12 †Or ever I was aware, my soul made me *like* the chariots of Ammi-nadib.

13 Return, return, O Shulamite, return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of ‖ two armies.

CHAP. VII.

1 *A further description of the church her graces.* 10 *The church professeth her faith and desire.*

HOw beautifull are thy feet with shoes, O princes daughter! The joynts of thy thighs *are* like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

2 Thy navel *is like* a round goblet, *which* wanteth not † liquor: thy belly *is like* an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

3 [a] Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes that *are* twins.

4 [b] Thy neck *is* as a towre of ivory; thine eyes, *like* the fish pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose *is* as the towre of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

5 Thine head upon thee *is* like ‖ Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king *is* † held in the galleries.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

7 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree, and thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*.

8 I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth *down* † sweetly, causing the lips of ‖ those that are asleep to speak.

10 ¶ [c] I *am* my beloveds, and [d] his desire *is* towards me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, *whether* the tender grape † appear, *and* the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

13 The [e] mandrakes give a smell, and at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant *fruits*, new and old, *which* I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The love of the church to Christ.* 6 *The vehemency of love.* 8 *The calling of the Gentiles.* 14 *The church prayeth for Christs coming.*

O That thou *were* as my brother, that sucked the breasts of my mother! *when* I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, † I should not be despised.

2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee into my mothers house, *who* would instruct me: I would cause thee to drink of [a] spiced wine of the juice of my pomegranate.

3 [b] His left hand *should be* under my head, and his right hand should embrace me.

4 [c] I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, † that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, untill he please.

5 [d] Who

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[a] Chap. 2. 16. & 7. 10.

‖ Or, puffed me up. [c] Chap. 4. 1, 2.

[d] Chap. 4. 3.

[e] Chap. 7. 12. † Heb. *I knew not.* ‖ Or, *set me on the chariots of my willing people.* ‖ Or, *Mahanaim.*

† Heb. *gazelles.* [a] Chap. 8. 5.

[b] Chap. 5. 4.

‖ Or, *treasure.* † Heb. *bound.*

† Heb. *going.* ‖ Or, *the aged.* [a] Chap. 2. 16, & 6. 3. [b] Psal. 45. 11.

† Heb. *open.*

[c] Gen. 30. 14.

† Heb. *gives a smell.* [a] Psal. 45. 8. [b] Cant. 2. 6. 5. 5. † Heb. *softly.* [c] Chap. 2. 7. 3. 5.

5 [d]Who *is* this that cometh up from the wilderneſs, leaning upon her beloved? I raiſed thee up under the apple-tree: there thy mother brought thee forth, there ſhe brought thee forth *that* bare thee.

6 ¶Set me as a ſeal upon thine heart, as a ſeal upon thine arm. For love *is* ſtrong as death; jealouſie *is* † cruel as the grave: the coals thereof *are* coals of fire, *which hath* a moſt vehement flame.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. [e]If a man would give all the ſubſtance of his houſe for love, it would utterly be contemned.

8 ¶We have a little ſiſter, and ſhe hath no breaſts: what ſhall we do for our ſiſter in the day when ſhe ſhall be ſpoken for?

9 If ſhe *be* a wall, we will build upon her a palace of ſilver: and if ſhe *be* a door, we will enclooſe her with boards of cedar.

10 I *am* a wall, and my breaſts like towres: then was I in his eyes as one that found † favour.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon: he let out the vineyard unto keepers; every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thouſand *pieces* of ſilver.

12 My vineyard, which *is* mine, *is* before me: thou, O Solomon, *muſt have* a thouſand, and thoſe that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwelleſt in the gardens, the companions hearken to thy voice: [f]cauſe me to hear *it*.

14 ¶ [g] †Make haſte, my beloved, and [h] be thou like to a roe, or to a young hart upon the mountains of ſpices.

† Heb. peace.

[f] Chap. 2. 14.
[g] See Rev. 22. 17, 20.
† Heb. *Flee away*
[h] Chap. 2. 17.

The book of the Prophet ISAIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Iſaiah complaineth of Judah for their rebellion. 5 He lamenteth their judgements; 10 upbraideth their whole ſervice; 16 exhorteth to repentance, with promiſes and threatnings. 21 Bewailing their wickedneſs, he denounceth Gods judgements. 25 He promiſeth grace, 28 but threatneth deſtruction to the wicked.

THE viſion of Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz, which he ſaw concerning Judah and Jeruſalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz *and* Hezekiah kings of Judah.

2 [a]Hear, O heavens; and give ear, O earth: for the LORD hath ſpoken: I have nouriſhed and brought up children, and they have rebelled againſt me.

3 [b]The ox knoweth his owner, and the aſs his maſters crib: *but* Iſrael doth not know, my people doth not conſider.

4 Ah ſinfull nation, a people † laden with iniquity, a ſeed of evil doers, children that are corrupters: they have forſaken the LORD, they have provoked the holy One of Iſrael unto anger, they are † gone away backward.

5 ¶ Why ſhould ye be ſtricken any more? ye will † revolt more and more: the whole head is ſick, and the whole heart faint.

6 From the ſole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no ſoundneſs in it; *but* wounds, and bruiſes, and putrifying ſores: they have not been cloſed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ‖ ointment.

7 [c] Your countrey *is* deſolate, your cities *are* burnt with fire: your land, ſtrangers devour it in your preſence, and *it is* deſolate † as overthrown by ſtrangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a beſieged city.

9 [d]Except the LORD of hoſts had left unto us a very ſmall remnant, we ſhould have been as [e] Sodom, *and* we ſhould have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

11 [f]To what purpoſe *is* the multitude of your ſacrifices unto me? ſaith the LORD: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beaſts; and I delight not in the bloud of bullocks, or of lambs, or of † he-goats.

† Heb. *increaſe revolt.*

‖ Or, *oyl.*
[c] Deut. 28. 51, 52 Cha. 5. 5.
† Heb. *as the overthrow of ſtrangers.*
[d] Lam. 3. 22. Rom. 9. 29.
[e] Gen. 19. 24.
[f] Pſal. 50. 8, 9. & 51. 16. Prov. 15. 8. & 21. 27. Chap. 66. 3. Jer. 6. 20 Amos 5. 21, 22. Mic. 6. 7.
† Heb. *great he goats.*

12 When

12 When ye come to † appear before me, who hath required this at your hand to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new-moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies I cannot away with; *it is* ‖ iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new-moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.

15 And [h] when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye † make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of † bloud.

16 ¶ Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; [k] cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do well; seek judgement, ‖ relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow:

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wooll.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebell, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

21 ¶ [m] How is the faithfull city become an harlot? it was full of judgement: righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixt with water.

23 Thy princes *are* rebellious, and [n] companions of theeves: [o] every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they [p] judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, [q] I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies.

25 ¶ And I will turn my hand upon thee, and † [r] purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin.

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellers as at the beginning: afterward [s] thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, The faithfull city.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and ‖ her converts with righteousness.

28 ¶ And the [t] † destruction of the transgressours and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and ‖ the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench *them*.

CHAP. II.

1 *Isaiah propheseth the coming of Christs kingdom.* 6 *Wickedness is the cause of Gods forsaking.* 10 *He exhorteth to fear, because of the powerfull effects of Gods majesty.*

THE word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And [a] it shall come to pass in the last days, *that* the mountain of the LORDS house shall be ‖ established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, [b] Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and [c] they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into ‖ pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

6 ¶ Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people

[s] Exod. 23. 17. † Heb. be seen.
‖ Or, grief.
[h] Prov. 1. 28. Jer. 14. 12. Mic. 3. 4. † Heb. multiply prayer. [k] Chap. 59. 3. † Heb. bloods.
[l] Psal. 34. 14. & 37. 27. Am. 5. 15. Ro. 12. 9. [m] Pet. 3. 11.
‖ Or, righteousness.
[n] Psal. 50. 17. Rev. 7. 14.
[m] Jer. 2. 21.
[o] Prov. 29. 24. [p] Ezek. 22. 12. Hos. 4. 8. Mic. 3. 11. [q] Jer. 5. 28. Zech. 7. 10. [r] Deut. 28. 63. Ezek. 5. 13. † Heb. according to pureness. [s] Jer. 6. 29. & 9. 7. Mal. 3. 3.
[t] Zech. 13. 3.
Or, they that return of her.
Job 31. 3. Psal. 1. 6. & 5. 6. & 73. 27. & 92. 9. & 104. 35. † Heb. breaking.
Or, his work.
Mic. 4. 1. &c.
Or, prepared.
Jer. 1. 6. & 10. 5. Zech. 8. 21.
Psal. 46. 9. Hos. 2. 18. Zec. 9. 10. Or fishes.

people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished || from the east, and [d] *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, and they ||please themselves in the children of strangers.

7 [c] Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither *is there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither *is th re any* end of their chariots:

8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

10 ¶ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The [f] lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts *shall be* upon every *one that is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one that is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13 And upon all [g] the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that a e* lifted up,

15 And upon every high towre, and upon every fenced wall,

16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all † pleasant pictures.

17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols || he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the [h] holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the †earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20 [i] In that day a man shall cast † his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made || *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles, and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath *is* in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

CHAP. III.

1 *The great confusion which cometh by sin.* 9 *The impudency of the people.* 12 *The oppression and covetousness of the rulers.* 16 *The judgements which shall be for the pride of the women.*

FOr behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah [a] the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,

2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,

3 The captain of fifty, and † the honourable man, and the counseller, and the cunning artificer, and the || eloquent orator.

4 And I will give [b] children *to be* their princes; and babes shall rule over them.

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and *let* this ruine *be* under thy hand:

7 In that day shall he † swear, saying, I will not be an † healer: for in my house *is* neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings *are* against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

9 ¶ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as [c] Sodom, they hide *it* not. Wo unto their soul: for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

10 Say ye to the righteous that *it shall be* well *with him*: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

11 Wo unto the wicked; *it shall be* ill with

[a] Lev. 26. 26.

† Heb. a man eminent in countenance.

|| Or, skilfull of speech.

[b] Eccles 10. 16.

† Heb. lift up the hand Gen. 14. 22.

† Heb. binder up

[c] Gen. 13. 13. & 18. 21. & 19. 5.

with him: for the reward of his hands shall be † given him.

12 ¶ As for my people, [d] children are their oppressours, and women rule over them. O my people, [e] they which || lead thee, cause thee to err, and † destroy the way of thy paths.

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgement with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have || eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

16 ¶ Moreover, the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, & walk with stretched forth necks, and † wanton eyes, walking, and || mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will † discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their || cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

19 The || chains, and the bracelets, and the || mufflers,

20 The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the head-bands, and the † tablets, and the ear rings,

21 The rings, and nose-jewels,

22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping-pins,

23 The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.

24 And it shall come to pass, that in stead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and in stead of a girdle, a rent; and in stead of well set hair, baldness; and in stead of a stomacher, a girding of sackcloth; and burning, in stead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy † mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament & mourn; and she being || † desolate, shall sit upon the ground.

CHAP. IV.

In the extremity of evils Christs kingdom shall be a sanctuary.

AND in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: onely † let us be called by thy name, || to take away [a] our reproach.

2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be † beautifull and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely † for them ỳ are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written || among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the bloud of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of judgement and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling-place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a [b] cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for || upon all the glory *shall be* † a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day-time from the heat, and for a place of refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain.

CHAP. V.

1 *Under the parable of a vineyard God excuseth his severe judgement.* 8 *His judgements upon covetousness,* 11 *upon lasciviousness,* 13 *upon impiety.* 20 *and upon injustice.* 26 *The executioners of Gods judgements.*

NOW will I sing to my welbeloved a song of my beloved touching [a] his vineyard. My welbeloved hath a vineyard in † a very fruitfull hill.

2 And he || fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, & built a towre in the midst of it, and also † made a wine-press therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and

† Heb. done to him.
[c] Ver. 4.
[d] Chap. 9. 16.
|| Or, call thee happy.
† Heb. hasteneth up.
|| Or, burnt.
† Heb. deceiving with their eyes.
|| Or, stepping finely.
† Heb. make naked.
|| Or, net works.
|| Or, sweet balls.
|| Or, spangled ornaments.
† Heb. houses of the soul.
† Heb. might.
|| Or, impaired.
† Heb. cleansed.
† Heb. Let thy name be called upon us.
|| Or, take away.
[a] Luke 1. 25.
† Heb. because of.
|| Or, to life.
[b] Exod. 13. 21.
|| Or, above.
† Heb. a covering.
[a] Psal. 80. 8. Cant. 8. 11. Jer. 2. 21. Matt. 21. 33. Mar. 12. 1.
† Heb. the horn of the son of oyl.
|| Or, made a wall about it.
† Heb. bloods.

and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: [a] I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up: *and* break down the wall thereof, and it shall be † troden down.

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah † his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgement, but behold † oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

8 ¶ Wo unto them that joyn [c] house to house, *that* lay field to field, till *there be* no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth.

9 ‖ In mine ears *said* the LORD of hosts, † Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, *even* great and fair, without inhabitant.

10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yeeld one [d] bath, and the seed of an homer shall yeeld an ephah.

11 ¶ [e] Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink, that continue until night, *till* wine ‖ inflame them.

12 And [f] the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe, and wine are in their feasts: but [g] they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 ¶ [h] Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and † their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged her self, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoyceth shall descend into it.

15 And [i] the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.

16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgement, and ‖ † God *that is* holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart-rope:

19 [k] That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it*; and let the counsel of the holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it*.

20 ¶ Wo unto them that † call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

21 Wo unto *them that are* [l] wise in their own eyes, and prudent † in their own sight.

22 Wo unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23 Which [m] justifie the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him.

24 Therefore as the † fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, *so* their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcases *were* ‖ torn in the midst of the streets. [n] For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

26 ¶ And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will [o] hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly.

27 None shall be weary nor stumble amongst them; none shall slumber nor sleep: neither

[a] Chap. 2. 9, 11, 17.

‖ Or, the holy God. † Heb. the God the Holy.

[k] Jer. 17. 15. Am. 5. 18 2 Pet. 3. 3, 4.

† Heb. *Say concerning evil*, It is *good*, &c.

[l] Pr. 3. 7. Rom. 12. 16. † Heb. *before their face.*

[m] Prov. 17. 15. & 24. 24.

† Heb. *tongue of fire.*

‖ Or, as dung. [n] Chap. 9. 12, 17, 21. & 10. 4.

[o] Chap. 7. 18.

neither ſhall the girdle of their loyns be looſed, nor the latchet of their ſhoes be broken.

28 Whoſe arrows *are* ſharp, and all their bowes bent: their horſes hoofs ſhall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring *ſhall be* like a lion, they ſhall roar like young lions: yea, they ſhall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and ſhall carry *it* away ſafe, and none ſhall deliver *it*.

30 And in that day they ſhall roar againſt them like the roaring of the ſea: and if *one* look unto the land, behold, darkneſs *and* ‖ ſorrow, ‖ and the light is darkned in the heavens thereof.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Iſaiah in a viſion of the Lord in his glory, 5 being terrified, is confirmed for his meſſage. 9 He ſheweth the obſtinacy of the people, unto their deſolation. 13 A remnant ſhall be ſaved.*

IN the year that [a] king Uzziah died, I [b] ſaw alſo the Lord ſitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and ‖ his train filled the temple.

2 Above it ſtood the ſeraphims: each one had ſix wings; with twain he covered his face, and [c] with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And † one cried unto another, and ſaid, [d] Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hoſts: † the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

4 And the poſts of the † door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the houſe was filled with ſmoke.

5 ¶ Then ſaid I, Wo *is* me: for I am † undone; becauſe I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midſt of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have ſeen the King, the LORD of hoſts.

6 Then flew one of the ſeraphims unto me, † having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

7 And he † [e] laid *it* upon my mouth, and ſaid, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy ſin purged.

8 Alſo I heard the voice of the Lord, ſaying, Whom ſhall I ſend, and who will go for [f] us? Then ſaid I, † Here *am* I; ſend me.

9 ¶ And he ſaid, Go and tell this people, [g] Hear ye ‖ † indeed, but underſtand not; and ſee ye † indeed, but perceive not.

10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and ſhut their eyes; [h] leſt they ſee with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and underſtand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then ſaid I, Lord, how long? And he anſwered, Untill the cities be waſted without inhabitant, and the houſes without man, and the land be † utterly deſolate,

12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forſaking in the midſt of the land.

13 ¶ But yet in it *ſhall be* a tenth, ‖ and *it* ſhall return, and ſhall be eaten; as a teil tree, and as an oak whoſe ‖ ſubſtance *is* in them, when they caſt *their leaves*: ſo the holy ſeed *ſhall be* the ſubſtance thereof.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Ahaz being troubled with fear of Rezin and Pekah, is comforted by Iſaiah. 10 Having liberty to chooſe a ſign, and refuſing it, he hath for a ſign Chriſt promiſed. 17 His judgement is propheſied to come by Aſſyria.*

AND it came to paſs in the days of [a] Ahaz the ſon of Jotham, the ſon of Uzziah king of Judah, *that* Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah the ſon of Remaliah king of Iſrael, went up towards Jeruſalem to war againſt it, but could not prevail againſt it.

2 And it was told the houſe of David, ſaying, Syria † is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

3 Then ſaid the LORD unto Iſaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ‖ Shear-jaſhub thy ſon, at the end of the [b] conduit of

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* Chap. 8. 22. ‖ Or, diſtreſs ‖ Or, when it is light, it ſhall be dark in the deſtruction thereof.

[a] 2 Kin. 15. 7. [b] Joh. 12. 41. ‖ Or, the ſkirts thereof.

[c] Ezek. 1. 11.

† Heb. this cried to this [d] Rev. 4. 8. † Heb. his glory is the fulneſs of the whole earth. † Heb. thre-ſholds. † Heb. out off.

† Heb. and in his hand a live coal. † Heb. cauſed it to touch. [e] See Jer. 1. 9. Dan. 10. 16.

[f] Gen. 1. 26. † Heb. Behold me. [g] Mat. 13. 14. Mar. 4. 12. Luke 8. 10. Joh. 12. 40. Acts 28. 26. Rom. 11. 8. ‖ Or, unbelief ceaſing, &c. † Heb. not hear. † Heb. in ſeeing. [h] Jer. 5. 21. † Heb. deſolate with deſolation.

‖ Or, when it is returned and hath been ſtretched. ‖ Or, ſtanding ſtem.

[a] 2 Kin. 16. 5. 2 Chr. 28. 5.

† Heb. reſteth on Ephraim. ‖ That is, The remnant ſhall return. See chap. 6. 13. 10. 21. [b] 2 Kin. 18. 17. Chap. 36. 2

of the upper pool in the || high-way of the fullers field:

4 And ſay unto him, Take heed, and be quiet: fear not, † neither be faint-hearted for the two tails of theſe ſmoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the ſon of Remaliah:

5 Becauſe Syria, Ephraim, and the ſon of Remaliah have taken evil counſel againſt thee, ſaying,

6 Let us go up againſt Judah, and || vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and ſet a king in the midſt of it, *even* the ſon of Tabeal.

7 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD, It ſhall not ſtand, neither ſhall it come to paſs.

8 For the head of Syria *is* Damaſcus, and the head of Damaſcus *is* Rezin: and within threeſcore and five years ſhall Ephraim be broken, † that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim *is* Samaria, and the head of Samaria *is* Remaliahs ſon. If ye will not beleeve, ſurely ye ſhall not be eſtabliſhed.

10 ¶ † Moreover, the LORD ſpake again unto Ahaz, ſaying,

11 Ask thee a ſign of the LORD thy God, || ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12 But Ahaz ſaid, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.

13 And he ſaid, Hear ye now, O houſe of David; *Is it* a ſmall thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God alſo?

14 Therefore the Lord himſelf ſhall give you a ſign; [d] Behold, a virgin ſhall conceive, and bear [e] a ſon, and || ſhall call his name Immanuel.

15 Butter and honey ſhall he eat, that he may know to refuſe the evil, and chooſe the good.

16 [f] For before the child ſhall know to refuſe the evil, and chooſe the good, the land that thou abhorreſt ſhall be forſaken of [g] both her kings.

17 ¶ The LORD ſhall bring upon thee and upon thy people, and upon thy fathers houſe, days that have not come, from the day that [h] Ephraim departed from Judah; *even* the king of Aſſyria.

18 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* the LORD [i] ſhall hiſs for the fly that *is* in the uttermoſt part of ỹ rivers of Egypt, & for the bee that *is* in the land of Aſſyria.

19 And they ſhall come, and ſhall reſt all of them in the deſolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all || buſhes.

20 In the ſame day ſhall the Lord ſhave with a [k] raſour *that is* hired, *namely* by them beyond the river, by the king of Aſſyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it ſhall alſo conſume the beard.

21 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* a man ſhall nouriſh a young cow and two ſheep;

22 And it ſhall come to paſs for the abundance of milk *that* they ſhall give, that he ſhall eat butter: for butter and honey ſhall every one eat *that is* left † in the land.

23 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* every place ſhall be, where there were a thouſand vines at a thouſand ſilverlings, it ſhall *even* be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows ſhall *men* come thither; becauſe all the land ſhall become briers and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that ſhall be digged with the mattock, there ſhall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it ſhall be for the ſending forth of oxen, and for the treading of leſſer cattel.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Maher-ſhalal-haſh baz he propheſieth that Syria and Iſrael ſhall be ſubdued by Aſſyria; 5 Judah likewiſe, for their infidelity. 9 Gods judgements ſhall be unreſiſtable. 11 Comfort ſhall be to them that fear God; 19 great afflictions to idolaters.

MOreover, the LORD ſaid unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a mans pen, concerning † Maher-ſhalal-haſh-baz.

2 And I took unto me faithfull witneſſes to record, [a] Uriah the prieſt, and Zechariah the ſon of Jeberechiah.

3 And I † went unto the propheteſs; and ſhe conceived, and bare a ſon. Then ſaid the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-ſhalal-haſh-baz.

4 [b] For before the child ſhall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother,

[i] Chap. 5. 26.

|| Or, commendable trees. 2 Kin. 16. 7, 8.

† Heb. in the midſt of the land.

† Heb. In making ſpeed to the ſpoil he haſteneth the prey. Or, Make ſpeed, &c.

[a] 2 Kin. 16. 10.

† Heb. approached, unto.

[b] See Chap. 7. 16.

mother, ‖ [c] the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5 ¶ The LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forsomuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoyce in Rezin, and Remaliahs son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his chanels, and go over all his banks.

8 And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck: and † the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O [d] Immanuel.

9 ¶ Associate your selves, O ye people, ‖ and ye shall be broken in pieces: and give ear, all ye of far countreys; gird your selves, & ye shall be broken in pieces; gird your selves, & ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

11 ¶ For the LORD spake thus to me † with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them* to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

13 Sanctifie the LORD of hosts himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread.

14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for [e] a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 And many among them shall [f] stumble and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

17 And I will wait upon the LORD that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

18 § Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me [h] *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel, from the LORD of hosts which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 ¶ And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards, [i] that peep and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

20 [k] To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no † light in them.

21 And they shall pass through it hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

22 And [l] they shall look unto the earth; and behold, trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

CHAP. IX.

1 *What joy shall be in the midst of afflictions by the kingdom and birth of Christ.* 8 *The judgements upon Israel for their pride,* 13 *hypocrisie,* 18 *and impenitency.*

NEvertheless, the dimness *shall* not *be* such as *was* in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict *her* by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee ‖ of the nations.

2 [a] The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, *and* ‖ not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoyce when they divide the spoil.

4 ‖ For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressour, as in the day of [b] Midian.

5 ‖ For every battel of the warriour *is* with confused noise, and garments rolled in bloud; ‖ but *this* shall be with burning *and* † fewel of fire.

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a [c] son is given: & the government shall be upon

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1 Or, be that is before the king of Assyria shall take away the riches, &c. [c] 2 Kin. 15. 29. & 16. 9.

† Heb. the fulness of the breadth of thy land shall be the stretchings out of his wings. [d] Chap. 7. 14.

‖ Or, yet.

† Heb. in strength of hand.

[e] Chap. 28. 16. Luke 2. 34. Rom. 9. 33. 1 Pet. 2. 8.

[f] Matth. 21. 44. Luke 20. 18.

[h] Heb. 2. 13. [i] Chap. 29. 4.

[k] Isa. 8. 20. † Heb. morning.

[l] Chap. 5. 30.

‖ Or, perplexity. [a] Matth. 4. 16. Eph. 5. 14.

‖ Or, gat him.

‖ Or, given him.

† Heb. breaking. ‖ Or, as Psal. 83. 11. Isa. 10. 26.

‖ Or, every battel of the warriour, &c. ‖ Or, and is war. &c. † Heb. mingled.

[b] Judg. 7. 22.

[c] John 3. 16.

upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called, Wonderfull, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace.

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace [d] *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgement and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The [e] zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8 ¶ The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars.

11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and †joyn his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind: and they shall devour Israel †with open mouth. [f] For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

13 ¶ For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.

14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush in one day.

15 The ancient and honourable, he *is* the head: and the prophet that teacheth lies, he *is* the tail.

16 For [g] ‖ the leaders of this people cause *them* to err; and ‖ *they that are* led of them *are* †destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evil doer, and every mouth speaketh ‖ folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

18 ¶ For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is [h] the land darkned, and the people shall be as the † fewel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20 And he shall † snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: [i] they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and* they together *shall be* against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

CHAP. X.

1 *The wo of tyrants.* 5 *Assyria, the rod of hypocrites, for his pride shall be broken.* 20 *A remnant of Israel shall be saved.* 24 *Israel is comforted with promise of deliverance from Assyria.*

WO unto them that [a] decree unrighteous decrees, and ‖ that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;

2 To turn aside the needy from judgement, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless.

3 And [b] what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation *which* shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. [c] For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

5 ¶ ‖ O † Assyrian, [d] the rod of mine anger, ‖ and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to † tread them down like the mire of the streets.

7 [e] Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy, and cut off nations not a few.

8 [f] For he saith, *Are* not my princes altogether kings?

[g] Chap. 9. 22.
† Heb. *meat.*
† Heb. *cut.*
[i] Chap. 49. 26.
[a] Ps. 58. 2. & 94. 20.
‖ Or, *to the writers that write grievousness.*
[b] Job 31. 14.
[c] Chap. 5. 25. & 9. 12.
‖ Or, *Wo to the Assyrian.*
† Heb. *Assur.*
[d] Jer. 51. 20.
‖ Or, *though.*
† Heb. *lay them to tread.*
[e] Mic. 4. 12.
[f] 2 Kin. 18. 24, 33. & 19. 10, &c.

9 *Is* not Calno as Carchemish? *is* not Hamath as Arpad? *is* not Samaria as Damascus?

10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excell them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;

11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, *that* when the Lord hath performed his whole work [s] upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will † punish the fruit of the † stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.

13 For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like || a valiant *man*.

14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people, and as one gathereth eggs *that are* left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

15 Shall the ax boast it self against him that heweth therewith? *or* shall the saw magnifie it self against him that shaketh it? || as if the rod should shake *it self* against them that lift it up, *or* as if the staff should lift up || *it self, as if it were* no wood.

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18 And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitfull field, † both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.

19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be † few, that a child may write them.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD the holy One of Israel in truth.

21 [h] The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

22 [i] For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant † of them shall return: [k] the consumption decreed shall overflow || with righteousness.

23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, || and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of [l] Egypt.

25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him, according to the slaughter of [m] Midian at the rock of Oreb: and *as* his rod *was* upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* [n] his burden shall † be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

29 They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid, Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30 † Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

31 Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terrour: and the high

s 2 Kin. 19. 31. † Heb. visit upon. † Heb. greatness of the heart.

|| Or, many people.

|| Or, as if a rod should shake them that lift it up. || Or, that which is not wood.

† Heb. from the soul, and even to the flesh.

† Heb. number.

h Chap. 7. 3.

i Rom. 9. 27. † Heb. a remnant of them shall return. || Or, overflowing. k Chap. 28. 22. || Or, righteously.

l Or, after the manner of the staff of Egypt. Exod. 14.

m Judg. 7. 25. Psal. 83. 9, 11.

n Chap. 14. 25. † Heb. remove.

high ones of ſtature *ſhall be* hewn down, and the haughty ſhall be humbled.

34 And he ſhall cut down the thickets of the foreſts with iron, and Lebanon ſhall fall ‖ by a mighty one.

CHAP. XI.

1 The peaceable kingdom of the Branch out of the root of Jeſſe. 10 The victorious reſtauration of Iſrael, and vocation of the Gentiles.

AND [a] there ſhall come forth a rod out of the ſtem of [b] Jeſſe, and [c] a branch ſhall grow out of his roots.

2 And the ſpirit of the LORD ſhall reſt upon him, the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding, the ſpirit of counſel and might, the ſpirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And ſhall make him of †quick underſtanding in the fear of the LORD: and he ſhall not judge after ŷ ſight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But [d] with righteouſneſs ſhall he judge the poor, and ‖ reprove with equity, for the meek of the earth: and he ſhall [e] ſmite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips ſhall he ſlay the wicked.

5 And righteouſneſs ſhall be the girdle of his loyns, and faithfulneſs the girdle of his reins.

6 [f] The wolf alſo ſhall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard ſhall lie down with the kid; and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together, and a little child ſhall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear ſhall feed; their young ones ſhall lie down together: and the lion ſhall eat ſtraw like the ox.

8 And the ſucking child ſhall play on the hole of the aſp, and the weaned child ſhall put his hand on the ‖ cockatrice-den.

9 [g] They ſhall not hurt nor deſtroy in all my holy mountain: for [h] the earth ſhall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the ſea.

10 ¶ And in that day [i] there ſhall be a root of Jeſſe, which ſhall ſtand for an enſigne of the people; to it ſhall the Gentiles ſeek: and his reſt ſhall be † glorious.

11 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* the Lord ſhall ſet his hand again the ſecond time to recover the remnant of his people, which ſhall be left [k] from Aſſyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cuſh, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the iſlands of the ſea.

12 And he ſhall ſet up an enſigne for the nations, and ſhall aſſemble the outcaſts of Iſrael, and gather together the diſperſed of Judah from the four † corners of the earth.

13 [l] The envy alſo of Ephraim ſhall depart, and the adverſaries of Judah ſhall be cut off: Ephraim ſhall not envy Judah, and Judah ſhall not vex Ephraim.

14 But they ſhall fly upon the ſhoulders of the Philiſtines toward the weſt; they ſhall ſpoil † them of the eaſt together: † they ſhall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab, and the children of Ammon † ſhall obey them.

15 And the LORD ſhall utterly deſtroy the tongue of the Egyptian ſea; and with his mighty wind ſhall he ſhake his hand over the river, and ſhall ſmite it in the ſeven ſtreams, and make *men* go over † dry-ſhod.

16 And [m] there ſhall be an high-way for the remnant of his people which ſhall be left from Aſſyria, [n] like as it was to Iſrael in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAP. XII.

A joyfull thankſgiving of the faithfull for the mercies of God.

AND in that day thou ſhalt ſay, O LORD, I will praiſe thee: though thou waſt angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedſt me.

2 Behold, God [a] is my ſalvation; I will truſt, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH [a] is my [a] ſtrength and *my* ſong; he alſo is become my ſalvation.

3 Therefore with joy ſhall ye draw [b] water out of the wells of ſalvation.

4 And in that day ſhall ye ſay, [c] Praiſe the LORD, ‖ call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

† Heb. wings.

† Heb. the children of the eaſt.

† Heb. Edom and Moab ſhall be the laying on of their hand.

† Heb. their obedience.

‖ Heb. in ſhoes.

5 Sing

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this *is* known in all the earth.

6 [d] Cry out and shout, thou † inhabitant of Zion: for great *is* the holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *God musereth the armies of his wrath.* 6 *He threatneth to destroy Babylon by the Medes.* 19 *The desolation of Babylon.*

THE [a] burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 [b] Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, *even* them that rejoyce in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, † like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battel.

5 They come from a far countrey, from the end of heaven, *even* the LORD and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 ¶ Howl ye: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; [c] it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands ‖ be faint, and every mans heart shall melt.

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall † be amazed † one at another; their faces *shall be as* † flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven & the constellations thereof shall not give their light: ŷ sun shall be [d] darkned in his going forth, & the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and ŷ wicked for their iniquity; & I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious then fine gold; even a man, then the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one *that is* found shall be thrust through; and every one *that is* joyned *unto them* shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be [e] dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

17 Behold, [f] I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 *Their* bowes also shall dash the young men to pieces: and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 ¶ And Babylon the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees excellency, shall be † as when God overthrew [g] Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there, neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21 [h] But † wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of † dolefull creatures, and ‖ † owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22 And † the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their ‖ desolate houses, and dragons in *their* pleasant palaces. And her time *is* near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *Gods mercifull restauration of Israel.* 3 *Their triumphant insultation over Babel.* 24 *Gods purpose against Assyria.* 28 *Palestina is threatned.*

FOr the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them

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[a] Chap. 14. 1. Zeph. 3. 14.
† Heb. *inhabitress.*

[b] Chap. 18. 3.

† Heb. *the liberers of.*

[c] Joel 1. 15.
‖ Or, *fall down.*

† Heb. *wonder.*
† Heb. *every man at his neighbour.*
† Heb. *faces of the flames.*

[d] Ezek. 32. 7. Joel 2. 31. & 3. 15. Matth. 24. 29. Mark 13. 24. Luke 21. 25.

them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joyned with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and hand-maids: and they shall take them captives † whose captives they were, and they shall rule over their oppressours.

3 ¶ And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4 That thou [b] shalt take up this ‖ proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressour ceased? the ‖ golden city ceased?

5 The LORD hath broken [c] the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.

6 He who smote the people in wrath with † a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindreth.

7 The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8 Yea, the fir-trees rejoyce at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

9 ‖ Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet *thee* at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the † ‖ chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, ‖ O lucifer, son of the morning? *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations?

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, [d] in the sides of the north.

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*, *Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?

17 *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof, *that* ‖ opened not the house of his prisoners?

18 All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch; *and as* the raiment of *th se that are* slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase troden under feet.

20 Thou shalt not be joyned with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people: [e] the seed of evil doers shall never be renowned.

21 Prepare slaughter for his children [f] for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22 For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son and nephew, saith the LORD.

23 § I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 ¶ The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand:

25 That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall [h] his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26 This *is* the purpose *that is* purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand *that is* stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath [i] purposed,

[a] Pfal. 18. 2.

‖ Or, *did not let his prisoners loose homeward.*

[e] Job 18. 19. Pfal. 21. 10. & 37. 28. & 109. 13.

[f] Exod. 20. 5. Matth. 23. 35.

[g] Chap. 34. 11. Zeph. 2. 14.

[h] Chap. 10. 27.

[i] 2 Chr. 20. 6. Job 9. 12. & 23. 13. Pf. 33. 11. Pr. 19. 21. & 21. 30. chap. 43. 13. Dan. 4. 31, 35.

ſed, and who ſhall diſanull *it?* and his hand *is* ſtretched out, and who ſhall turn it back?

28 ¶ In the year that [k] king Ahaz died, was this burden.

29 Rejoyce not thou, whole Paleſtina, becauſe the rod of him that ſmote thee is broken: for out of the ſerpents root ſhall come forth a ‖ cockatrice, and his fruit *ſhall be* a fiery flying ſerpent.

30 And the firſt-born of the poor ſhall feed, and the needy ſhall lie down in ſafety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he ſhall ſlay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Paleſtina, *art* diſſolved: for there ſhall come from the north a ſmoke, and ‖ none *ſhall be* alone in his ‖ appointed times.

32 What ſhall *one* then anſwer the meſſengers of the nation? That [l] the LORD hath founded Zion, and [m] the poor of his people ſhall ‖ truſt in it.

CHAP. XV.

The lamentable ſtate of Moab.

1 [a] THE burden of Moab. Becauſe in the night Ar of Moab is laid waſte, *and* ‖ brought to ſilence; becauſe in ŷ night Kir of Moab is laid waſte, & brought to ſilence;

2 [b] He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab ſhall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: [c] on all their heads *ſhall be* baldneſs, *and* every beard cut off.

3 In their ſtreets they ſhall gird themſelves with ſackcloth: on the tops of their houſes and in their ſtreets every one ſhall howl, † weeping abundantly.

4 And Heſhbon ſhall cry, and Elealeh: their voice ſhall be heard *even* unto Jahaz: therefore ŷ armed ſouldiers of Moab ſhall cry out; his life ſhall be grievous unto him.

5 My heart ſhall cry out for Moab; ‖ his [d] fugitives *ſhall flee* unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping ſhall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they ſhall raiſe up a cry of † deſtruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim ſhall be † deſolate: for the hay is withered away, the graſs faileth, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, ſhall they carry away to the ‖ brook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon ſhall be full of blood: for I will bring † more upon Dimon, lions upon him that eſcapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *Moab is exhorted to yeeld obedience to Chriſts kingdom.* 6 *Moab is threatned for her pride.* 9 *The prophet bewaileth her.* 12 *The judgement of Moab.*

1 SEnd ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from ‖ † Sela to the wilderneſs, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it ſhall be *that* as a wandring bird ‖ caſt out of the neſt; *ſo* the daughters of Moab ſhall be at the fords of Arnon.

3 † Take counſel, execute judgement; make thy ſhadow as the night in the midſt of the noon day; hide the outcaſts, bewray not him that wandreth.

4 Let mine outcaſts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the ſpoiler: for the † extortioner is at an end, the ſpoiler ceaſeth, † the oppreſſours are conſumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy [a] ſhall the throne be ‖ eſtabliſhed: and he ſhall ſit upon it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and ſeeking judgement, and haſting righteouſneſs.

6 ¶ [b] We have heard of the pride of Moab; he *is* very proud: *even* of his haughtineſs, and his pride, and his wrath: *but* his lies *ſhall* not *be* ſo.

7 Therefore ſhall Moab [c] howl for Moab, every one ſhall howl: for the foundations of Kir-hareſeth ſhall ye ‖ mourn, ſurely *they are* ſtricken.

8 For the fields of Heſhbon languiſh, *and* the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandred *through* the wilderneſs: her branches are ‖ ſtretched out, they are gone over the ſea.

9 ¶ There-

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[k] 2 Kin. 16. 20.

‖ Or, adder.

‖ Or, he ſhall not be alone.

‖ Or, aſſemblies. [l] Pſa. 87. 1, 5. & 102. 16. [m] Zeph. 3. 12. Zech. 11. 11.

‖ Or, eſtabliſh themſelves anew.

[a] Jer. 48. Ezek. 25. 8. Am. 2. 1.

‖ Or, cut off.

[b] Chap. 16. 12.

[c] Jer. 47. 5. & 48. 37, 38. Ezek. 7. 18.

† Heb. deſcending into weeping: or, coming down with weeping.

‖ Or, to the borders thereof. even as an heifer. [d] Jer. 48. 5, 34.

† Heb. treading.

† Heb. deſolations.

‖ Or, valley of the willows.

† Heb. additions.

‖ Or, Petra. † Heb. a rock.

‖ Or, a neſt forſaken. † Heb. Bring.

† Heb. ſtranger. † Heb. the treaders down. [a] Dan. 7. 14. Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33.

‖ Or, prepared. [b] Jer. 48. 29. Zeph. 2. 10.

[c] Jer. 48. 20.

‖ Or, mourn.

‖ Or, ſtricken.

[a] Chap. 24. 13.

9 ¶ Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for ‖ the shouting for thy summer fruits, and for thy harvest, is fallen.

10 And [d] gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentifull field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses; I have made *their vintage* shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-haresh.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on [e] the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray, but he shall not prevail.

13 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, [f] as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant *shall be* very small *and* ‖ feeble.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Syria and Israel are threatned.* 6 *A remnant shall forsake idolatry.* 9 *The rest shall be plagued for their impiety.* 12 *The wo of Israels enemies.*

[a] THE burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2 The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken: they shall be for flocks which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass *that* the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

6 ¶ [b] Yet gleaning-grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two *or* three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four *or* five in the outmost fruitfull branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

7 At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the holy One of Israel.

8 And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the ‖ images.

9 ¶ In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left, because of the children of Israel: & there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindfull of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips:

11 In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: *but* the harvest *shall be* ‖ a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 ¶ Wo to the ‖ multitude of many people, *which* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, *that* make a rushing like the rushing of ‖ mighty waters.

13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and [c] shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like ‖ a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14 And behold, at evening tide trouble; *and* before the morning he *is* not. This *is* the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 *God in care of his people will destroy the Ethiopians.* 7 *An access thereby shall grow unto the church.*

[a] WO to the land shadowing with wings, which *is* beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:

2 That sendeth ambassadours by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation

‖ Or, sun-images.

‖ Or, removed in the day of inheritance, & there shall be deadly sorrow.

‖ Or, noise.

‖ Or, many.

‖ Or, thistle-down.

nation || scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto, † a nation meted out and troden down, || whose land the rivers have spoiled.

3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

4 For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will || consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat || upon herbs, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

5 For afore the harvest when the bud is perfect, and the sowre grape is ripening in the flower; he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches.

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 ¶ In that time [b] shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people || scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto, a nation meted out and troden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

PSAL. XIX.

1 *The confusion of Egypt.* 11 *The foolishness of their princes.* 18 *The calling of Egypt to the church.* 23 *The covenant of Egypt, Assyria and Israel.*

[a] THE burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, & the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2 And I will † set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, *and* kingdom against kingdom.

3 And the spirit of Egypt shall † fail in the midst thereof; and I will † destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, & to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

4 And the Egyptians will I || give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6 And they shall turn the rivers far away; *and* the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks shall wither, be driven away, and † be no *more*.

8 The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9 Moreover, they that work in fine flax and they that weave || net-works shall be confounded.

10 And they shall be broken in the † purposes thereof, all that make sluices *and* ponds † for fish.

11 ¶ Surely the princes of Zoan *are* fools, the counsel of the wise counsellers of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I *am* the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12 Where *are* they? where *are* thy wise *men*? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, *even* † they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

14 The LORD hath mingled † a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken *man* staggereth in his vomit.

15 Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt which [b] the head or tail, branch or rush may do.

16 In that day shall Egypt [c] be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear, because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts which he shaketh over it.

17 And the land of Judah shall be a terrour unto Egypt: every one that maketh mention

|| Or, *scattered & spoiled.*
|| Or, *a nation that meteth out, and treadeth down.*
† Heb. *a nation of line, line, and treading under foot.*
|| Or, *whose land the rivers despise.*
|| Or, *regard my set dwelling*
|| Or, *after rain.*
[b] Zeph. 3. 10.
|| Or, *out spread and polished.*
[a] Jer. 46. 13. Ezek. 29, & 30.
† Heb. *mingle.*
† Heb. *be emptied.*
† Heb. *swallow up.*
|| Or, *stay up.*
† Heb. *shall not be.*
|| Or, *wrought works.*
† Heb. *foundations.*
† Heb. *of living things.*
† Or, *governours.*
† Heb. *corners.*
† Heb. *a spirit of perverseness.*
[b] Chap. 9. 14.
[c] Jer. 51. 30. Nah. 3. 13.

mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts which he hath determined against it.

18 ¶ In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the † language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts: one shall be called, The city || of destruction.

19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

20 And [d] it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressours, and he shall send them a saviour and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and [e] shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform *it*.

22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt; he shall smite, and heal *it*: and they shall return *even* to the LORD, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

23 ¶ In that day [f] shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria; and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, *even* a blessing in the midst of the land:

25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed *be* Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

CHAP. XX.

A type prefiguring the shamefull captivity of Egypt and Ethiopia.

IN the year that [a] Tartan came unto Ashdod when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

2 At the same time spake the LORD † by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off thy loyns, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, [b] walking naked and bare-foot.

3 And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and bare-foot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away † the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and bare-foot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the † shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this || isle shall say in that day, Behold, such *is* our expectation whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

CHAP. XXI.

1 *The prophet bewailing the captivity of his people, seeth in a vision the fall of Babylon by the Medes and Persians.* 11 *Edom, scorning the prophet, is moved to repentance.* 13 *The set time of Arabia's calamity.*

THE burden of the desert of the sea. As [a] whirlwinds in the south pass through; *so* it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A † grievous vision is declared unto me. [b] The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. [c] Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media: all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loyns filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing *of it*; I was dismayed at the seeing *of it*.

4 || My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he † turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watch-tower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he hearkned diligently with much heed.

8 And || he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand

† Heb. *the captivity of Egypt.*

† Heb. *naked.* *nesse.*

|| Or, *country.*

[a] Zech. 9. 14.

† Heb. *hard.*

[b] Chap. 33. 1.

[c] Chap. 13. 17.

|| Or, *My mind wandred.* † Heb. *put.*

|| Or, *cried as a lion.*

stand continually upon the [d] watch-tower in the day-time, and I am set in my ward ‖ whole nights.

9 And behold, here cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, [e] Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and [f] all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10 § O my threshing, and the † corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 ¶ The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.

13 ¶ [h] The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.

14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema ‖ brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled ‖ † from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bowe, and from the grievousness of war.

16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, [i] according to ỹ years of an hireling, & all the glory of Kedar shall fail.

17 And the residue of the number of † archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken *it*.

CHAP. XXII.

1 *The prophet lamenteth the invasion of Jewry by the Persians.* 8 *He reproveth their humane wisdom, and worldly joy.* 15 *He prophesieth Shebna's deprivation,* 20 *and Eliakim, prefiguring the kingdom of Christ, his substitution.*

THE burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain *men* are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battel.

3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound † by the archers: all *that are* found in thee are bound together, *which* have fled from far.

4 Therefore said I, [a] Look away from me, † I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, of breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.

6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir † uncovered the shield.

7 And it shall come to pass *that* † thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array ‖ at the gate.

8 ¶ And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour [b] of the house of the forest.

9 [c] Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

10 And ye have numbred the houses of Jerusalem and the houses have ye broken down to fortifie the wall.

11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.

12 And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping and to mourning, and [d] to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:

13 And behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: [e] let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you, till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* over the house, *and say*,

16 What hast thou here? & whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre

[d] Hab. 2. 1.
‖ Or, every night.
[e] Jer. 51. 8. Rev. 14. 8. & 18. 2.
[f] Chap. 46. 1. Jer. 50. 2. & 51. 44.
† Heb. corn.
[h] Jer. 49. 28.
‖ Or, bring ye.
‖ Or, for fear. † Heb. from the face.
[i] Chap. 16. 14.
† Heb. bows.
† Heb. of the bows.
[a] Jer. 13. 17. Heb. I will drop tears unto you.
† Heb. made naked. † Heb. the shield of thy coverings.
‖ Or, covering.
[b] 1 Kings 7. 2. & 10. 17.
[c] 2 Chron. 32. 4, 5, 30.
[d] See Ezra 9. 3. Mic. 1. 16.
[e] Chap. 56. 12. Wisd. 2. Cor. 15. 32.

sepulchre here, ‖ as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, *and* that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17 Behold, ‖ the LORD will carry thee away with † a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee *like* a ball into a † large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lords house.

19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

20 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant [t] Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder: so he shall [u] open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23 And I will fasten him *as* [b] a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his fathers house.

24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his fathers house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups even to all the [x] vessels of flagons.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the nail *that is* fastned in ŷ sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

CHAP. XXIII.

The miserable overthrow of Tyre. 17 *Their return.*

THE burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entring in. From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

2 Be † still, ye inhabitants of the isle, thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.

3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, *is* her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.

4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, *even* the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men *nor* bring up virgins.

5 As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7 *Is* this your joyous *city*, whose antiquity *is* of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her † afar off to sojourn.

8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants *are* princes, whose traffickers *are* the honourable of the earth?

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to † stain the pride of all glory, *and* to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: *there is* no more † strength.

11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment ‖ against † the merchant-*city*, to destroy the ‖ strong holds thereof.

12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoyce, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold, the land of the Caldeans; this people was not *till* the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in ŷ wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; *and* he brought it to ruine.

14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years † shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

16 Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody

† Heb. *from afar off.*

† Heb. *pollute.*

† Heb. *girdle.*

‖ Or, *concerning a merchant man.*

† Heb. *Canaan.*

‖ Or, *strengths*

† Heb. *it shall be unto Tyre as the song of an harlot.*

melody, ſing many ſongs, that thou may-eſt be remembred.

17 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs after the end of ſeventy years that the LORD will viſit Tyre, and ſhe ſhall turn to her hire, and ſhall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18 And her merchandiſe and her hire ſhall be holineſs to the LORD: it ſhall not be treaſured nor laid up: for her merchandiſe ſhall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat ſufficiently, and for † durable clothing.

† Heb. old.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 The dolefull judgements of God upon the land. 13 A remnant ſhall joyfully praiſe him. 16 God in his judgements ſhall advance his kingdom.

BEhold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waſte, and † turneth it upſide down, and ſcattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

† Heb. perverteth the face thereof. ‖ Or, prince.

2 And it ſhall be, as with the people, ſo with the ‖ [a] prieſt; as with the ſervant, ſo with his maſter; as with the maid, ſo with her miſtreſs; as with the buyer, ſo with the ſeller; as with the lender, ſo with the borrower; as with the taker of uſury, ſo with the giver of uſury to him.

[a] Hoſ. 4. 9. [b] Lev. 25. 37. Deut. 23. 19.

3 The land ſhall be utterly emptied and utterly ſpoiled: for the LORD hath ſpoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languiſheth *and* fadeth away, the † haughty people of the earth do languiſh.

† Heb. height of the people

5 [c] The earth alſo is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: becauſe they have tranſgreſſed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlaſting covenant.

[c] Gen. 3. 17.

6 Therefore hath the curſe devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are deſolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 [d] The new wine mourneth, the vine languiſheth, all the merry-hearted do ſigh.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaſeth, the noiſe of them that rejoyce endeth, the joy of the harp ceaſeth.

[d] Chap. 16. 8, 9. Joel 1. 10, 12. [e] Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10. Ezek. 26. 13. Hoſ. 2. 11.

9 They ſhall not drink wine with a ſong, ſtrong drink ſhall be bitter to them that drink it.

10 The city of confuſion is broken down: every houſe is ſhut up, that no man may come in.

11 *There is* a crying for wine in the ſtreets; all joy is darkned, the mirth of the land is gone.

12 In the city is left deſolation, and the gate is ſmitten with deſtruction.

13 ¶ When thus it ſhall be in the midſt of the land among the people, [f] *there ſhall be* as the ſhaking of an olive-tree, *and* as the gleaning-grapes when the vintage is done.

[f] Chap. 17. 5, 6.

14 They ſhall lift up their voice, they ſhall ſing for the majeſty of the LORD, they ſhall cry aloud from the ſea.

15 Wherefore, glorifie ye the LORD in the ‖ fires, *even* the name of the LORD God of Iſrael in the iſles of the ſea.

‖ Or, valleys.

16 ¶ From the † uttermoſt part of the earth have we heard ſongs, *even* glory to the righteous. But I ſaid, † My leanneſs, my leanneſs, wo unto me: the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherouſly, yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherouſly.

† Heb. ſinging. † Heb. Leanneſs to me, or, My ſecret is mine.

17 [g] Fear, and the pit, and the ſnare *are* upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

[g] Jer. 48. 43, 44. Lam. 3. 47. Hoſ. 4. 9. Amos 5. 19.

18 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* he who fleeth from the noiſe of the fear ſhall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midſt of the pit ſhall be taken in the ſnare: for [h] the windows from on high are open, and [i] the foundations of the earth do ſhake.

[h] Gen. 7. 11. [i] Pſal. 18. 7.

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean diſſolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth ſhall [k] reel to and fro like a drunkard, and ſhall be removed like a cottage; and the tranſgreſſion thereof ſhall be heavy upon it; and it ſhall fall, and not riſe again.

[k] Chap. 19. 14.

21 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* the LORD ſhall † puniſh the hoſt of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

† Heb. viſit upon. † Heb. in the gathering of priſoners. ‖ Or, dungeon.

22 And they ſhall be gathered together † *as* priſoners are gathered in the ‖ pit, and ſhall

shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be || visited.

23 Then the [i] moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion & in Jerusalem, and || before his ancients gloriously.

CHAP. XXV.

1 *The prophet praiseth God for his judgements,* 6 *for his saving benefits,* 9 *and for his victorious salvation.*

O LORD, thou *art* my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderfull things; *thy* counsels of old *are* faithfulness *and* truth.

2 For thou hast made of a city an heap, *of* a defenced city a ruine; a palace of strangers to be no city: it shall never be built.

3 Therefore shall the strong people glorifie thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.

5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of a cloud; the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

6 ¶ And in this mountain shall [b] the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees: of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And he will † destroy in this mountain the face of the covering † cast over all people, and the veil *that is* spread over all nations.

8 He will [c] swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will [d] wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

9 ¶ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoyce in his salvation.

10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be || troden down under him, even as straw is || troden down for the dunghill.

11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth *his hands* to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12 And the [e] fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, *and* bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 *A song inciting to confidence in God,* 5 *for his judgements,* 12 *and for his favour to his people.* 20 *An exhortation to wait on God.*

IN that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; [a] salvation will *God* appoint *for* walls and bulwarks.

2 [b] Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the † truth may enter in.

3 Thou wilt keep *him* in † perfect peace, *whose* || mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* † everlasting strength.

5 ¶ For he bringeth down them that dwell on high, [c] the lofty city he layeth it low: he layeth it low, *even* to the ground; he bringeth it *even* to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, *even* the feet of the poor, *and* the steps of the needy.

7 The way of the just *is* uprightness: thou most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, [d] in the way of thy judgements, O LORD, have we waited for thee: the desire of *our* soul *is* to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9 [e] With my soul have I desired thee in *y* night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgements *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

10 [f] Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet

|| Or, oppressed.
|| Or, threshed in Madmenah.
Chap. 26. 5.
[a] Chap. 60. 18.
[b] Psal. 118. 19, 20.
|| Heb. truths.
† Heb. peace, peace.
|| Or, thought, or, imagination.
† Heb. the rock of ages, Psal. 32. 4.
[c] Chap. 25. 12. & 32. 19.
[d] Chap. 64. 5.
[e] Cant. 3. 1.
[f] Eccle. 8. 11.

yet will he not learn righteouſneſs: in the land of uprightneſs will he deal unjuſtly, and will not behold the majeſty of the LORD.

11 LORD, *when* thy hand is lifted up, [g] they will not ſee: *but* they ſhall ſee, and be aſhamed for *their* envy || at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies ſhall devour them.

12 ¶ LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou alſo haſt wrought all our works || in us.

13 O LORD our God, [h] *other* lords beſides thee have had dominion over us: *but* by thee onely will we make mention of thy name.

14 *They are* dead, they ſhall not live; *they are* deceaſed, they ſhall not riſe: therefore haſt thou viſited and deſtroyed them, and made all their memory to periſh.

15 Thou haſt increaſed the nation, O LORD, thou haſt increaſed the nation; thou art glorified: thou hadſt removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth.

16 LORD, in trouble have they viſited thee, they poured out a † prayer *when* thy chaſtning *was* upon them.

17 Like as [i] a woman with child *that* draweth near the time of her delivery is in pain, *and* crieth out in her pangs; ſo have we been in thy ſight, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth, neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 [k] Thy dead *men* ſhall live, *together with* my dead body ſhall they ariſe. Awake, and ſing, ye that dwell in duſt: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth ſhall caſt out the dead.

20 ¶ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and ſhut thy doors about thee: hide thy ſelf as it were [l] for a little moment, untill the indignation be overpaſt.

21 For behold, the LORD [m] cometh out of his place to puniſh the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth alſo ſhall diſcloſe her † bloud, and ſhall no more cover her ſlain.

[g] Job 34. 27. Pſ. 28. 5. Chap. 5. 12.
|| Or, *towards thy people.*
|| Or, *for us.*
[h] 2 Chr. 12. 8.
† Heb. *ſecret ſpeech.*
[i] John 16. 21.
[k] Ezek. 37. 1, 9, &c.
[l] Pſ. 30. 5. ch. 54. 7, 8. 2 Cor. 4. 17.
[m] Mic. 1. 3.
† Heb. *bloods.*

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The care of God over his vineyard.* 7 *His chaſtiſements differ from judgements.* 12 *The church of Jews and Gentiles.*

IN that day the LORD with his ſore and great and ſtrong ſword ſhall puniſh leviathan the || piercing ſerpent, even leviathan, that crooked ſerpent; and he ſhall ſlay [a] the dragon that *is* in the ſea.

2 In that day ſing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

3 I the LORD do keep it: I will water it every moment: leſt *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury *is* not in me: who would ſet the briers *and* thorns againſt me in battel? I would || go through them, I would burn them together.

5 Or let him take hold on my ſtrength, *that* he may make peace with me, *and* he ſhall make peace with me.

6 He ſhall cauſe them that come of Jacob to take root: Iſrael ſhall bloſſom and bud, & fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ¶ Hath he ſmitten him † as he ſmote thoſe that ſmote him? *or* is he ſlain according to the ſlaughter of *them that are* ſlain by him?

8 [b] In meaſure, || when it ſhooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: || he ſtayeth his rough wind in the day of the eaſt wind.

9 By this therefore ſhall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this *is* all the fruit, to take away his ſin; when he maketh all the ſtones of the altar as chalk-ſtones *that are* beaten in ſunder, the groves and || images ſhall not ſtand up.

10 Yet the defenced city *ſhall be* deſolate, *and* the habitation forſaken, and left like a wilderneſs: there ſhall the calf feed, and there ſhall he lie down, and conſume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they ſhall be broken off: the women come, *and* ſet them on fire: for [c] it *is* a people of no underſtanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will ſhew them no favour.

12 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day,

[a] Or, *crooking ſerpent.* [a] Chap. 51. 9.
† Heb. *as.*
† Heb. *according to the ſtroke of him that ſmote him.* [b] Jer. 25. 6. Jer. 46. 28. & 30. 11. & 46. 28.
|| Or, *when he removeth it.*
|| Or, *ſtayeth his rough wind.*
|| Heb. *ſun-images.*
|| Or, *ſun-images.*
[c] Deut. 32. 28. Jer. 4. 22. Chap. 1. 3.

day, *that* the LORD shall beat off from the chanel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 The prophet threatneth Ephraim for their pride & drunkennes. 5 The residue shall be advanced in the kingdom of Christ. 7 He rebuketh their errour, 9 their untowardnes to learn, 14 and their security. 16 Christ, the sure foundation, is promised. 18 Their security shall be tried. 23 They are incited to the consideration of Gods providence.

WO to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty *is* a fading flower, which *are* on the head of the fat valleys of *them that are* † overcome with wine.

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as a tempest of hail *and* a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be troden † under feet.

4 And the glorious beauty which *is* on the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower, *and* as the hasty fruit before the summer; which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he † eateth it up.

5 ¶ In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn the battel to the gate.

7 ¶ But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way, [a] the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble *in* judgement.

8 For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness, *so that there is* no place *clean*.

9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand † doctrine? *them that are* weaned from the milk, *and* drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept ‖ *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, *and* there a little.

11 For with † [b] stammering lips and another tongue ‖ will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest, and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line, here a little, *and* there a little; that they might go and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornfull men, that rule this people which *is* in Jerusalem.

15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falshood have we hid our selves:

16 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, [c] Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

17 Judgement also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, & the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

18 ¶ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand: when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be † troden down by it.

19 From the time that it goeth forth, it shall take you: for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation, onely ‖ *to* understand the report.

† Heb. *the hearing.*

‖ Or, hath been.

† Heb. *stammerings of lips.*

[a] Or. 14.21.

[b] Or *he hath spoken.*

[c] Psal. 118.22. Matth. 21.42. Act. 4.11. Rom. 9.33. & 10.11. Eph. 2. 20. 1 Pet. 2.6,7,8.

† Heb. *a treading down to it.*

‖ Or, *when he shall make you to understand doctrine.*

20 For the bed is ſhorter then that *a man* can ſtretch himſelf on *it*, and the covering narrower then that he can wrap himſelf in *it*.

21 For the LORD ſhall riſe up as *in* mount [d] Perazim, he ſhall be wroth as *in* the valley of [e] Gibeon, that he may do his work, his ſtrange work; and bring to paſs his act, his ſtrange act.

22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, leſt your bands be made ſtrong: for I have heard [f] from the Lord GOD of hoſts a conſumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

23 ¶ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my ſpeech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to ſowe? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not caſt abroad the fitches, and ſcatter the cummin, and caſt in the principal wheat, and the appointed barley, and the ‖ rie in their † place?

26 ‖ For his God doth inſtruct him to diſcretion, *and* doth teach him.

27 For the fitches are not threſhed with a threſhing inſtrument, neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a ſtaff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Bread-*corn* is bruiſed; becauſe he will not ever be threſhing it, nor break *it* with the wheel of his cart, nor bruiſe it with his horſemen.

29 This alſo cometh forth from the LORD of hoſts, *which* is [g] wonderfull in counſel, *and* excellent in working.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Gods heavy judgements upon Jeruſalem. 7 The unſatiableneſs of her enemies. 9 The ſenſeleſneſs, 13 and deep hypocriſie of the Jews. 18 A promiſe of ſanctification to the godly.

‖ WO to Ariel, to Ariel, ‖ the city *where* David dwelt: add ye year to year; let them † kill ſacrifices.

2 Yet I will diſtreſs Ariel, and there ſhall be heavineſs and ſorrow: and it ſhall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp againſt thee round about, and will lay ſiege againſt thee with a mount, and I will raiſe forts againſt thee.

4 And thou ſhalt be brought down, *and* ſhalt ſpeak out of the ground, and thy ſpeech ſhall be low out of the duſt, and thy voice ſhall be as of one that hath a familiar ſpirit, out of the ground, and thy ſpeech ſhall † whiſper out of the duſt.

5 Moreover, the multitude of thy ſtrangers ſhall be like ſmall duſt, and the multitude of the terrible ones *ſhall be* [a] as chaff that paſſeth away; yea, it ſhall be [b] at an inſtant ſuddenly.

6 Thou ſhalt be viſited of the LORD of hoſts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noiſe, with ſtorm and tempeſt, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 ¶ And the multitude of all the nations that fight againſt Ariel, even all that fight againſt her and her munition, and that diſtreſs her, ſhall be as a dream of a night-viſion.

8 It ſhall even be as when a hungry *man* dreameth, and behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his ſoul is empty: or as when a thirſty *man* dreameth, and behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and behold, *he is* faint, and his ſoul hath appetite: ſo ſhall the multitude of all the nations be that fight againſt mount Zion.

9 ¶ Stay your ſelves, and wonder; [h] cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they ſtagger, but not with ſtrong drink.

10 For [c] the LORD hath poured out upon you the ſpirit of deep ſleep, and hath cloſed your eyes: the prophets and your † rulers, the ſeers hath he covered.

11 And the viſion of all is become unto you as the words of a ‖ book *that is* ſealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, ſaying, Read this, I pray thee: and he ſaith, I cannot; for it *is* ſealed:

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, ſaying, Read this, I pray thee: and he ſaith, I am not learned.

13 ¶ Wherefore the Lord ſaid, [d] Foraſmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me.

[a] 2 Sam. 5. 20. 1 Chro. 14. 11.
[b] Joſh. 10. 10, 12.
[c] 2 Sam. 5. 25. 1 Chro. 14. 16.
[d] Chap. 10. 22, 23.

‖ Or, the wheat in the principal place, and barley in the appointed place.
‖ Or, ſpelt.
† Heb. border.
‖ Or, and he inſtructeth him in ſuch ſort as his God doth teach him.
[g] Jer. 32. 19.

‖ Or, Ah Ariel. That is, The lion of God.
† Or, of the city.
† Heb. mow off the heads.

[a] Pſal. 83. 13. Iſa. 17. 13. Chap. 41. 15. Dan. 2. 35.
[b] Chap. 30. 13. Jer. 18. 7. Chap. 19. 11.

† Heb. peep, chirp, see Chap. 8. 19.
[c] Job 4. 13. Chap. 19. 14. Dan. 8. 18. Chap. 10. 13.

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me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men:

14 Therefore behold, I will † proceed to do a marvellous work amongſt this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: [e] for the wiſdom of their wiſe *men* ſhall periſh, and the underſtanding of their prudent *men* ſhall be hid.

15 [f] Wo unto them that ſeek deep to hide their counſel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and [g] they ſay, [h] Who ſeeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 Surely your turning of things upſide down ſhall be eſteemed as the potters clay. For ſhall the [i] work ſay of him that made it, He made me not? or ſhall the thing framed ſay of him that framed it, He had no underſtanding?

17 *Is* it not yet a very little while, and [k] Lebanon ſhall be turned into a fruitfull field, and the fruitfull field ſhall be eſteemed as a foreſt?

18 ¶ And [l] in that day ſhall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind ſhall ſee out of obſcurity and out of darkneſs.

19 The meek alſo ſhall † increaſe *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men ſhall rejoyce in the holy One of Iſrael.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the ſcorner is conſumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

21 That make a man an offender for a word, and [m] lay a ſnare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aſide the juſt for a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD who redeemed Abraham, concerning the houſe of Jacob, Jacob ſhall not now be aſhamed, neither ſhall his face now wax pale.

23 But when he ſeeth his children the work of mine hands in the midſt of him, they ſhall ſanctifie my name, and ſanctifie the holy One of Jacob, and ſhall fear the God of Iſrael.

24 They alſo that erred in ſpirit ſhall † come to underſtanding, and they that murmured ſhall learn doctrine.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The prophet threatneth the people for their confidence in Egypt,* 8 *and contempt of Gods word.* 18 *Gods mercies towards his church.* 27 *Gods wrath, and the peoples joy, in the deſtruction of Aſſyria.*

WO to the rebellious children, ſaith the LORD, [a] that take counſel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my ſpirit, that they may add ſin to ſin:

2 [b] That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to ſtrengthen themſelves in the ſtrength of Pharaoh, and to truſt in the ſhadow of Egypt.

3 Therefore ſhall the ſtrength of Pharaoh be your ſhame, and the truſt in the ſhadow of Egypt *your* confuſion.

4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambaſſadours came to Hanes.

5 [c] They were all aſhamed of a people *that* could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a ſhame, and alſo a reproach.

6 The burden of the beaſts of the ſouth: into the land of trouble and anguiſh, from whence *come* the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying ſerpent, they will carry their riches upon the ſhoulders of young aſſes, and their treaſures upon the bunches of camels, to a people *that* ſhall not profit *them.*

7 For ỳ Egyptians ſhall help in vain, and to no purpoſe: therefore have I cried ‖ concerning this, [d] Their ſtrength *is* to ſit ſtill.

8 ¶ Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the † time to come for ever & ever:

9 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD:

10 [e] Which ſay to the ſeers, See not; and to the prophets, Propheſie not unto us right things, [f] ſpeak unto us ſmooth things, propheſie deceits:

11 Get you out of the way, turn aſide out of the path, cauſe the holy One of Iſrael to ceaſe from before us.

12 Wherefore thus ſaith the holy One of Iſrael, Becauſe ye deſpiſe this word, and truſt

[a] Chap. 29.15.
[b] Chap. 31.1.
[c] Jer. 2. 36.
‖ Or, to her.
[d] Chap. 7.4. v.15.
† Heb. laſter day.
[e] Jer. 11.21. Am. 2. 12. & 7. 13. Mic. 2.6.
[f] Mic. 2.11.

trust in ‖ oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking [h] cometh suddenly at an instant

14 And [i] he shall break it as the breaking of the † potters vessel, that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sheard to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withall* out of the pit.

15 For thus saith the Lord GOD the holy One of Israel; [k] In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses: therefore shall ye flee: and we will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17 [l] One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as ‖ a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

18 ¶ And therefore will the LORD wait that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD *is* a God of judgement. [m] Blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

20 And *though* the Lord give you [n] the bread of adversity and the water of ‖ affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye [o] turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

22 [p] Ye shall defile also the covering of † thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt † cast them away as a menstruous cloth, thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed that thou shalt sowe the ground withall, and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattel feed in large pastures.

24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground, shall eat ‖ † clean provender which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.

25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every † high hill, rivers *and* streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towres fall.

26 Moreover, the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, & the light of the sun shall be seven fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 ¶ Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the ‖ burden *thereof is* † heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire.

28 And his breath as an overflowing stream [q] shall reach to ỹ midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sive of vanity: and *there shall be* [r] a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

29 Ye shall have a song as in the night, *when* a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the † mighty One of Israel.

30 And the LORD shall cause † his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of *his* anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

31 For [s] through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down [t] *which* smote with a rod.

32 And † in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall † lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battels of shaking will he fight ‖ with it.

33 For Tophet *is* ordained † of old; yea, for

[h] Or, fraud.
[i] Psal. 62. 3. [h] Chap. 29. 5.
[i] Jer. 19. 11. † Heb. bottle of potters.
[k] ver. 7
[l] Lev. 26. 8. Deut. 28. 25. & 32. 30.
‖ Or, a tree bereft of branches, or bough, or a mast.
[m] Psal. 2. 12. & 34. 8. [n] Or. 16. 20. Jer. 17. 7
[o] 1 Kings 22. 27
‖ Or, oppression.
[p] Josh. 4. 7. [q] Chap. 2. 20. & 31. 7.
† Heb. the graven images of thy silver.
† Heb. scatter.
Or, treading. † Heb. destruction.
Chap. 8.
Heb. stroke.
Or, treading-place of fitches. Chap. 8. Chap. 37. 29.
† Heb. Rock. Deut. 32. 4. 1 Sam. 2. 2. Chap. 26. 4. Chap. 30. 29.
† Heb. the going down of the rod. Chap. 30. 30. & 32. 19. Heb. every passing of the rod founded. † Heb. a staff of the grounded. Heb. shall lay. Or, passing over. Heb. founded.

for the king it is prepared: he hath made it deep *and* large: the pile thereof *is* fire & much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a ſtream of brimſtone, doth kindle it.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 The prophet ſheweth the curſed folly in truſting to Egypt, and forſaking of God. 6 He exhorteth to converſion. 8 He ſheweth the fall of Aſſyria.

WO to them [a] that go down to Egypt for help, and ſtay on horſes, and truſt in chariots, becauſe *they are* many; and in horſemen, becauſe they are very ſtrong: but they look not unto the holy One of Iſrael, neither ſeek the LORD.

2 Yet he alſo *is* wiſe, and will bring evil, and will not †call back his words: but will ariſe againſt the houſe of the evil doers, and againſt the help of them that work iniquity.

3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God; and their horſes fleſh, and not ſpirit. When ỷ LORD ſhall ſtretch out his hand, both he that helpeth ſhall fall, and he that is holpen ſhall fall down, and they all ſhall fail together.

4 For thus hath the LORD ſpoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of ſhepherds is called forth againſt him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abaſe himſelf for the ‖ noiſe of them: ſo ſhall the LORD of hoſts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5 [b] As birds flying, ſo will the LORD of hoſts defend Jeruſalem: [c] defending alſo he will deliver *it*, *and* paſſing over he will preſerve *it*.

6 ¶ Turn ye unto *him from* whom the children of Iſrael have deeply revolted.

7 For in that day every man ſhall [d] caſt away his idols of ſilver, and † his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you *for* a ſin.

8 ¶ Then ſhall the Aſſyrian fall with the ſword, [e] not of a mighty man; and the ſword, not of a mean man, ſhall devour him: but he ſhall flee ‖ from the ſword, and his young men ſhall be ‖ † diſcomfited.

9 And [f] † he ſhall paſs over to his ‖ ſtrong hold for fear, & his princes ſhall be afraid of the enſigne, ſaith the LORD, whoſe fire *is* in Zion, and his furnace in Jeruſalem.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 The bleſſings of Chriſts kingdom. 9 Deſolation is foreſhewn. 15 Reſtauration is promiſed to ſucceed.

BEhold, [a] a king ſhall reign in righteouſneſs, and princes ſhall rule in judgement.

2 And a man ſhall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempeſt; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the ſhadow of a † great rock in a weary land.

3 And the eyes of them that ſee ſhall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear ſhall hearken.

4 The heart alſo of the † raſh ſhall underſtand knowledge, and the tongue of the ſtammerers ſhall be ready to ſpeak ‖ plainly.

5 The vile perſon ſhall be no more called liberal, nor the churl ſaid *to be* bountifull.

6 For the vile perſon will ſpeak villany, & his heart will work iniquity, to practiſe hypocriſie, and to utter errour againſt the LORD, to make empty the ſoul of the hungry, and he will cauſe the drink of the thirſty to fail.

7 The inſtruments alſo of the churl *are* evil: he deviſeth wicked devices to deſtroy the poor with lying words, even ‖ when the needy ſpeaketh right.

8 But the liberal deviſeth liberal things; and by liberal things ſhall he ‖ ſtand.

9 ¶ Riſe up, ye women that are at eaſe; hear my voice, ye careleſs daughters; give ear unto my ſpeech.

10 † Many days and years ſhall ye be troubled, ye careleſs women: for the vintage ſhall fail, the gathering ſhall not come.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at eaſe; be troubled, ye careleſs ones: ſtrip ye and make ye bare, and gird *ſackcloth* upon your loins.

12 They ſhall lament for their teats, for the † pleaſant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13 [b] Upon the land of my people ſhall come up thorns *and* briers; ‖ yea, upon all the houſes of joy in the joyous city:

14 Becauſe

[a] Chap. 30.

Or, Egyptians. Heb. men.

Heb. fleſh.

Heb. ſpirit.

[b] Deut. 32. 11. Pſal. 91. 4. Iſai. 31. 5. Chap. 37. 33.

[c] Heb. paſſing over. Chap. 37. 33. Or, preſerving. Heb. paſſer. Chap. 31. 5.

[d] Heb. caſt away the men of his idols. Deut. 7. 25. Chap. 30. 22.

[e] Heb. not of man. Chap. 10. 15. Or, not of a mighty, &c. Heb. not of a man. Chap. 10. 15. Or, not of man. Heb. not of a mean man. Chap. 31. 8. Heb. every paſſing of the rod founded. Heb. caſt down. Heb. ſtrength. Heb. be ſtrong. Chap. 37. 36. Chap. 8. 8. Heb. every paſſing of the rod founded. Heb. caſt down. Heb. ſtrength. Heb. be ſtrong. Chap. 37. 36. Chap. 8. 8.

[f] Heb. paſſing over. Chap. 31. 5. Or, paſſer. Heb. paſſer. Chap. 31. 5. Heb. paſſing over. Chap. 31. 5. Or, paſſer. Heb. paſſer. Chap. 31. 5.

[a] Pſal. 45. 1, &c. Zech. 9. 9.

† Heb. heavy.

† Heb. haſty.

‖ Or, elegantly.

‖ Or, when he ſpeaketh againſt the poor in judgement.

‖ Or, he eſtabliſhed.

† Heb. Days above a year.

† Heb. fields of deſire.

[b] Chap. 34. 13. Hoſ. 9. 6.

‖ Or, burning upon, &c.

14 Because the palaces shall be forsaken, the multitude of the city shall be left; the ‖ forts & towres shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

‖ Or, clifts & watch-towres.

15 Untill the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and [c] the wilderness be a fruitfull field, and the fruitfull field be counted for a forest.

[c] Chap. 29.17. & 35.1.

16 Then judgement shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitfull field.

17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places:

19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be ‖ low in a low place.

‖ Or, utterly abased.

20 Blessed *are* ye that sowe beside all waters, that send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and the ass.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Gods judgements against the enemies of the church. 13 The priviledges of the godly.

[a] WO to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee: when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

[a] Chap. 21. 2. Hab. 2. 8.

2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thy self the nations were scattered.

4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpiller: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgement and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, *and* strength of † salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

† Heb. salvations. ‖ Or, assurances.

7 Behold, their ‖ valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadours of peace shall weep bitterly.

‖ Or, wonderer away.

8 [b] The high ways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

[b] Judg. 5. 6.

9 The earth mourneth *and* languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed *and* ‖ hewen down: Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their fruits*.

‖ Or, withered away.

10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD: now will I be exalted; now will I lift up my self.

11 [c] Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath *as* fire shall devour you.

[c] Psal. 7. 14.

12 And the people shall be *as* the burnings of lime: *as* thorns cut up shall they be burnt in the fire.

13 ¶ Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done; and ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites; Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

15 He that [d] walketh † righteously, and speaketh † uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of ‖ oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of † bloud, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil:

[d] Psal. 15. 2. & 24. 4.

† Heb. in righteousnesses. ‖ Or, deceits. † Heb. bloods.

16 He shall dwell on † high: his place of defence *shall be* the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him, his waters *shall be* sure.

† Heb. higher, or high places.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land † that is very far off.

† Heb. of far distances. [e] 1 Cor. 1. 20.

18 Thine heart shall meditate terrour: [e] Where *is* the scribe? where *is* the † receiver? where *is* he [f] counted the towres?

† Heb. weigher. [f] 2 Kings 19. 32. [g] Deut. 28. 49. Jer. 5. 15.

19 [g] Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech then thou canst perceive; of a ‖ stammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.

‖ Or, reducing lips.

20 Look

20 Look upon Zion the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see[h] Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place † of broad rivers *and* streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22 For the LORD *is* our judge, the LORD *is* our [i] † law-giver, the LORD *is* our king: he will save us.

23 ‖ Thy tackling are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take ỷ prey.

24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *The judgements wherewith God revengeth his church.* 11 *The desolation of her enemies.* 16 *The certainty of the prophesie.*

COme near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and † all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and [a] their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.

4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be [b] rolled together as a scroll: and all their hosts shall fall down as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a [c] falling *fig* from the fig tree.

5 For [d] my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it [e] shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse to judgement.

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for [f] the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7 And the ‖ unicorns shall come down with them, & the bullocks with the bulls; & their land shall be ‖ soked with bloud, and their dust made fat with fatness.

8 For [g] *it is* the day of the LORDS vengeance, *and* the year of recompenses for the controversie of Zion.

9 [h] And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night nor day; [i] the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.

11 ¶ [k] But the ‖ cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.

12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none *shall be* there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13 And [l] thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and [m] it shall be an habitation of dragons, *and* a court for ‖ † owls.

14 † The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with † the wild beasts of the island, and the satyre shall cry to his fellow; the ‖ † screechowl also shall rest there, and find for her self a place of rest.

15 There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 ¶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

[f] Chap. 63. 1. Zech. 12. 7.
‖ Or, wild-oxen.
[g] Chap. 63. 4.
[h] See Deut. 29. 23.
[i] Rev. 14. 11. & 18. 18. & 19. 3.
[k] Chap. 14. 23. Zeph. 2. 14. Rev. 18. 2.
‖ Or, pelican.
[l] Hos. 9. 6.
[m] Chap. 13. 21, &c.
‖ Or, ostriches.
† Heb. daughters of the owls
† Heb. Ziim.
† Heb. Ijim. Or, night-monster.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 *The joyfull flourishing of Christs kingdom.* 3 *The weak are encouraged by the virtues and privileges of the gospel.*

a THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoyce, and blossom as the rose:

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoyce even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the LORD, *and* the excellency of our God.

3 ¶ b Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

4 Say to them *that are* of a † fearfull heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a recompense; he will come, and save you.

5 c Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the d ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then shall the e lame *man* leap as an hart, and the f tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall g waters break out, and streams in the desert.

7 And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, *shall be* ‖ grass with reeds and rushes.

8 And an high-way shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness: h the unclean shall not pass over it; ‖ but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.

9 i No lion shall be there, nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there: but the redeemed shall walk *there*.

10 And the k ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness; and l sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

a Chap. 55. 12.

b Hebr. 12. 12.

† Heb. hasty.

c Chap. 29. 18. & 42. 7. Mat. 9. 27, &c. & 11. 5. & 12. 22. & 20. 30, &c. and 21. 14. John 9. 6, 7.

d Matth. 11. 5. Mark 7. 32, &c

e Matth. 11. 5. & 15. 30. & 21. 14. John 5. 8, 9. Act. 3. 2, &c. and 8. 7. & 14. 8, &c

f Mat. 9. 32, 33. & 12. 22. & 15. 30.

g Joh. 7. 38, 39.

‖ Or, *a court for reeds*, &c

h Joel 3. 17. Rev. 21. 27.

‖ Or, *for he shall be with them.*

i Chap. 11. 9.

k Chap. 51. 11.

l Rev. 21. 4.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *Sennacherib invadeth Judah.* 4 *Rabshakeh sent by Senna cherib, by blasphemous perswasions solliciteth the people to revolt.* 22 *His words are told to Hezekiah.*

NOW a it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, *that* Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem, unto king Hezekiah, with a great Army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the high way of the fullers field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim Hilkiahs son, which *was* over the house, and Shebna the ‖ scribe, and Joah Asaphs son the recorder.

4 ¶ And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, *sayest thou*, (but *they are but* † vain words) ‖ *I have* counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the b staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is it* not he whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give ‖ pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my masters servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 ¶ Then

a 2 Kin. 18. 13, 17. 2 Chron. 32. 1.

‖ Or, *secretary.*

† Heb. *word of lips.* Or, *But counsel & strength are for the war.*

b Ezek. 29. 6, 7.

‖ Or, *bonds.*

11 ¶ Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it*: and speak not to us in the Jews language, in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall.

12 ¶ But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you?

13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, ‖ † Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;

17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 *Beware* lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19 Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20 Who *are they* amongst all the gods of these lands that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the kings commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22 ¶ Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 Hezekiah mourning, sendeth to Isaiah to pray for them. 6 Isaiah comforteth them. 8 Sennacherib going to encounter Tirhakah, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiahs prayer. 21 Isaiahs prophesie of the pride and destruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 36 An angel slayeth the Assyrians. 37 Sennacherib is slain at Nineveh by his own sons.

AND [a] it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. [a] 2 Kings 19. 1, &c.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of ‖ blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. ‖ Or, a provocation.

4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant *that is* † left. † Heb. found.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 ¶ And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will ‖ send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. ‖ Or, put a spirit upon him.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And

9 And he heard ſay concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he ſent meſſengers to Hezekiah, ſaying,

10 Thus ſhall ye ſpeak to Hezekiah king of Judah, ſaying, Let not thy God, in whom thou truſteſt, deceive thee, ſaying, Jeruſalem ſhall not be given into the hand of the king of Aſſyria.

11 Behold, thou haſt heard what the kings of Aſſyria have done to all lands by deſtroying them utterly, and ſhalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have deſtroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Telaſſar?

13 Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the meſſengers, and read it: & Hezekiah went up unto the houſe of the LORD, and ſpread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, ſaying,

16 O LORD of hoſts, God of Iſrael, that dwelleſt *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou haſt made heaven and earth.

17 Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, & ſee: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath ſent to reproach the living God.

† Heb. lands.

18 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Aſſyria have laid waſte all the † nations and their countreys,

† Heb. given.

19 And have † caſt their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of mens hands, wood and ſtone: therefore they have deſtroyed them.

20 Now therefore, O LORD our God, ſave us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD, *even* thou onely.

21 ¶ Then Iſaiah the ſon of Amoz ſent unto Hezekiah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael, Whereas thou haſt prayed to me againſt Sennacherib king of Aſſyria:

22 This *is* the word which the LORD hath ſpoken concerning him, The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath deſpiſed thee, *and* laughed thee to ſcorn; the daughter of Jeruſalem hath ſhaken her head at thee.

23 Whom haſt thou reproached and blaſphemed? and againſt whom haſt thou exalted *thy* voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* againſt the holy One of Iſrael.

24 † By thy ſervants haſt thou reproached the Lord, & haſt ſaid, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to ỹ ſides of Lebanon; & I will cut down † the tall cedars thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, *and* ‖ the foreſt of his Carmel.

† Heb. By the ſole of my feet. and of my ſervants. † Heb. the tall of the cedars thereof, and the choice of the fir-trees thereof. ‖ Or, the ſtrength and habitation of his Carmel.

25 I have digged, and drunk water; and with the ſole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the ‖ beſieged places.

‖ Or, fenced and defenced.

26 ‖ Haſt thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to paſs that thou ſhouldeſt be to lay waſte defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

‖ Or, Haſt thou not heard how I have made it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? ſhould I now bring it to be laid waſte, and defenced cities to be ruinous heaps?

27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* † of ſmall power, they were diſmayed and confounded: they were *as* the graſs of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the graſs on the houſe tops, and *as corn* blaſted before it be grown up.

† Heb. of ſhort hand. ‖ Or, ſitting.

28 But I know thy ‖ abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage againſt me.

29 Becauſe thy rage againſt me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears: therefore will I put my hook in thy noſe, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou cameſt.

+ Heb. the ſtanding of the foot of the poor. ‖ Or, the ſtanding of the foot of Paradiſe ſhall remain.

30 And this *ſhall be* a ſign unto thee, Ye ſhall eat *this* year ſuch as groweth of itſelf; and the ſecond year that which ſpringeth of the ſame: and in the third year ſowe ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31 And † the remnant that is eſcaped of the houſe of Judah ſhall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

32 For

32 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and † they that escape out of mount Zion: [b] the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.

34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

35 For I will [c] defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant Davids sake.

36 Then the [d] angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourtscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

37 ¶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38 And it came to pass as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of † Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Hezekiah, having received a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthned. 8 The sun goeth ten degrees backward for a sign of that promise. 9 Hezekiahs song of thanksgiving.

IN [a] those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept † sore.

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

7 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees which is gone down in the † sun-dial of Ahaz ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

9 ¶ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness;

10 I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherds tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off ‖ with pining sickness: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

13 I reckoned till morning, *that* as a lion so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a crane *or* a swallow, so did I chatter; I [b] did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; ‖ undertake for me.

15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, & make me to live.

17 Behold, ‖ for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast † in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For

† Heb. *degrees by, or with, the sun.*

‖ Or, *from the thrum.*

[b] Chap. 59. 11.

‖ Or, *ease me.*

‖ Or, *in my peace* ame *great bitterness.* † Heb. *loved my soul from the pit.*

c Ps. 6.5. & 30.9. & 88.11. & 115. 17.

18 For c the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

d 2 Kin. 20. 7.

21 For d Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boyl, and he shall recover.

22 Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Merodach-baladan, sending to visit Hezekiah because of the wonder, hath notice of his treasures. 5 Isaiah understanding thereof foretelleth the Babylonian captivity.

e 2 Kin. 20. 12, &c.

AT e that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan king of Babylon sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ‖ precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his † armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

‖ Or, spicery.

‖ Or, jewels. † Heb. vessels, or instruments.

3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, & said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far countrey unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store untill this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAP. XL.

1 The promulgation of the gospel. 3 The preaching of John Baptist. 9 The preaching of the apostles. 12 The prophet by the omnipotency of God, 18 and his incomparableness, 26 comforteth the people.

COmfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye † comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her ‖ warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORDS hand double for all her sins.

† Heb. to the heart. ‖ Or, appointed time.

3 ¶ a The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, b Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a high way for our God.

a Mat. 3. 3. Mark. 1. Luk. 3. 4. Joh. 1. 23. b Mal. 3. 1.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made ‖ straight, and the rough places ‖ plain.

‖ Or, a straight place. Or, a plain place.

5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.

c Job 14. 2. Ps. 102. 11. and 103. 15. Jam. 1. 10. 1 Pet. 1. 24. 1 Joh. 2. 17. 1 Pet. 1. 25.

6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? c All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field.

7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the d word of our God shall stand for ever.

d Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion.

9 ¶ ‖ O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; ‖ O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength: lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.

‖ Or, O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem.

10 Behold,

10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come ‖ with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, [e] his reward *is* with him, and ‖ his work before him.

11 He shall [f] feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that ‖ are with young.

12 ¶ Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a † measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

13 [g] Who hath directed the spirit of the LORD, or *being* † his counseller hath taught him?

14 With whom took he counsel, and *who* † instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgement, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of † understanding?

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.

17 All nations before him *are* as [h] nothing; and they are counted to him less then nothing, and vanity.

18 ¶ [i] To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19 [k] The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20 He that † *is* so impoverished that he hath no oblation, chooseth a tree *that* will not rot: he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image *that* shall not be moved.

21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 ‖ *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; [l] that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

23 [m] That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: & he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: [n] he calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgement is passed over from my God?

28 ¶ Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the creatour of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? [o] *there* is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall † renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

CHAP. XLI.

1 God expostulateth with his people about his mercies to the church, 10 about his promises, 21 and about the vanity of idols.

KEep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength: let them come near, then let them speak: let us come near together to judgement.

2 Who raised up † the righteous man from

[e] Rev. 22. 12.
[f] Psal. 23. 1. Ezek. 34. 23. John 10. 11. 1 Pet. 5. 4.
[g] Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.
[h] Dan. 4. 35.
[i] Chap. 40. 18. Psal. 89. 6. Jer. 10. 6.
[k] Chap. 40. 19. Jer. 10. 3. Hab. 2. 18.
[l] Job 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Chap. 44. 24. Jer. 10. 12.
[m] Job 12. 21. Psal. 107. 40.
[n] Psal. 147. 4.
[o] Psal. 147. 5.

† Heb. to the heart.
‖ Or, appointed him.
† Heb. righteousness.

from the east, called him to his foot, [a]gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? he gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow.

3 He pursued them, *and* passed † safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.

4 Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD the [b] first, and with the last, I *am* he.

5 The isles saw *it*, and feared, the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, & came.

6 [c] They helped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, † Be of good courage.

7 So the carpenter encouraged the ‖ goldsmith, *and* he that smooth*eth with* the hammer ‖ him that smote the anvil, saying, it *is* ready for the sodering: and he fastned it with nails, *that* it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant, Jacob, whom I have [d] chosen, the seed of Abraham my [e] friend.

9 *Thou* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, & called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

10 ¶ Fear thou not, for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all *they that were* incensed against thee shall be [f] ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and † they that strive with thee shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* † them that contended with thee: † they ỿ war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee.

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, *and* ye ‖ men of Israel: I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy Redeemer, the holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having † teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoyce in the LORD, *and* shalt glory in the holy One of Israel.

17 *When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not forsake them.

18 I will open [g] rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the [h] wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah-tree, and the myrtle, and the oyl tree; I will set in the desert the fir-tree, *and* the pine, and the box-tree together:

20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 † Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong *reasons*, saith the King of Jacob.

22 [i] Let them bring *them* forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things what they *be*, that we may † consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come.

23 Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods: yea, [k] do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together.

24 Behold, [l] ye *are* ‖ of nothing, and your work ‖ of nought: an abomination *is he that* chooseth you.

25 I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my Name: and he shall come upon princes as *upon* morter, and as the potter treadeth clay.

26 Who hath declared from the beginning,

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a See Gen. 14. 14, &c.

† Heb. in peace.

b Chap. 43. 10, & 44. 6. and 48. 12. Rev. 1. 17. & 22. 13.

c Chap. 40. 19. & 41. 12.

† Heb. *Be strong.*

‖ Or, *founder.*

‖ Or, *he that smiteth.*

‖ Or, *saying of the soder, It is good.*

d Deut. 7. 6, & 10. 15 & 14. 2. Psal. 135. 4.

e Chap. 41. 8. and 44. 1.

f 2 Chr. 20. 7. Jam. 2. 23.

f Exod. 23. 22. Ch. 45. 24. & 60. 12. Zec. 12. 3.

† Heb. *the men of thy strife.*

† Heb. *the men of thy warfare.*

‖ Heb. *the men of thy war.*

‖ Or, *warfare.*

† Heb. *teeth.*

‖ Heb. *mean.*

g Chap. 35. 7. and 44. 3.

h Psal. 107. 35.

† Heb. *Cause to come near.*

i Chap. 45. 21.

† Heb. *set our heart upon them.*

k Jer. 10. 5.

l Chap. 44. 9. 1 Cor. 8. 4.

‖ Or, *worse then nothing.*

‖ Or, *worse then a viper.*

ning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? Yea, *there is* none that sheweth, yea, *there is* none that declareth, yea, *there is* none that heareth your words.

27 The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and *there was* no man, even amongst them, and *there was* no counseller, that when I asked of them, could † answer a word.

29 Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten images *are* wind and confusion.

CHAP. XLII.

1 The office of Christ, graced with meekness and constancy. 5 Gods promise unto him. 10 An exhortation to praise God for his gospel. 17 He reproveth the people of incredulity.

BEhold [a] my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul [b] delighteth: [c] I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgement to ỳ Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the ‖ smoking flax shall he not † quench: he shall bring forth judgement unto truth.

4 He shall not fail, nor be † discouraged, till he have set judgement in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, [d] he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for [e] a light of the Gentiles;

7 [f] To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in [g] darkness out of the prison-house.

8 I *am* the LORD; that *is* my name: and my [h] glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 [i] Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and † all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing; let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.

13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousie like a man of war: he shall cry; yea, roar; he shall ‖ prevail against his enemies.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained my self: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy, and † devour at once.

15 I will make waste mountains & hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, & I will dry up ỳ pools.

16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things † straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

17 ¶ They shall be [k] turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

19 [l] Who *is* blind but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORDS servant?

20 Seeing many things, [m] but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness sake, he will magnifie the law, and make ‖ *it* honourable.

22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled: ‖ *they are* all of them snared in holes, and

† Heb. mountains.

‖ Heb. wasted.

a Chap. 35.5. & 42. 3. b Psal. 147. 11.

‖ Or, dimly burning. † Heb. discover. c Chap. 49. 6. Luke 2. 32. Acts 13. 47. 26. 23.

† Heb. Causeth come near. d Chap. 45. 12.

† Heb. set me here upon earth.

e Jer. 10. 7.

Chap. 44. 9. 1 Cor. 8. 4.

‖ Or, worse: then reviving. ‖ Or, wo is then of a viper.

† Heb. swallow, or suck up.

‖ Or, behave himself mightily.

† Heb. into straightness.

f Psal. 97. 7. Chap. 1. 29. & 44. 11. and 45. 16.

g Chap. 49. 9. Luke 4. 18. Acts 26. 18. Col. 1. 13. 1 Pet. 2. 9. Rev. 16. 10.

h Chap. 48. 11.

i Psal. 33. 3. † Heb. the fulness thereof.

k Psal. 35. 4. & 40. 14. & 70. 2. & 83. 17. Jer. 6. 15. & 8. 12. & 20. 11. & 46. 5. Chap. 45. 16. & 48. 11. & 66. 5.

l Chap. 43. 8. See John 9. 39, 41.

m Rom. 2. 21.

‖ Or, him. ‖ Or, in snaring all the young men of them.

and they are hid in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for † a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

† Heb. a treading.

23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken, and hear †for the time to come?

† Heb. *for the after-time.*

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned: for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battel: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid *it* not to heart.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 The Lord comforteth the church with his promises. 8 He appealeth to the people for witness of his omnipotency. 14 He foretelleth them the destruction of Babylon, 18 and his wonderfull deliverance of his people. 22 He reproveth the people as inexcusable.

BUt now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel; Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine.

2 When thou [a] passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and *when* through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

[a] Psal. 66.12.

3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia & Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy || life.

|| Or, person.

5 [b] Fear not; for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west.

[b] Chap. 44.1,2. Jer. 30.10. & 46.27.

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 *Even* every one *that is* called by my name: for [c] I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

[c] Psal. 100.3. Chap. 29.23. Joh. 3.3,5. 2 Cor. 5.17. Eph. 2.10.

8 ¶ Bring forth [d] the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

[d] Chap. 42.19. Ezek. 12.2.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: [e] who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is* truth.

[e] Chap. 41.22, 23.

10 [f] Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant, whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand [g] that I *am* he: before me there was || no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

[f] Chap. 44.8.

[g] Chap. 41.4. and 44.6. || Or, *Nothing framed of God.*

11 I, *even* I [h] *am* the LORD; and beside me *there is* no Saviour.

[h] Chap. 45.21. Hos. 13.4.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when *there was* no strange *god* among you: therefore ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

13 Yea, before the day *was*, I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall † [i] let it?

† Heb. turn it back. [i] Job. 9.12. Chap. 14.27. † Heb. turn.

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD your Redeemer, the holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their † nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is* in the ships.

15 I *am* the LORD, your holy One, the Creatour of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which [k] maketh a way in the sea, and a [l] path in the mighty waters;

[k] Exod. 14. Chap. 51.10. [l] Jos. 3.

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot & horse, the army and the power; They shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

18 ¶ [m] Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

[m] Jer. 16.14. & 23.7. [n] 2 Cor. 5.17. Rev. 21.5.

19 Behold, I will do a [n] new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the || † owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

|| Or, *ostriches.* † Heb. *daughters of the wilderness.*

21 [o] This people have I formed for myself: they shall shew forth my praise.

[o] Luk. 19.40. 1 Pet. 2.9.

22 ¶ But

22 ¶ But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.

23 Thou hast not brought me the † small cattel of thy burnt offerings, neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24 Thou hast brought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou † filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast [p] wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, *even* I *am* he that [q] blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26 Put me in remembrance: [r] let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy † teachers have transgressed against me.

28 Therefore I have profaned the || princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 God comforteth the church with his promises. 7 The vanity of idols, 9 and folly of idol-makers. 21 An exhortation to praise God for his redemption and omnipotency.

YET now hear, [a] O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen.

2 Thus saith the LORD, [b] that made thee, & formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, [c] Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

3 For I will [d] pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water-courses.

5 One shall say, I *am* the LORDS; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the LORD of hosts; [e] I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and besides me *there is* no God.

7 And [f] who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come? let them shew unto them.

8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? [g] ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? yea, [h] *there is* no † God: I know not *any*.

9 ¶ They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their † delectable things shall not profit: and they *are* their own witnesses; [i] they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image [k] *that* is profitable for nothing?

11 Behold, all his fellows shall be [l] ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.

12 [m] The smith with || the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he || strengthneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*.

15 Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread: yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16 He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied; yea, he warmeth

[a] Chap. 42.19. Ezek. 12.2.
[b] Chap. 41.21, 22.
[c] Chap. 44.2.
[d] Chap. 41.4. and 43.3. Or, Working formed of God.
[e] Chap. 45.21. Hos. 13.4.
† Heb. born of belly.
[f] Ios. 24.2. Chap. 41.27.
† Heb. born.
[g] Exod. 14. Chap. 43.10. & 55.4.
[h] Deut. 4.35, 39. & 32.39. 1 Sam. 2.2. Chap. 45.5.
† Heb. Rock.
[i] Deut. 32.4. Chap. 41.24, 29.
† Heb. desireable.
[k] Psal. 115.4, &c.
[l] Hab. 2.18.
[m] Psal. 97.7. Chap. 1.29. & 42.17. & 45.16. Chap. 40.19. & 41.6. Jer. 10.3. Wisd. 13.11.
|| Or, an axe.
|| Or, taketh courage.

himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my God.

18 [n] They have not known, nor understood: for he hath † shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19 And none †considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burnt part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to † the stock of a tree?

20 He feedeth of ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

21 ¶ Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

22 I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23 [r] Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*. Shout ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the LORD thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb; I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; [s] that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself:

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish:

26 That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the † decayed places thereof:

27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, [t] Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *God calleth Cyrus for his churches sake.* 5 *By his omnipotency he challengeth obedience.* 20 *He convinceth the idols of vanity, by his saving power.*

THUS saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I ‖ have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loyns of kings; to open before him the two-leaved gates, and the gates shall not be shut:

2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob my servants sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5 ¶ [a] I *am* the LORD, and [b] *there is* none else, *there is* no God besides me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none besides me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and [c] create evil. I the LORD do all these *things*.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his maker. *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds

[n] Chap. 45. 20. † Heb. daubed.

† Heb. *striketh to his heart.*

† Heb. *that which comes of a tree.* [o] Hos. 4. 12.

[p] Psal. 96. 11, 12. Chap. 42. 10. & 49. 13. Jer. 51. 48.

[q] Chap. 43. 1. [r] Jo. 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Chap. 40. 22. & 42. 5. & 45. 12. & 51. 13

† Heb. *waste.*

[s] Chap. 40. 12, 22. Jer. 10. 12. & 51. 15.

[t] Ezra 1. 2. Chap. 44. 28.

‖ Or, *strengthened.*

[a] Deut. 4. 35, 39. & 32. 39. Chap. 44. 6. & 46. 9. [b] Ver. 14, 18, 21, 22.

[c] Amos 3. 6.

potsherds of the earth. [d]Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10 Wo unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

11 Thus saith the LORD, the holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will ‖ direct all his ways: he shall [e]build my city, and he shall let go my captives, [f]not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over: and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and [h]*there is* none else, *there is* no God.

15 Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thy self, O God of Israel the Saviour.

16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* [i]makers of idols.

17 *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD, [k]that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: [l]I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.

19 [m]I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain. I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 ¶ Assemble your selves, and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: [n]they have no knowledge that set up ỹ wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: [o]Who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and [p]*there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour: *there is* none beside me.

22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

23 I have sworn by my self, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every [q]knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24 ‖ Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I † righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and [r]all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 The idols of Babylon could not save themselves. 3 God saveth his people to the end. 5 Idols are not comparable to God for power, nor for present salvation.

BEl boweth down, Nebo stoopeth; their idols were upon the beasts and upon the cattel: your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast*.

2 They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but † themselves are gone into captivity.

3 ¶ Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, *which are* born *by me* from the belly, *which are* carried from the womb:

4 And *even* to your old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear, even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

5 ¶ [b]To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6 [c]They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, *and* hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

[d] Chap. 29. 16. Jer. 18. 6. Rom. 9. 20.
[e] Heb. worketh.
[f] Chap. 45. 13. Ezra 1. 1. 2 Chron. 36. 22. Chap. 45. 13.
[g] Or, presently. Ps. 81. 14.
[h] Deut. 4. 35. 39. 1 Kings 8. 60. Chap. 44. 8. Joel 2. 27.
[i] Ver. 20. Chap. 44. 9. Jer. 10. 14. 51. 17.
[k] Chap. 40. 28. Amos 5. 8.
[l] Deut. 32. 39. Chap. 43. 10. 45. 5. 18. 22.
[m] Chap. 45. 19.
[n] Chap. 44. 17. 18, 19.
[o] Chap. 41. 22. 26. 43. 9. 44. 7. 8. 46. 10. 48. 14.
[p] Ver. 5. 14, 18.
[q] Rom. 14. 11. Phil. 2. 10.
‖ Or, *Surely he shall say of me, In the* LORD *is all* righteousness *and* strength.
† Heb. righteousnesses.
[r] Chap. 41. 11.
† Heb. *a burden.*
[s] Deut. 1. 31. & 32. 11. Chap. 40. 18, 25.
[t] Chap. 40. 19. & 41. 6. & 44. 12. Jer. 10. 3.

7 They bear him upon the ſhoulder, they carry him, and ſet him in his place, and he ſtandeth; from his place ſhall he not remove: yea, *one* ſhall cry unto him, yet can he not anſwer, nor ſave him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and ſhew your ſelves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye tranſgreſſours.

9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none elſe; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, ſaying, My counſel ſhall ſtand, and I will do all my pleaſure:

11 Calling a ravenous bird from the eaſt, the man † that executeth my counſel from a far country: yea, I have ſpoken *it*, I will alſo bring it to paſs; I have purpoſed *it*, I will alſo do it.

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, ye ſtout hearted, that *are* far from righteouſneſs.

13 I bring near my righteouſneſs; it ſhall not be far off, and my ſalvation ſhall not tarry: and I will place ſalvation in Zion for Iſrael my glory.

CHAP. XLVII.

Gods judgement upon Babylon and Chaldea, 6 for their unmerciſulneſs, 7 pride, 10 and overboldneſs, 11 ſhall be unreſiſtable.

COme down, and ſit in the duſt, O virgin daughter of Babylon, ſit on the ground: *there is* no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt no more be called Tender and delicate.

2 Take the milſtones, and grind meal; uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, paſs over the rivers.

3 Thy nakedneſs ſhall be uncovered, yea, thy ſhame ſhall be ſeen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee as* a man.

4 *As for* our Redeemer, the LORD of hoſts *is* his name, the holy One of Iſrael.

5 Sit thou ſilent, and get thee into darkneſs, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou ſhalt no more be called The lady of kingdoms.

6 ¶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didſt ſhew them no mercy; upon the ancient haſt thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 ¶ And thou ſaidſt, I ſhall be a lady for ever: ſo that thou didſt not lay theſe *things* to thy heart, neither didſt remember the latter end of it.

8 Therefore hear now this, thou *that art* given to pleaſures, that dwelleſt careleſly, that ſayeſt in thine heart, I *am*, and none elſe beſides me; I ſhall not ſit *as* a widow, neither ſhall I know the loſs of children.

9 But theſe two *things* ſhall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loſs of children, and widowhood: they ſhall come upon thee in their perfection, for the multitude of thy ſorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine inchantments.

10 ¶ For thou haſt truſted in thy wickedneſs: thou haſt ſaid, None ſeeth me. Thy wiſdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou haſt ſaid in thine heart, I *am*, and none elſe beſides me.

11 Therefore ſhall evil come upon thee; thou ſhalt not know † from whence it riſeth: and miſchief ſhall fall upon thee; thou ſhalt not be able to † put it off: and deſolation ſhall come upon thee ſuddenly *which* thou ſhalt not know.

12 Stand now with thine inchantments, and with the multitude of thy ſorceries, wherein thou haſt laboured from thy youth; if ſo be thou ſhalt be able to profit, if ſo be thou mayeſt prevail.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counſels. Let now the † aſtrologers, the ſtar-gazers, † the monethly prognoſticatours ſtand up, and ſave thee from *theſe things* that ſhall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they ſhall be as ſtubble; the fire ſhall burn them; they ſhall not deliver † themſelves from the power of the flame: *there ſhall* not *be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to ſit before it.

15 Thus ſhall they be unto thee with whom thou haſt laboured, *even* thy merchants from thy youth: they ſhall wander every one to his quarter; none ſhall ſave thee.

CHAP.

[a] Chap. 45. 20.
[b] Chap. 44. 19.
[c] Chap. 45. 5. & 48. 12.
[d] Chap. 45. 21.
[e] Pſal. 33. 11. Prov. 19. 21. & 21. 30. Heb. 6. 17.
† Heb. *of my counſel.*
[f] Nah. 3. 5.
[g] 2 Chr. 28. 9. Zec. 1. 15 See 1 Sam. 24. 14.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 God, to convince the people of their foreknown obstinacy, revealed his prophecies. 9 He saveth them for his own sake. 12 He exhorteth them to obedience, because of his power and providence. 16 He lamenteth their backwardness. 20 He powerfully delivereth his out of Babylon.

HEar ye this, O house of Jacob, *which are* called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah; [a] which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, [b] *but* not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

3 [c] I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them: I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.

4 Because I knew that thou *art* † obstinate, and thy neck *is* an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5 I have even from the beginning declared *it* to thee; before it came to pass I shewed *it* thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image and my molten image hath commanded them.

6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare *it*? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8 Yea, thou heardest not, yea, thou knewest not, yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a Transgressour from the womb.

9 ¶ For my names sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not ‖ with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: for how should *my name* be polluted? and [c] I will not give my glory unto another.

12 ¶ Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel, my called; [f] I *am* he; I *am* the [g] first, I also *am* the last.

13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and ‖ my right hand hath spanned the heavens: *when* I call unto them, they stand up together.

14 [h] All ye assemble your selves, and hear: Which among them hath declared these *things*? The LORD hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.

15 I, *even* I have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 ¶ Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; [i] I have not spoken in secret from the beginning, from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD and his spirit hath sent me.

17 Thus saith the LORD thy Redeemer, the holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

18 [k] O that thou hadst hearkned to my commandments: then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof: his name should not have been cut off, nor destroyed from before me.

20 ¶ [l] Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath [m] redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he [n] caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22 [o] *There is* no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.

[a] Chap. 42. 8.
[f] Deut. 32. 39.
[g] Chap. 41. 4. & 44. 6. Rev. 1. 17. & 22. 13.
‖ Or, *the palm of my right hand hath spread out.*
[h] Chap. 41. 22. & 43. 9. & 44. 7. & 45. 21.
[i] Chap. 45. 19.
[k] Deut. 32. 29. Psal. 81. 13.
[l] Chap. 52. 11. Jer. 50. 8. & 51. 6, 45. Zec. 2. 6. Rev. 18. 4.
[m] Exod. 19. 4, 5, 6.
[n] Exod. 17. 6. Num. 20. 11.
[o] Chap. 57. 21.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *Christ being sent to the Jews complaineth of them.* 5 *He is sent to the Gentiles with gracious promises.* 13 *Gods love is perpetual to his church.* 18 *The ample restauration of the church.* 24 *The powerfull deliverance out of captivity.*

LIsten, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2 And he hath made [a] my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me; and made me [b] a polished shaft, in his quiver hath he hid me,

3 And said unto me, [c] Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; *yet* surely my judgement *is* with the LORD, and ‖ my work with my God.

5 ¶ And now, saith the LORD, that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ‖ Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

6 And he said, ‖ It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the ‖ preserved of Israel: [d] I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, *and* his holy One, ‖ to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers; [e] Kings shall see, and arise; princes also shall worship, because of the LORD, that is faithfull, *and* the holy One of Israel, & he shall choose thee.

8 Thus saith the LORD, [f] In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: [g] and I will preserve thee, & give thee for a covenant of the people, to ‖ establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9 That thou mayest say [h] to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that *are* in darkness, Shew your selves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places.

10 They shall not [i] hunger, nor thirst; [k] neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11 And I will make all my mountains a way, and my high ways shall be exalted.

12 Behold, these shall come from far: and lo, these from the north, and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

13 ¶ [l] Sing, O heavens; and be joyfull, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the LORD hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, † that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16 Behold, [m] I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers, and they that made thee waste, shall go forth of thee.

18 ¶ [n] Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, *and* come to thee. *As* I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee* as a bride *doth*.

19 For thy waste and thy desolate places and the land of thy destruction [o] shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, & am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? behold, I was left alone; these, where *had* they *been*?

22 [p] Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and

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[a] Chap. 51. 16. Heb. 4. 12. Rev. 1. 16.
[b] Psal. 45. 5.
[c] Chap. 42. 1. Zec. 3. 8.
‖ Or, my reward.
‖ Or, That Israel may be gathered to him, and I may, &c.
‖ Or, Art thou lighter then that thou shouldst, &c.
‖ Or, desolations.
[d] Chap. 42. 6. Lu. 2. 32. Act. 13. 47. & 26. 18.
‖ Or, to him that is despised in soule
[e] Psal. 72. 10, 11. 2 Cor. 6. 2. See Psal. 69. 13.
[f] Chap. 55. 6.
[g] Or, uphold up.
[h] Chap. 42. 7.
[i] Rev. 7. 16.
[k] Psal. 121. 6.
[l] Chap. 44. 23.
† Heb. from the womb; or, passion.
[m] See Ex. 13. 9. Cant. 8. 6.
[n] Chap. 60. 4.
[o] See Chap. 54. 1, 2. Zech. 2. 4, 10, 11.
[p] Chap. 60. 22.

and I have created the waster to destroy.

17 ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.

CHAP. LV.

1 *The prophet with the promises of Christ, calleth to faith,* 6 *and to repentance.* 8 *The happy success of them that beleeve.*

HO, [a] every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye † spend money for *that which is* not bread? & your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight it self in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the [b] sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of the LORD thy God, and for the holy One of Israel, for he hath glorified thee.

6 ¶ [c] Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the † unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will † abundantly pardon.

8 ¶ For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For *as* the heavens are higher then the earth, so are my ways higher then your ways, & my thoughts then your thoughts.

10 For [d] as the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, & maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: [e] the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and [f] all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

13 [g] In stead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and in stead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.

CHAP. LVI.

1 *The prophet exhorteth to sanctification.* 3 *He promiseth it shall be general without respect of persons.* 9 *He inveigheth against blind watchmen.*

THus saith the LORD; Keep ye ‖ judgement, and do justice: for my salvation *is* near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2 Blessed *is* the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

3 ¶ Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joyned himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better then of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the sons of the stranger, that joyn themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7 Even them will I [a] bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyfull in my house

[e] Psal. 96. 12. & 98. 8.
[f] Chap. 35. 1. [g] 1 Chro. 16. 33.
[a] Chap. 41. 19.
‖ Or, equity.
[a] Chap. 2. 2.

house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar: for [a] mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

8 The Lord GOD, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather *others* to him, † besides those that are gathered unto him.

9 ¶ All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen *are* blind: they *are* all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; ‖ sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, they *are* † greedy dogs *which* † [c] can never have enough, and they *are* shepherds *that* cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

12 Come ye, *say they*, I will fetch wine, and we will fill our selves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, *and* much more abundant.

CHAP. LVII.

1 *The blessed death of the righteous.* 3 *God reproveth the Jews for their whorish idolatry.* 13 *He giveth evangelical promises to the penitent.*

[a] THE righteous perisheth, and no man layeth *it* to heart; and † mercifull men *are* taken away, [b] none considering that the righteous is taken away from ‖ the evil *to come*.

2 He shall ‖ enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking *in* his uprightness.

3 ¶ But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer, and the whore.

4 Against whom do ye sport your selves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and* draw out the tongue? *are* ye not children of transgression, a seed of falshood?

5 ‖ Inflaming your selves ‖ with idols [c] under every green tree, [d] slaying the children in the valleys under the clifts of the rocks?

6 Among the smooth stones of the stream *is* thy portion; they, they *are* thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered a meat-offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7 [e] Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered *thy self to another* then me, & art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and ‖ made thee a *covenant* with them; thou lovedst their bed ‖ where thou sawest *it*.

9 And ‖ thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thy self even* unto hell.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; *yet* saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the ‖ life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembred me, nor laid *it* to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13 ¶ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee: but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take *them*: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, & shall inherit my holy mountain;

14 And shall say, [h] Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, [i] with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16 For [k] I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls [l] *which* I have made.

17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on † frowardly in the way of his heart.

18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him, and to his mourners.

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[a] Mat. 21. 13. Mark 11. 17. Luke 19. 46.
† Heb. *to his gathered.*
‖ Or, *dreaming, lying in their sleep.*
† Heb. *strong of appetite.*
† Heb. *know not to be satisfied.*
[b] Ezek. 34. 2, 3.
[a] Psal. 12. 1. Mic. 7. 2.
† Heb. *men of kindness*, or *godliness.*
[b] See 2 Kin. 22. 20. Wisd. 4. 10, &c.
‖ Or, *that which is evil.*
‖ Or, *go in peace.*
‖ Or, *before him.*
‖ Or, *among the oaks.*
[c] 2 Kin. 16. 4.
[d] Lev. 18. 21. & 20. 2. 2 Kin. 16. 3. & 23. 10. Ezek. 16. 20, & 23. 26.
[e] Ezek. 16. 16, 39.
‖ Or, *removed it for thy estate. Heb. thou lovedst their bed.*
‖ Ezek. 16. 26, 28. & 23. 20.
‖ Or, *from me to make room for them.*
‖ Or, *power.*
‖ Or, *strength.*
[f] Chap. 30. 6. Ezek. 16. 33. & 23. 16.
‖ Or, *living.*
[g] Chap. 40. 3. & 62. 10.
[h] Psal. 34. 18. & 51. 17. & 138. 6. Chap. 66. 2.
[i] Psal. 103. 9. Mic. 7. 18. Nam. 14. 18. Joel 2. 13. Heb. 12. 9.
[k] Heb. *turning away.*
[l] Ezek. 16. 16, 38. & 23. 20.
‖ Or, *I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.*
[m] Chap. 30. 6. Ezek. 16. 33. & 23. 16.
‖ Or, *living.*
[n] Chap. 30. 26. & 60. 19, 20.
[o] Chap. 66. 2.
[p] Psal. 103. 9. Mic. 7. 18. Nam. 14. 18. Joel 2. 13. Heb. 12. 9.
† Heb. *turning away.*

19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is* far off, and to *him that is* near, ſaith the LORD; and I will heal him.

20 But the wicked *are* like the troubled ſea, when it cannot reſt, whoſe waters caſt up mire and dirt.

21 [m]*There is* no peace, ſaith my God, to the wicked.

CHAP. LVIII.

1 *The prophet being ſent to reprove hypocriſie,* 3 *expreſſeth a counterfeit faſt and a true.* 8 *He declareth what promiſes are due unto godlineſs,* 13 *and to the keeping of the ſabbath.*

CRy † aloud, ſpare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and ſhew my people their tranſgreſſion, and the houſe of Jacob their ſins.

2 Yet they ſeek me dayly, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteouſneſs, and forſook not the ordinance of their God: they aſk of me the ordinances of juſtice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 ¶ Wherefore have we faſted, *ſay they*, and thou ſeeſt not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our ſoul, and thou takeſt no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your faſt you find pleaſure, and exact all your ‖† labours.

4 Behold, ye faſt for ſtrife and debate, and to ſmite with the fiſt of wickedneſs: ‖ ye ſhall not faſt as *ye do this* day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is it [b] ſuch a faſt that I have choſen? ‖ a day for a man to afflict his ſoul? *is it* to bow down his head as a bulruſh, and to ſpread ſackcloth and aſhes under *him*? wilt thou call this a faſt, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 *Is* not this the faſt that I have choſen? to looſe the bands of wickedneſs, to undo the † heavy burdens, and [c] to let the † oppreſſed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7 *Is it* not [d] to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are ‖ caſt out to thy houſe? when thou ſeeſt the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thy ſelf from thine own fleſh?

8 ¶ [e] Then ſhall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health ſhall ſpring forth ſpeedily: and thy righteouſneſs ſhall go before thee; [f] the glory of the LORD ſhall † be thy rereward.

9 Then ſhalt thou call, and the LORD ſhall anſwer: thou ſhalt cry, and he ſhall ſay, Here I *am*. If thou take away from the midſt of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and ſpeaking vanity;

10 And *if* thou draw out thy ſoul to the hungry, and ſatisfie the afflicted ſoul: then ſhall thy light riſe in obſcurity, and thy darkneſs *be* as the noon-day:

11 And the LORD ſhall guide thee continually, and ſatisfie thy ſoul in † drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou ſhalt be like a watered garden, and like a ſpring of water whoſe waters † fail not.

12 And *they that ſhall be* of thee [g] ſhall build the old waſte places: thou ſhalt raiſe up the foundations of many generations: & thou ſhalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The reſtorer of paths to dwell in.

13 ¶ If thou turn away thy foot from the ſabbath, *from* doing thy pleaſure on my holy day; and call the ſabbath a Delight; the holy of the LORD, Honourable; and ſhalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleaſure, nor ſpeaking *thine own* words:

14 Then ſhalt thou delight thy ſelf in the LORD; and I will cauſe thee to [h] ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken *it*.

CHAP. LIX.

1 *The damnable nature of ſin.* 3 *The ſins of the Jews.* 9 *Calamity is for ſin.* 16 *Salvation is onely of God.* 20 *The covenant of the Redeemer.*

BEhold, the LORDS hand is not [a] ſhortned, that it cannot ſave; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 But your iniquities have ſeparated between you and your God, and your ſins have ‖ hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

3 For [b] your hands are defiled with bloud, and your fingers with iniquity: your lips have

[m] Ezek. 16. 18, 19

Or, *recovered it for thy ſelf at better times* Ezek. 16. 48 & 23. 2

Or, *from my God of mine own.*

Or, *thou re-ſtabliſh thy way.* [c] Chap. 30. 6. Ezek. 16. 33. & 23. 16.

[d] Or, *diſtributing.*

[e] Chap. 30. 26. 60. 19.

[f] Al. 34. 8 52. 12. Chap. 66. 20. [a] Pſal. 103. 9. Mic. 7. 18. Num. 16. 22. Job 36. 14. † Heb. *turning away.*

[g] Chap. 61. 4.

[h] Deut. 32. 13.

[a] Num. 11. 23. Chap. 50. 2.

‖ Or *made him hide.* [b] Chap. 1. 15.

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have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4 None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; [c] they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5 They hatch ‖ cockatrice eggs, and weave the spiders web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and *that which is* crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 [d] Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works *are* works of iniquity, and the act of violence *is* in their hands.

7 [e] Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts *are* thoughts of iniquity; wasting and † destruction *are* in their paths.

8 The way of peace they know not, and *there is* no ‖ judgement in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein, shall not know peace.

9 ¶ Therefore is judgement far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness.

10 [f] We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; *we are* in desolate places as dead *men*.

11 We roar all like bears, and [g] mourn sore like doves: we look for judgement, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testifie against us: for our transgressions *are* with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them:

13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14 And judgement is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil ‖ maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw *it*, and it † displeased him that *there was* no judgement.

16 ¶ And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondred that *there was* no intercessour: [h] therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17 [i] For he put on righteousness as a breast-plate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

18 [k] According *to their* † deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the LORD shall ‖ lift up a standard against him.

20 ¶ And [m] the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

21 As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seeds seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

CHAP. LX.

1 The glory of the church in the abundant access of the Gentiles, 15 and the great blessings after a short affliction.

ARise, ‖ shine; for thy light is come, and [a] the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And [b] the Gentiles shall come to thy light, & kings to y brightness of thy rising.

4 [c] Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side.

5 Then

[b] Mat. 21.

[c] Jer. 15. 18. Ps. 7. 14. ‖ Or, adders

‖ Or, Sprinkled as if there had been a viper

[d] Job 8. 14, 15.

[e] Prov. 1. 16. Rom. 3. 15.

† Heb. Destruction.

‖ Or, right.

[f] Deut. 28. 29. Job 5. 14. Am. 8. 9.

[g] Chap. 38. 14.

‖ Or, the accursed man.

‖ Heb. was not, as no one

[h] Psal. 98. 1. Chap. 63. 5.

[i] Eph. 6. 14, 17. 1 Thes. 5. 8.

[k] Chap. 63. 6. ‖ Heb. recompences, recompences.

Rev. 22. 12. ‖ Or, for him

[m] Rom. 11. 26.

‖ Or, gather together for thy sake, against thee. [a] Mal. 4. 2.

[b] Rev. 21. 24.

[c] Chap. 49. 18, 22, 23. 66. 18.

5 Then thou ſhalt ſee, and flow together; and thine heart ſhall fear, and be enlarged; becauſe the ‖ abundance of the ſea ſhall be converted unto thee, the ‖ forces of the Gentiles ſhall come unto thee,

6 The multitude of camels ſhall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba ſhall come: they ſhall bring [d] gold and incenſe; and they ſhall ſhew forth the praiſes of the LORD.

7 All the flocks of Kedar ſhall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth ſhall miniſter unto thee: they ſhall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorifie the houſe of my glory.

8 Who *are* theſe *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9 Surely the iſles ſhall wait for me, and the ſhips of Tarſhiſh firſt, [e] to bring thy ſons from far, their ſilver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the holy One of Iſrael, becauſe he hath glorified thee.

10 And the ſons of ſtrangers ſhall build up thy walls, and their kings ſhall miniſter unto thee: for in my wrath I ſmote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates [f] ſhall be open continually; they ſhall not be ſhut day nor night; that *men* may bring unto thee the ‖ forces of the Gentiles, and *that* their kings *may be* brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not ſerve thee ſhall periſh; yea, *thoſe* nations ſhall be utterly waſted.

13 [h] The glory of Lebanon ſhall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together, to beautifie the place of my ſanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

14 The ſons alſo of them that afflicted thee [i] ſhall come bending unto thee; and all they that deſpiſed thee ſhall bow themſelves down at the ſoles of thy feet; and they ſhall call thee, The city of the LORD, the Zion of the holy One of Iſrael.

15 Whereas thou haſt been forſaken and hated, ſo that no man went through *thee*, I will make thee an eternall excellency, a joy of many generations.

16 [k] Thou ſhalt alſo ſuck the milk of the Gentiles, and ſhalt ſuck the breaſt of kings: and thou ſhalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

17 For braſs I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring ſilver, and for wood braſs, and for ſtones iron: I will alſo make thy officers peace, and thine exactours righteouſneſs.

18 Violence ſhall no more be heard in thy land, waſting nor deſtruction within thy borders; but thou ſhalt call [m] thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praiſe.

19 [n] The ſun ſhall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightneſs ſhall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD ſhall be unto thee an everlaſting light, and [o] thy God thy glory.

20 Thy ſun ſhall no more go down; neither ſhall thy moon withdraw it ſelf: for the LORD ſhall be thine everlaſting light, and the days of thy mourning ſhall be ended.

21 Thy people alſo *ſhall be* all righteous: they ſhall inherit the land for ever, [p] the branch of my planting, [q] the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one ſhall become a thouſand, and a ſmall one a ſtrong nation. I the LORD will haſten it in his time.

CHAP. LXI.

1 *The office of Chriſt.* 4 *The forwardneſs,* 7 *and bleſſings of the faithfull.*

THE [a] Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me, becauſe the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath ſent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the priſon to *them that are* bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for aſhes, the oyl of joy for mourning, the garment of praiſe for the ſpirit of heavineſs; that they might be called Trees of righteouſneſs, the

[d] Pſal. 72. 10. Iſai. 60. 5, 6.
[e] Chap. 60. 8. Heb. ſons of the ſhips.
[f] Rev. 21. 25. Or, *perpetually*.
[h] Chap. 60. 13. Heb. *the glory of Lebanon.*
[i] Chap. 49. 23. & 60. 14.
[k] Chap. 49. 23. & 61. 6.
[m] Chap. 26. 1.
[n] Rev. 21. 23. & 22. 5.
[o] Zech. 2. 5.
[p] Mat. 15. 13. [q] Chap. 29. 23. & 45. 11.
[a] Luke 4. 18.

the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

b Chap. 58. 12. 4 ¶ And they shall b build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien *shall be* your plowmen and your vine-dressers.

c 1 Pet. 2. 5, 9. Rev. 1. 6 & 5. 10. d Chap. 60. 6, 16. 6 But ye shall be named c the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: d ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast your selves.

7 ¶ For your shame *you shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoyce in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

e Chap. 2. 13. 8 For I the LORD love judgement, e I hate robbery for burnt-offering: and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them that they *are* the seed *which* the LORD hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoyce in the LORD, my soul shall be joyfull in my God: for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom † decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *her self* with her jewels.

† Heb. decketh as a priest.

11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to bring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAP. LXII.

1 The fervent desire of the prophet to confirm the church in Gods promises. 5 The office of the ministers, unto which they are incited, in preaching the gospel, 10 and preparing the people thereto.

FOr Zions sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalems sake I will not rest, untill the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and a thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be b a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 c Thou shalt no more be termed, d Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed, Desolate: but thou shalt be called || Hephzi-bah; and thy land, || Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and † *as* the bridegroom rejoyceth over the bride, *so* c shall thy God rejoyce over thee.

6 f I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: || ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence;

7 And give him no † rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, † Surely, I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine for the which thou hast laboured:

9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it b in the courts of my holiness.

10 ¶ Go through, go through the gates; i prepare you the way of the people: cast up, cast up the high way; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, k Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his l reward *is* with him, and his || work before him.

12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

CHAP.

CHAP. LXIII.

1 Christ sheweth who he is, 2 what his victory over his enemies, 7 and what his mercy toward his church. 10 In his just wrath he remembreth his free mercy. 15 The church in their prayer, 17 and complaint, professeth their faith.

WHo *is* this that cometh from Edom, [a] with died garments from Bozrah? this *that is* † glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat?

3 I have trodden the wine-press alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For [b] the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, & the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And [c] I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondred that *there was* none to uphold: therefore [d] mine own arm brought salvation unto me, and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth

7 ¶ I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness towards the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.

8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

9 ¶ [e] In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them: [f] in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and [g] he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 ¶ But they [h] rebelled, and [i] vexed his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

11 Then he remembred the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*, Where *is* he that [k] brought them up out of the sea, with the || shepherd of his flock? where *is* he that [l] put his holy spirit within him?

12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses, with his glorious arm, [m] dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, *that* they should not stumble?

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thy self a glorious name.

15 ¶ [n] Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where *is* thy zeal and thy strength, the || sounding [o] of thy bowels, and of thy mercies towards me? are they restrained?

16 Doubtless thou *art* our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our Father, || our Redeemer, thy name *is* from everlasting.

17 ¶ O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways? *and* hardned our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while: [p] our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19 We are *thine*: thou never barest rule over them; || they were not called by thy name.

CHAP. LXIV.

1 The church prayeth for the illustration of Gods power. 5 Celebrating Gods mercy, she maketh confession of her natural corruption; and complaineth of her affliction.

OH that thou wouldst rent the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that [a] the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2 As *when* the † melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boyl, to make thy name known to thine adversaries,

[a] Exod. 14. 30. Jer. 2. 6.
|| Or, shepherds. [b] Psal. 77. 20. [l] Neh. 9. 20. [m] Exod. 14. 21. Josh. 3. 16.
[n] Deut. 26. 15.
|| Or, multitude. [o] Jer. 31. 20. Hos. 11. 8.
|| Or, our redeemer from everlasting is thy name.
[p] Psal. 74. 7. || Or, thy name was not called upon them.
[a] Mic. 1. 4.
† Heb. fire of melting.

that the nations may tremble at thy presence.

3 When [b] thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4 For since the beginning of the world [c] *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye || seen, O God, besides thee, *what* he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

5 Thou meetest him that rejoyceth, and worketh righteousness, [d] *those that* remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; & we all do [e] fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7 And [f] *there is* none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast † consumed us, because of our iniquities.

8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our Father; [g] we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.

9 ¶ Be not [h] wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.

10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11 Our holy and our beautifull house, where our fathers praised thee, is burnt up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

12 Wilt thou refrain thy self for these *things*, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

CHAP. LXV.

1 The calling of the Gentiles. 2 The Jews for their incredulity, idolatry and hypocrisie are rejected. 8 A remnant shall be saved. 11 Judgements on the wicked, and blessings on the godly. 17 The blessed state of the new Jerusalem.

I [a] Am sought of *them* that asked not *for me*; I am found of *them that* sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;

3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon † altars of brick;

4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments; [b] which eat swines flesh, and || broth of abominable *things is in* their vessels;

5 Which say, Stand by thy self, come not near to me, for I am holier then thou. These *are* a smoke in my || nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6 Behold, *it is* written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7 Your iniquities, and [c] the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burnt incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

8 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* saith, Destroy it not; for [d] a blessing *is* in it: so will I do for my servants sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheriter of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and [e] the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in; for my people that have sought me.

11 ¶ But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that || troop, and that furnish the drink-offering unto that || number.

12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: [f] because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear, but did evil before mine eyes, and did

[b] Exod. 34. 10. Judg. 5. 4, 5. Psa. 68. 8. Hab. 3. 3.
[c] Psal. 31. 19. 1 Cor. 2. 9.
|| Or, *seen a God besides thee which doeth so for him, &c.*
[d] Chap. 26. 8.
[e] Psal. 90. 5, 6.
[f] Hos. 7. 7.
† Heb. *melted.*
[g] Chap. 29. 16. & 45. 9. Jer. 18. 6. Rom. 9. 20, 21.
[h] Psal. 79. 8.
[a] Rom. 9. 24, 25, 26. & 10. 20. Eph. 2. 12, 13.

did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoyce, but ye shall be ashamed:

14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, & shall howl for † vexation of spirit.

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and [g] call his servants by another name:

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth, and [h] he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 ¶ For behold, I create [i] new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembred, nor come † into mind.

18 But be you glad and rejoyce for ever in *that* which I create: for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoycing, & her people a joy.

19 And [k] I will rejoyce in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the [l] voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old, but the sinner *being* an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 And [m] they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for [n] as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people, and mine elect shall † long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble: for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass that [o] before they call, I will answer; and whiles they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The [p] wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and [q] dust *shall be* the serpents meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

CHAP. LXVI.

1 The glorious God will be served in humble sincerity. 5 He comforteth the humble with the marvellous generation, 10 and the gracious benefits of the church. 15 Gods severe judgments against the wicked. 19 The Gentiles shall have an holy church, 24 and see the damnation of the wicked.

THus saith the LORD, [a] The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?

2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, [b] *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and [c] trembleth at my word.

3 He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a ‖ lamb, *as if* he [d] cut off a dogs neck; he that offereth an oblation, *as if he offered* swines bloud; he that † burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations:

4 I also will choose their ‖ delusions, and will bring their fears upon them: [e] because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.

5 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, [f] ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my names sake, said, [g] Let the LORD be glorified. But he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendreth recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion

p Chap. 11. 6, 7, 9

q Gen. 3. 14.

a 1 Kin. 8. 27. 2 Chron. 6. 18. Mat. 5. 34, 35. Act. 7. 48, 49. & 17. 24.

b Psal. 34. 18. & 51. 17. Chap. 57. 15.

c Ezra 9. 4. & 10. 3. Prov. 28. 14. v. 5.

‖ Or, kid.

d Deut. 23. 18.

† Heb. maketh a memorial of.

‖ Or, devices.

e Prov. 1. 24. Chap. 65. 12. Jer. 7. 13.

f verse 2.

g Chap. 5. 19.

travailed ſhe brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cauſe to bring forth? ſaith the LORD: ſhall I cauſe to bring forth, and ſhut *the womb*? ſaith thy God.

10 Rejoyce ye with Jeruſalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoyce for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:

11 That ye may ſuck and be ſatisfied with the breaſts of her conſolations; that ye may milk out and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

12 For thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, [b] I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing ſtream: then ſhall ye [i] ſuck, ye ſhall be [k] born upon *her* ſides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13 As one whom his mother comforteth, ſo will I comfort you; and ye ſhall be comforted in Jeruſalem.

14 And when ye ſee *this*, your heart ſhall rejoyce, and your bones ſhall flouriſh like an herb: and the hand of the LORD ſhall be known towards his ſervants, and *his* indignation towards his enemies.

15 For behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirl-wind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For by fire and by his ſword will the LORD plead with all fleſh: and the ſlain of the LORD ſhall be many.

17 [l] They that ſanctifie themſelves, and purifie themſelves in the gardens, [m] behind one *tree* in the midſt, eating ſwines fleſh, and the abomination, and the mouſe, ſhall be conſumed together, ſaith the LORD.

18 For I *know* their works and their thoughts: it ſhall come that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they ſhall come, and ſee my glory.

19 And I will ſet a ſign among them, and I will ſend thoſe that eſcape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarſhiſh, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bowe, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the iſles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have ſeen my glory; and they ſhall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

20 And they ſhall bring all your brethren *for* an offering unto the LORD out of all nations, upon horſes, and in chariots, and in [n] litters, and upon mules, and upon ſwift beaſts, to my holy mountain Jeruſalem, ſaith the LORD, as the children of Iſrael bring an offering in a clean veſſel into the houſe of the LORD.

21 And I will alſo take of them for [o] prieſts *and* for Levites, ſaith the LORD.

22 For as [p] the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, ſhall remain before me, ſaith the LORD, ſo ſhall your ſeed and your name remain.

23 And [q] it ſhall come to paſs, *that* †from one new-moon to another, and from one ſabbath to another, ſhall all fleſh come to worſhip before me, ſaith the LORD.

24 And they ſhall go forth, and look upon the carcaſes of the men that have tranſgreſſed againſt me. For their [r] worm ſhall not die, neither ſhall their fire be quenched; and they ſhall be an abhorring unto all fleſh.

[i] Or, *brightneſs*.
[k] Chap. 48. 18. & 60. 5.
[l] Chap. 60. 16.
[m] Chap. 49. 23. & 60. 4.
[n] Chap. 65. 3, 4.
[q] Or, *one after another*.

The book of the Prophet JEREMIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 The time, 3 and the calling of Jeremiah. 11 His prophetical viſions of an almond-rod, and a ſeething pot. 15 His heavy meſſage againſt Judah. 17 God encourageth him with promiſe of his aſſiſtance.

THE words of Jeremiah the ſon of Hilkiah, of the prieſts that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

2 To whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Joſiah the ſon of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

3 It came alſo in the days of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jeruſalem captive [s] in the fifth moneth.

4 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

5 Before

5 Before I [b] formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I [c] sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, [d] Lord GOD, behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

7 ¶ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

8 [e] Be not afraid of their faces: for [f] I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and [g] touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have [h] put my words in thy mouth.

10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to [i] root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond-tree.

12 Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot, and the face thereof *is* † towards the north.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the [k] north an evil shall † break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

15 For lo, I will [l] call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD: and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entring of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgements against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

17 ¶ Thou therefore gird up thy loyns, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I ‖ confound thee before them.

18 For behold, I have made thee this day [m] a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.

19 And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

CHAP. II.

1 *God having shewed his former kindness, expostulateth with the Jews their causeless revolt, 9 beyond any example. 14 They are the causes of their own calamities. 20 The sins of Judah. 31 Her confidence is rejected.*

MOreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2 Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember ‖ thee, the kindness of thy [a] youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

3 [b] Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, *and* the first-fruits of his increase: [c] all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.

4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel:

5 Thus saith the LORD, [d] What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?

6 Neither said they, [e] Where *is* the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts, and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?

7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entred, ye [f] defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.

8 The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD? and they that handle the [g] law

knew me not: the paſtours alſo tranſgreſſed againſt me, and the prophets propheſied by Baal, and walked after *things that* do not profit.

9 ¶ Wherefore I will yet plead with you, ſaith the LORD, and [h] with your childrens children will I plead.

10 For paſs [i] over the iſles of Chittim, and ſee; and ſend unto Kedar, and conſider diligently, and ſee if there be ſuch a thing.

11 [k] Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which *are* [l] yet no gods? but my people have [m] changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.

12 [n] Be aſtoniſhed, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very deſolate, ſaith the LORD.

13 For my people have committed two evils; They have forſaken me the [o] fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out ciſterns, broken ciſterns, that can hold no water.

14 ¶ *Is* Iſrael a ſervant? *is* he a homeborn *ſlave*? why is he † ſpoiled?

15 The young lions roared upon him, *and* † yelled, and they made his land waſte: his cities are burnt without inhabitant.

16 Alſo the children of Noph and Tahapanes [‖] have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Haſt thou not procured this unto thy ſelf, in that thou haſt forſaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now what haſt thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what haſt thou to do in the way of Aſſyria, to drink the waters of the river?

19 [p] Thine own wickedneſs ſhall correct thee, and thy backſlidings ſhall reprove thee: know therefore and ſee that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter that thou haſt forſaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, ſaith the Lord GOD of hoſts.

20 ¶ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burſt thy bands; and thou ſaidſt, I will not [‖] tranſgreſs; when [q] upon every high hill, and under every green tree thou wandereſt, playing the harlot.

21 Yet I had [r] planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right ſeed: how then art thou turned into [s] the degenerate plant of a ſtrange vine unto me?

22 For though thou [t] waſh thee with nitre, and take thee much ſope, *yet* [u] thine iniquity is marked before me, ſaith the Lord GOD.

23 How canſt thou ſay, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? See thy way in the valley, know what thou haſt done: *thou art* a ſwift dromedary traverſing her ways.

24 A wild aſs † uſed to the wilderneſs, *that* ſnuffeth up the wind at † her pleaſure, in her occaſion who can [‖] turn her away? all they that ſeek her will not weary themſelves; in her moneth they ſhall find her.

25 Withhold thy foot from being unſhod, and thy throat from thirſt. But [x] thou ſaidſt, [‖] There is no hope. No: for I have loved ſtrangers, and after them will I go.

26 As the thief is aſhamed when he is found: ſo is the houſe of Iſrael aſhamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their prieſts, and their prophets,

27 Saying to a ſtock, Thou *art* my father; and to a ſtone, Thou haſt [‖] brought me forth. For they have turned † *their* back unto me, and not *their* face: but in the time of their [y] trouble they will ſay, Ariſe, and ſave us.

28 But [z] where *are* thy gods that thou haſt made thee? let them ariſe, if they [a] can ſave thee in the time of thy † trouble: for [b] *according* to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have tranſgreſſed againſt me, ſaith the LORD.

30 In vain have I [c] ſmitten your children; they received no correction: your own ſword hath [d] devoured your prophets, like a deſtroying lion.

31 ¶ O generation, ſee ye the word of the LORD: [e] Have I been a wilderneſs unto Iſrael? a land of darkneſs? Wherefore ſay my people, † We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can

[h] Exod. 20. 5. Lev. 20. 5.
[i] Or, over ta.
[k] Mic. 4. 5.
[l] Chap. 16. 20. 1 Pſal. 106. 20.
[m] Iſ. 1. 2.
[n] Pſal. 36. 9. Chap. 17. 13. & 18. 14.
† Heb. become aſpoil.
† Heb. gave out their voice.
[‖] Or, feed on thy crown. Deut. 33. 12. Iſa. 8. 8.
[o] Iſa. 3. 9. Hoſ. 5. 5.
[‖] Or, ſervile.
[p] Iſa. 57. 5, 7. Ch. 3. 6.
[q] Exod. 20. 5. Lev. 20. 5.
[r] Pſal. 44. 2. & 80. 8. Iſa. 5. 1, &c. Mat. 21. 33. Mark 12. 1. Luke 20. 9. Deut. 32. 32. Iſa. 5. 2. Jer. 2. 21. Ezek. 15. 2. & 17. 6. & 19. 10. Hoſ. 10. 1. John 15. 1, 2.
[s] Or, degenerate, or, to me. † Heb. the ſtrange branches of the vine.
[t] Iſa. 1. 16. Jer. 4. 14.
[u] Or, the ſin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond. Job 19. 24.
† Heb. in her deſire of her luſt.
[‖] Or, reſtrain her.
[x] Jer. 18. 12.
[‖] Or, I have loved ſtrangers, and after them will I walk.
[y] Or, in the time that they are in affliction.
† Heb. their face.
[z] Deut. 32. 37. Judg. 10. 14. 1 Kings 12. 28.
[a] Iſa. 46. 7.
† Heb. evil.
[b] Chap. 11. 13. Hoſ. 8. 5. & 13. 2.
[c] Iſa. 1. 5. & 9. 13. & 57. 17. Chap. 5. 3. & 6. 29. Mat. 23. 37.
[d] Deut. 32. 15. Neh. 9. 26. Chap. 2. 30. & 26. 20. & 46. 14. Luke 11. 47. 1 Theſſ. 2. 15.
† Heb. We have dominion.
[e] Iſa. 45. 19.

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 Why trimmeſt thou thy way to ſeek love? therefore haſt thou alſo taught the wicked ones thy ways.

34 Alſo in thy skirts is found the bloud of the ſouls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by † ſecret ſearch, but upon all theſe.

35 Yet thou ſayeſt, Becauſe I am innocent, ſurely his anger ſhall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, becauſe thou ſayeſt, I have not ſinned.

36 [c] Why gaddeſt thou about ſo much to change thy way? [f] thou alſo ſhalt be aſhamed of Egypt, as [g] thou waſt aſhamed of Aſſyria.

37 Yea, thou ſhalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou ſhalt not proſper in them.

CHAP. III.

1 Gods great mercy to Judah notwithſtanding her vile whoredom. 6 Judah is worſe then Iſrael. 12 Promiſes to the penitent. 20 Iſrael reproved and called by God make a ſolemn confeſſion of their ſins.

†THey ſay, If a man put away his wife, and ſhe go from him, and become another mans, [a] ſhall he return unto her again? ſhall not that land be greatly polluted? But thou haſt played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, ſaith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and ſee where thou haſt not been lien with. [b] In the ways haſt thou ſat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderneſs: and thou haſt polluted the land with thy whoredoms, and with thy wickedneſs.

3 Therefore the [c] ſhowers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain: and thou hadſt a [d] whores forehead, thou refuſedſt to be aſhamed.

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?

5 [e] Will he reſerve *his anger* for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou haſt ſpoken and done evil things as thou couldſt.

6 ¶ The LORD ſaid alſo unto me in the days of Joſiah the king, Haſt thou ſeen *that* which backſliding Iſrael hath done? She is [f] gone up upon every high mountain, and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. [f] Chap. 2. 20.

7 And I ſaid after ſhe had done all theſe *things*, Turn thou unto me. But ſhe returned not. And her treacherous [g] ſiſter Judah ſaw *it*. [g] Ezek. 16. 46. & 23. 2, 4.

8 And I ſaw, when for all the cauſes whereby backſliding Iſrael committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous ſiſter Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot alſo.

9 And it came to paſs through the [h] lightneſs of her whoredom that ſhe defiled the land, and committed adultery with ſtones and with ſtocks. [h] Or, *fame.*

10 And yet for all this, her treacherous ſiſter Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but † feignedly, ſaith the LORD. † Heb. *in falſhood.*

11 And the LORD ſaid unto me, [h] The backſliding Iſrael hath juſtified her ſelf more then treacherous Judah. [h] Ezek. 16. 51. & 23. 11.

12 ¶ Go, and proclaim theſe words toward the north, and ſay, Return, thou backſliding Iſrael, ſaith the LORD; *and* I will not cauſe mine anger to fall upon you: for I *am* [i] mercifull, ſaith the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever. [i] Pſal. 86. 15. & 103. 8, 9. verſ. 5.

13 Onely acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou haſt tranſgreſſed againſt the LORD thy God, and haſt ſcattered thy ways to the ſtrangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, ſaith the LORD.

14 Turn, O backſliding children, ſaith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 And I will give you [k] paſtours according to mine heart, which ſhall feed you with knowledge and underſtanding. [k] Chap. 23. 4. Ezek. 34. 23. Eph. 4. 11.

16 And it ſhall come to paſs when ye be multiplied and increaſed in the land, in

those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come † to mind; neither shall they remember it, neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the Throne of the LORD: and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they ‖ walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk ‖ with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee [m] a † pleasant land, † a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? And I said, Thou shalt call me, My Father; and shalt not turn away † from me.

20 ¶ Surely, *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her † husband, so [n] have you dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

21 A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God.

22 [o] Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* the LORD our God.

23 [p] Truly in vain *is salvation hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: [q] truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

24 For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

† Heb. upon the heart.
‖ Or, it is magnified.
[l] Chap. 11. 8. ‖ Or, stubbornness. ‖ Or, in.
‖ Or, cast away your stiffnecks. [m] Psal. 106. 24. Ezek. 20. 6. Dan. 8. 9. & 11. 16. 41. † Heb. land of desire. ‖ Heb. an heritage of glory, or beauty.
† Heb. from after me.
† Heb. friend.
[n] Chap. 5. 11.
[o] Hos. 14. 1.
[p] Psal. 121. 1, 2.
[q] Isa. 33. 22.

CHAP. IV.

1 God calleth Israel by his promise. 3 He exhorteth Judah to repentance by fearful judgements. 19 A grievous lamentation for the miseries of Judah.

IF thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, [a] return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth [b] in truth, in judgement, and in righteousness: and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they [c] glory.

3 ¶ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, [d] Break up your fallow ground, and [e] sow not among thorns.

4 [f] Circumcise your selves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem, and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, [g] Assemble your selves, and let us go into the defenced cities.

6 Set up the standard toward Zion; ‖ retire, stay not: for [h] I will bring evil from the north, and a great † destruction.

7 [i] The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way: he is gone forth from his place [k] to make thy land desolate; *and* thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

8 For this [l] gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.

9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, *that* the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD, surely thou hast greatly deceived this people, and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people, and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the

[a] Joel 2. 12.
[b] Isa. 48. 1.
[c] 2 Cor. 10. 17.
[d] Hos. 10. 12. Matth. 13. 7, 22.
[e] Deut. 10. 16. & 30. 6.
[f] Chap. 9. 26.
[g] Chap. 8. 14.
‖ Or, strengthen.
[h] Chap. 1. 13, 14. & 6. 1, 22.
† Heb. breaking.
[i] Dan. 7. 4.
[k] Chap. 2. 15. & 9. 11. & 26. 9.
[l] Chap. 6. 26.

the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,

12 *Even* a full wind from those *places* shall come unto me: now also will I † give sentence against them.

13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and [m] his chariots *shall be* as a whirlwind: [n] his horses are swifter then eagles. Wo unto us; for we are spoiled.

14 O Jerusalem, [o] wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved: how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

15 For a voice declareth [p] from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.

16 Make ye mention to the nations: behold, publish against Jerusalem *that* watchers come from a far countrey, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah.

17 As keepers of a field are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.

18 [q] Thy way and thy doings have procured these *things* unto thee: this *is* thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 ¶ My [r] bowels, my bowels: I am pained at † my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

20 [s] Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment.

21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

22 For my people *is* foolish, they have not known me, they *are* sottish children, and they have none understanding: they *are* wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and lo, *it was* without form and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light.

24 [t] I beheld the mountains, and lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly.

25 I beheld, and lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and lo, the fruitfull place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger.

27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate: [u] yet will I not make a full end.

28 For this shall the earth mourn, and [x] the heavens above be black: because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

29 The whole city shall flee, for the noise of the horsemen and bowe men: they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

30 And *when* thou *art* spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thy self with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy † face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thy self fair: *thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, *and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child; [y] voice of the daughter of Zion, *that* bewaileth her self, *that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*, Wo *is* me now: for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

CHAP. V.

1 *The judgements of God upon the Jews for their perverseness,* 7 *for their adultery,* 10 *for their impiety,* 19 *for their contempt of God,* 25 *and for their great corruption in the civil state,* 30 *and ecclesiastical.*

RUn ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, [a] if there be *any* that executeth judgement, that seeketh the truth, and I will pardon it.

2 And though they say, The LORD liveth, surely they swear falsly.

3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast [b] stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, *but* [c] they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder then a rock;

a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish: for [d] they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgement of their God.

5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgement of their God: but these have altogether [e] broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

6 Wherefore [f] a lion out of the forest shall slay them, [g] a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them, [h] a leopard shall watch over their cities: every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are [†] increased.

7 ¶ How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots houses.

8 [i] They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbours wife.

9 [k] Shall I not visit for these *things*? saith the LORD: and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 ¶ Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; [l] but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they *are* not the LORDS.

11 For [m] the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.

12 They have belied the LORD, and said, [n] *It is* not he: neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine:

13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, [o] behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

15 Lo, I will bring a [p] nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it *is* a mighty nation, it *is* an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men.

17 And they shall eat up thine [q] harvest, and thy bread, *which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD, I [r] will not make a full end with you.

19 ¶ And it shall come to pass when ye shall say, [s] Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us? then shalt thou answer them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,

21 Hear now this, O [t] foolish people and without [†] understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

22 Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand *for* the [u] bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, [v] that it cannot pass it; and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

23 But this people have a revolting & a rebellious heart; they are revolted, & gone.

24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the [x] former and the latter in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

25 ¶ Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withholden good *things* from you.

26 For among my people are found wicked *men*: they [y] lay wait as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As

[c] Psa. 2. 3.
[f] Chap. 4. 7.
[g] Psal. 104. 20. Hab. 1. 8.
[h] Or, observers.
[†] Heb. strong.
[i] Ezek. 22. 11.
[k] vers. 29. & Ch. 9. 9.
[l] Chap. 4. 27.
[m] Chap. 3. 20.
[n] Isa. 28. 15.
[o] Chap. 1. 9. & Deut. 28. 49. Isa. 5. 26. Chap. 21. 13. & 22. 22.
[p] Deut. 28. 49. Isa. 5. 26.
[q] Lev. 26. 16. Deut. 28. 33.
[r] Chap. 4. 27.
[s] Chap. 22. 8. 1 Kings 9. 8. Jer. 16. 10.
[t] Isa. 6. 9. Ezek. 12. 2. Mat. 13. 14. John 12. 40. Acts 28. 26. Rom. 11. 8.
[†] Heb. heart.
[u] Job 38. 10. Psal. 104. 9.
[v] Heb. a statute.
[x] Deut. 11. 14.
[y] Or, prepare, as he that setteth snares, they set a trap, they catch men. Prov. 1. 11, 18.

27 As a ‖ cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

28 They are waxen [z] fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: [a] they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge.

29 [c] Shall I not visit for these *things?* saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 ¶ A wonderfull and horrible thing is committed in the land.

31 The prophets prophesie [d] falsly, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

CHAP. VI.

1 *The enemies sent against Judah, 4 encourage themselves. 6 God setteth them on work because of their sins. 9 The prophet lamenteth the judgements of God because of their sins. 18 He proclaimeth Gods wrath. 26 He calleth the people to mourn for the judgement on their sins.*

O Ye children of Benjamin, gather your selves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth haccerem: for [a] evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a ‖ comely and delicate *woman.*

3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Wo unto us, for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

6 ¶ For thus hath the LORD of hosts said, Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem. This *is* the city to be visited: she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.

7 [b] As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness: [c] violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul † depart from thee: lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their [d] ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in: I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is* full of days.

12 And [e] their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their* fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to [f] covetousness, and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsly.

14 They have [g] healed also the † hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

15 Were they [h] ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them, they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the [i] old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find [k] rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein.*

17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying,* Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

18 ¶ Therefore hear, ye nations, and know,

† Heb. *be loosed or disjointed.*

[z] Levit. 26. 16. Deut. 28. 33.

[a] Chap. 4. 22.

[b] Chap. 6. 10.

[c] If. 65. Ezek. 7. 2. Mic. 3. 12. Joel 2. 20. Hab. 1. 8. Heb. heart. [d] Jer. 5. 31. 14. 14. 23. 25. 27. 29. 9. Lam. 2. 14. Ezek. 13. 2. 6. 9. 22. 28.

[a] Jer. 4. 6.

‖ Or, *delightful.*

[c] Chap. 4. 22.

[d] Chap. 7. 26.

[e] Deut. 28. 30. Chap. 8. 10.

[f] Isa. 56. 11. Chap. 8. 10. & 14. 18. & 23. 11. [g] Chap. 8. 11. Ezek. 13. 10. † Heb. *bruise* or *breach.*

[h] Chap. 3. 3. & 8. 12.

[i] 1 Kin. 8. 20. Ch. 18. 15. Mal. 4. 4. Luke 16. 29. [k] Matt. 11. 29.

know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

19 Hear, O earth: Behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkned unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba? and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt-offerings *are* not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north-country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold on bowe and spear: they *are* cruel, and have no mercy: their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses, set in aray as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way: for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thy self in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an onely son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee *for* a towre *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron, they are all corrupters.

29 The bellows are burnt, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

CHAP. VII.

1 Jeremiah is sent to call for true repentance, to prevent the Jews captivity. 8 He rejecteth their vain confidence, 12 by the example of Shiloh. 17 He threatneth them for their idolatry. 21 He rejecteth the sacrifices of the disobedient. 29 He exhorteth to mourn for their abominations in Tophet, 32 and the judgements for the same.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Stand in the gate of the LORDS house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; Amend your ways, and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. (Chap. 18. 11. & 26. 13.)

4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The Temple of the LORD, The Temple of the LORD, The Temple of the LORD *are* these.

5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your doings; if you throughly execute judgement between a man and his neighbour;

6 *If* ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt;

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsly, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before me in this house, † which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.

13 And

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1 Isa. 1. 2.

m Isa. 1. 11. & 66. 3. Amos 5. 21. Mic. 6. 6, &c.

n Chap. 1. 15. & 5. 15. & 10. 22. & 50. 41, 42, 43.

o Chap. 4. 31. & 49. 24. & 50. 43.

p Chap. 4. 8. & 25. 34.

q Mic. 1. 10.

r Zech. 12. 10.

s Chap. 1. 18. & 15. 20.

t Chap. 9. 4. u Ezek. 22. 18.

x Isa. 1. 22. ‖ Or, *Refuse silver.*

† Heb. *which my name is called.*

y Isa. 56. 7. Mat. 21. 13. Mar. 11. 17. Luk. 19. 46. z Josh. 18. 1. 1 Sam. 4. 12. & 21. 1. & 22. 9. 19. & 1 Kin. 14. 2. Psal. 78. 60. Jer. 26. 6. 9. & 41. 5.

13 And now, becauſe ye have done all theſe works, ſaith the LORD, and I ſpake unto you, [e] riſing up early, and ſpeaking, but ye heard not; and I [f] called you, but ye anſwered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto *this* houſe which is called by my name, wherein ye truſt, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to [g] Shiloh.

15 And I will caſt you out of my ſight, as I have caſt out all your brethren, *even* the whole ſeed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore [h] pray not thou for this people, neither liſt up cry nor prayer for them, neither make interceſſion to me: for I will not hear thee.

17 ¶ Seeſt thou not what they do in the cities of Judah, and in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem?

18 [i] The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the ‖ queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? ſaith the LORD: *do they* not *provoke* themſelves to the confuſion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury ſhall be poured out upon this place, upon man and upon beaſt, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it ſhall burn, and ſhall not be quenched.

21 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael; [k] Put your burnt offerings unto your ſacrifices, and eat fleſh.

22 For I ſpake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning † burnt offerings or ſacrifices.

23 But this thing commanded I them, ſaying, [l] Obey my voice, and [m] I will be your God, and ye ſhall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

24 [n] But they hearkned not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counſels *and* in the ‖ imagination of their evil heart, and † [o] went backward, and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have even [p] ſent unto you all my ſervants the prophets, daily riſing up early, and ſending *them*:

26 [q] Yet they hearkned not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but [r] hardned their neck; they did worſe then their fathers.

27 Therefore thou ſhalt ſpeak all theſe words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou ſhalt alſo call unto them; but they will not anſwer thee.

28 But thou ſhalt ſay unto them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth ‖ correction: truth is periſhed, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 ¶ [s] Cut off thine hair, *O Jeruſalem*, & caſt *it* away, and take up a lamentation on high places: for the LORD hath rejected and forſaken the generation of his wrath.

30 For the children of Judah have done evil in my ſight, ſaith the LORD: [t] they have ſet their abomination in the houſe which is called by my name, to pollute it.

31 And they have built the [u] high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the ſon of Hinnom, to burn their ſons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither came it † into my heart.

32 ¶ Therefore behold, the days [x] come, ſaith the LORD, that it ſhall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the ſon of Hinnom, but the Valley of ſlaughter: for they ſhall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

33 And the [y] carcaſes of this people ſhall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beaſts of the earth; and none ſhall fray *them* away.

34 Then will I cauſe to [z] ceaſe from the cities of Judah, and from the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladneſs, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride: for the land ſhall be deſolate.

CHAP.

‖ Or, *Hebbornneſs.*
† Heb. *went.*
[o] Chap. 2. 27. & 32. 33.
[p] 2 Chr. 36. 15.
[q] Chap. 11. 8.
[r] Neh. 9. 17, 29.
Chap. 16. 12. & 17. 23. & 19. 15. & 25. 3.
‖ Or, *inſtruction.*
[s] Job 1. 20. Iſa. 15, 2. Jer. 16. 6.
[t] 2 Kin. 21. 4. 2 Chron. 33. 4. Ezek. 8. 5, 6.
[u] 2 Kin. 23. 10. Chap. 19. 5.
† Heb. *upon my heart.*
[x] Chap. 19. 6
[y] Deut. 28. 26. Pſ. 79. 2. Chap. 12. 9. & 16. 4. & 34. 20. & Iſa. 24. 6, 8. Chap. 16. 9. & 25. 10. & 33. 11. Ezek. 26. 13. Hoſ. 2. 11.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The calamity of the Jews both dead and alive.* 4 *The prophet upbraideth their foolish and shameless impenitency;* 13 *sheweth their grievous judgement,* 18 *and bewaileth their desperate estate.*

AT that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And death shall be chosen rather then life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Moreover, thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

6 I hearkned and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battel.

7 Yea, [a] the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle, and the crane, and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but [b] my people know not the judgement of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We *are* wise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly ‖ in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.

9 [c] ‖ The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and † what wisdom *is* in them?

10 Therefore [d] will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to [e] covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsly.

11 For they have [f] healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, [g] Peace, peace, when *there is* no peace.

12 Were they [h] ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

13 ¶ ‖ I will surely consume them, saith the LORD. *There shall be* no grapes [i] on the vine, nor figs on the [k] fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them.

14 Why do we sit still? [l] assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there: for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us [m] water of ‖ gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD.

15 We [n] looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, and behold, trouble.

16 The snorting of his horses was heard from [o] Dan: the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones: for they are come, and have devoured the land, and † all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

17 For behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you, which *will* not *be* [p] charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ *When* I would comfort my self against sorrow, my heart *is* faint † in me.

19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, † because of them that dwell in a far country: *Is* not the LORD in Zion? *is* not her king in her? why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, *and* with strange vanities?

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[a] Isa. 1. 3
[b] Chap. 5. 4, 5.
‖ Or, *the false pen of the scribes worketh for falsehood.*
[c] Chap. 6. 15.
‖ Or, *have they been ashamed, &c.*
† Heb. *the wisdom of wise men.*
[d] Deut. 28. 30. Chap. 6. 12. Amos 5. 11. Zeph. 1. 13.
[e] Isa. 56. 11. Chap. 6. 13.
[f] Chap. 6. 14. & Ezek. 13. 10.
[g] Chap. 6. 14. & 23. 17.
[h] Chap. 3. 3. & 6. 15.
‖ Or, *I will gather them with consume.* Isa. 5. 10. &c.
[i] Mat. 21. 19. Luk. 13. 6, &c.
[k] Chap. 4. 5.
[l] Chap. 4. 5. & 6. 5.
[m] Chap. 9. 15. & 23. 15.
‖ Or, *poison.*
[n] Chap. 14. 19.
[o] Chap. 4. 15.
† Heb. *the fulness thereof.*
[p] Psal. 58. 4, 5.
† Heb. *upon.*
† Heb. *because of the country of them that are far off.*

20 The harveſt is paſt, the ſummer is ended, and we are not ſaved.

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; aſtoniſhment hath taken hold on me.

22 *Is there* no [q] balm in Gilead? *is there* no phyſician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people † recovered?

CHAP. IX.

1 Jeremiah lamenteth the Jews for their manifold ſins, 9 and for their judgement. 12 Diſobedience is the cauſe of their bitter calamity. 17 He exhorteth to mourn for their deſtruction, 23 and to truſt not in themſelves, but in God. 25 He threateneth both Jews and Gentiles.

† OH [a] that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the ſlain of the daughter of my people.

2 Oh that I had in the wilderneſs a lodging-place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them: for [b] they *be* all adulterers, an aſſembly of treacherous men.

3 And [c] they bend their tongues *like* their bowe *for* lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, ſaith the LORD.

4 [d] Take ye heed every one of his ‖ neighbour, and truſt ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly ſupplant, and every neighbour will [e] walk with ſlanders.

5 And they will ‖ deceive every one his neighbour, & will not ſpeak the truth: they have taught their tongue to ſpeak lies, *and* weary themſelves to commit iniquity.

6 Thine habitation *is* in the midſt of deceit: through deceit they refuſe to know me, ſaith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Behold, I will melt them, and try them: for how ſhall I do for the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow ſhot out; it ſpeaketh [f] deceit: *one* ſpeaketh [g] peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth ‖ his wait.

9 ¶ [h] Shall I not viſit them for theſe *things?* ſaith the LORD: ſhall not my ſoul be avenged on ſuch a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping & wailing, & [i] for the ‖ habitations of ẏ wilderneſs a lamentation, becauſe they are ‖ burnt up, ſo that none can paſs through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattel: † both the fowl of the heavens & the beaſt are fled; they are gone.

11 And I will make Jeruſalem heaps, *and* [k] a den of dragons; & I will make the cities of Judah † deſolate, without an inhabitant.

12 ¶ [l] Who *is* the wiſe man, that may underſtand this? and *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD hath ſpoken, that he may declare it, for what the land periſheth, *and* is burnt up like a wilderneſs, that none paſſeth through?

13 And the LORD ſaith, Becauſe they have forſaken my law which I ſet before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

14 But have walked after the ‖ imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, [m] with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

16 I will [n] ſcatter them alſo among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will ſend a ſword after them, till I have conſumed them.

17 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Conſider ye, and call for the mourning-women, that they may come; and ſend for cunning *women*, that they may come:

18 And let them make haſte, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eye-lids guſh out with waters.

19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we ſpoiled? We are greatly confounded, becauſe we have forſaken the land, becauſe [o] our dwellings have caſt *us* out.

20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

21 For

† Heb. the miſdom of women.
[a] Deut. 28. 30. Chap. 6. 12. Amos 5. 11. Zeph. 1. 13.
† Iſa. 56. 11. Chap. 6. 13.
[b] Chap. 6. 14. Ezek. 33. 10.
[c] Chap. 9. 3. & 12. 5.
Or, *in* ga-thering with conſume, Iſa. 5. 13. &c.
[d] Mat. 10. 19. Luk. 12. 6. &c. Chap. 6. 5.
[e] Chap. 9. 15. & 23. 15.
‖ Or, perſon.
[f] Chap. 14. 19.
[g] Chap. 4. 15.
† Heb. *the ſubſtance* thereof.
[h] Pſal. 58. 4, 5.
† Heb. upon.
† Heb. *becauſe of the* enemy *of them that are for us.*
[i] Chap. 12. 4. & 23. 10. Hoſ. 4. 3.
‖ Or, *paſtures.*
‖ Or, *deſolate.*
† Heb. *from the fowl even to*, &c.
[k] Iſa. 34. 13. Cha. 10. 22.
† Heb. *deſolation.*
[l] Pſal. 107. 43.
‖ Or, *ſtubbornneſs.*
[m] Chap. 8. 14. & 23. 15.
[n] Levit. 26. 33. Deut. 28. 64.
[o] Lev. 18. 28 & 20. 22.

21 For death is come up into our windows, *and* is entred into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, *and* the young men from the streets.

22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD; Even the carcases of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handfull after the harvest man, and none shall gather *them*.

23 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches;

24 But [p] let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise loving kindness, judgement and righteousness in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.

25 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will † punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;

26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* † in the [q] utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* [r] uncircumcised in the heart.

CHAP. X.

1 The unequal comparison of God and idols. 17 The prophet exhorteth to flee from the calamity to come. 19 He lamenteth the spoil of the tabernacle by foolish pastors. 23 He maketh an humble supplication.

HEar ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

2 Thus saith the LORD, [a] Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

3 For the † customs of the people are vain: for [b] one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.

4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

5 They *are* upright as the palm tree, [c] but speak not: they must needs be [d] born, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them: for [e] they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good.

6 Forasmuch as [f] *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD: thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.

7 [g] Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for ‖ to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations and in all their kingdoms *there is* none like unto thee.

8 But they are † altogether [h] brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities.

9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*.

10 But the LORD *is* the † true God; he *is* the living God, and an † [i] everlasting King: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, *even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

12 He [k] hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and [l] hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a ‖ multitude of waters in the heavens, and [m] he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings ‖ with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

14 Every man ‖ is [n] brutish in *his* knowledge: every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

15 They *are* vanity, *and* the work of errours: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

16 [o] The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all *things*, and [p] Israel *is* the rod of his inheritance: The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

17 ¶ Gather

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[p] 1 Cor. 1. 31. 2 Cor. 10. 17.

† Heb. visit upon.
† Heb. cut off into corners, or having the corners of their hair polled.
[q] Chap. 25. 23.
[r] Lev. 26. 41. Rom. 2. 28, 29.

[a] Lev. 18. 3. & 20. 23.

† Heb. statutes or ordinances are vanity.
[b] Isa. 40. 19. & 44. 9, 12, &c.
[c] Ps. 115. 5. & 135. 16.
[d] Isa. 46. 3, 7.

[e] Isa. 41. 23.
[f] Exod. 15. 11. Psal. 86. 8, 10.
[g] Rev. 15. 4.
‖ Or, in regard thereof.
† Heb. words, or as one.
[h] Psal. 115. 8. Isa. 40. 19. Hab. 2. 18. Zech. 10. 2. Rom. 1. 21, 22.
† Heb. God of truth.
[i] Heb. King of eternity. Psal. 10. 16.
[k] Gen. 1. 1, 6. Chap. 51. 15, &c.
[l] Job 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Isa. 40. 22.
‖ Or, multitude.
[m] Psal. 135. 7.
‖ Or, for rain.
[n] Chap. 51. 17, 18.
[o] Chap. 51. 19.
[p] Psal. 74. 2.

17 ¶ Gather up thy wares out of the land, O † inhabitant of the fortreſs.

18 For thus ſaith the LORD, Behold, I will [q] ſling out the inhabitants of the land at this once, and will diſtreſs them, that they may find *it ſo.*

19 ¶ Wo is me for my hurt; my wound is grievous: but I ſaid, Truly this *is* a grief, and I muſt bear it.

20 My tabernacle is ſpoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not: *there is* none to ſtretch forth my tent any more, and to ſet up my curtains.

21 For the paſtours are become brutiſh, and have not ſought the LORD: therefore they ſhall not proſper, and all their flocks ſhall be ſcattered.

22 Behold, the noiſe of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the [r] north-countrey, to make the cities of Judah deſolate, *and* a [s] den of dragons.

23 ¶ O LORD, I know that the [t] way of man *is* not in himſelf: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his ſteps.

24 O LORD, [u] correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, leſt thou † bring me to nothing.

25 [x] Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and conſumed him, and have made his habitation deſolate.

CHAP. XI.

1 Jeremiah proclaimeth Gods covenant, 8 rebuketh the Jews diſobeying thereof, 11 propheſieth evils to come upon them; 18 and upon the men of Anathoth, for conſpiring to kill him.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, ſaying,

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and ſpeak unto the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jeruſalem,

3 And ſay thou unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael; [a] Curſed *be* the man [y] obeyeth not the words of this covenant,

4 Which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, [b] from the iron furnace, ¶ ſaying, [c] Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: ſo ſhall ye be my people, and I will be your God:

5 That I may perform the [d] oath which I have ſworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then anſwered I, and ſaid, † So be it, O LORD.

6 Then the LORD ſaid unto me, Proclaim all theſe words in the cities of Judah and in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, ſaying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, & do them.

7 For I carneſtly proteſted unto your fathers in the day *that* I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, [e] riſing early and proteſting, ſaying, Obey my voice.

8 [f] Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but [g] walked every one in the || imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant which I commanded *them* to do, but they did *them* not.

9 And the LORD ſaid unto me, A conſpiracy is found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refuſed to hear my words; and they went after other gods to ſerve them: the houſe of Iſrael and the houſe of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the LORD; Behold, I will bring evil upon them which they ſhall not be able † to eſcape: and [h] though they ſhall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

12 Then ſhall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jeruſalem go, and [i] cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incenſe: but they ſhall not ſave them at all in the time of their † trouble.

13 For *according* to the number of thy [k] cities were thy gods, O Judah; and *according* to the number of the ſtreets of Jeruſalem have ye ſet up altars to *that* † ſhamefull thing, *even* altars to burn incenſe unto Baal.

14 Therefore [l] pray not thou for this

[a] Lev. 26. 3, 12.
[d] Deut. 7. 12.
† Heb. Amen.
[e] Chap. 7. 13, 25.
[f] Chap. 7. 26.
[g] Chap. 3. 17. & 7. 24. & 9. 14.
|| Or, ſtubbornneſs.
† Heb. to go forth of.
[h] Pſal. 18. 41. Pr. 1. 28. Iſa. 1. 15.
[i] Chap. 44. 12. Ezek. 8. 18. Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13. Deut. 32. 37, 38
† Heb. evil.
[k] Chap. 2. 28.
† Heb. ſhame.
[l] Chap. 7. 16. & 14. 11.

people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their † trouble.

15 [m] † What hath my beloved to do in mine house, *seeing* she hath wrought lewdness with many? and the holy flesh is passed from thee: || when thou doest evil, then thou rejoycest.

16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, fair & of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken.

17 For the LORD of hosts, [n] that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger, in offering incense unto Baal.

18 ¶ And the LORD hath given me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*: then thou shewedst me their doings.

19 But I *was* like a lamb *or* an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that [o] they had devised devices against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the † tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembred.

20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that [p] triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

21 Therefore thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth that seek thy life, saying, [q] Prophesie not in the name of the LORD, that thou die not by our hand:

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will † punish them: the young men shall die by [r] sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:

23 And there shall be no remnant of them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, *even* the year of their visitation.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jeremiah complaining of the wickeds prosperity, by faith seeth their ruine. 5 God admonisheth him of his brethrens treachery against him. 7 and lamenteth his heritage. 14 He promiseth to the penitent return from captivity.

RIghteous *art* thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: *yet* || let me talk with thee of *thy* judgements: [b] Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? *wherefore* are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root: † they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: [c] thou *art* near in their mouth, and far from their reins.

3 But thou, O LORD, [d] knowest me: thou hast seen me, and [e] tried mine heart † towards thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, [f] for the wickedness of them that dwell therein? [g] the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our last end.

5 ¶ If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, *wherein* thou trustedst, *they wearied thee*, then how wilt thou do in [h] the swelling of Jordan?

6 For even [i] thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they || have called a multitude after thee: [k] believe them not, though they speak † fair words unto thee.

7 ¶ I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage, I have given the † dearly beloved of my soul into the hands of her enemies.

8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest, it || † crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.

9 Mine heritage *is* unto me *as* a || speckled bird; the birds round about *are* against her: come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, || [l] come to devour.

10 Many pastours have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my † pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate; *and being* desolate it mourneth unto me: the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth *it* to heart.

12 The spoilers are come upon all high place [s] through the wilderness: for the sword

† Heb. evil.
[m] ch. 11. 15, &c.
† Heb. *What is to my beloved in my house?*
|| Or, *when thy evil is.*
[n] Chap. 2. 21.
[o] Chap. 18. 18.
† Heb. *Strike with his tongue.*
[p] 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Chr. 28. 9. Psa. 7. 9. Chap. 17. 10 & 20. 12. Rev. 2. 23.
[q] Isa. 30. 10. Am. 2. 12 & 7. 13. Mic. 2. 6.
† Heb. *visit upon.*
[r] Ps. 63. 10.
Or, *at the sword.*

[a] Job 12. 6, &c. 21. 7. Psa. 37. 1. 35. & 73. 3. &c. Hab. 1. 4. Mal. 3. 15.
† Heb. *they go on.*
|| Or, *yielded fruit.*
[b] Psa. 9. 18. Psal. 37. 1. & 39. 1. Chap. 50. 20.
† Heb. *in their heart.*
[c] Psa. 62. 4. & 78. 36.
[d] 2 Tim. 2. 19.
[e] Psa. 26. 2. & 139. 23.
† Heb. *with me.*
[f] Hos. 4. 3. Joel 1. 10. Amos 1. 2. Chap. 4. 25. & 9. 10.
[g] Isa. 24. 4. & 33. 9. Chap. 50. 20.
[h] Josh. 3. 15. Chap. 49. 19. & 50. 44. Zech. 11. 3.
|| Or, *grind corn.*
† Heb. *in the land of peace.*
[i] Psa. 28. 3. & 55. 21.
† Heb. *good things.*
|| Heb. *after thee.*
[k] Prov. 26. 25.
† Heb. *good words.*
† Heb. *hand.*
|| Or, *yelleth.*
† Heb. *giveth her voice.*
Or, *declared.*
|| Or, *gather them to come.*
[l] Chap. 7. 33.
† Heb. *portion of delight.*

sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.

13 [m] They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not profit: and ‖ they shall be ashamed of your revenues, because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbours, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit, Behold, I will [n] pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them.

15 And it shall come to pass after that I have plucked them out, I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.

16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.

17 But if they will not [o] obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XIII.

1 In the type of a linen girdle hidden at Euphrates God prefigureth the destruction of his people. 12 Under the parable of the bottles filled with wine he foretelleth their drunkenness in misery. 15 He exhorteth to prevent their future judgements. 22 He sheweth their abominations are the cause thereof.

THUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loyns, and put it not in water.

2 So I got a girdle, according to the word of the LORD, and put *it* on my loyns.

3 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying,

4 Take the girdle that thou hast got, which *is* upon thy loyns, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole of the rock.

5 So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

6 And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence which I commanded thee to hide there.

7 Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hid it: and behold, the girdle was marred; it was profitable for nothing.

8 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Thus saith the LORD; After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem.

10 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the ‖ imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing.

11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

12 ¶ Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Every bottle shall be filled with wine. And they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine?

13 Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon Davids throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.

14 And I will dash them † one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, † but destroy them.

15 ¶ Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

16 Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause [a] darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye [b] look for light, he turn it into [c] the shadow of death, & make *it* gross darkness.

17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride; and [d] mine eye shall weep sore, and run

‖ Or, *stubbornness.*

† Heb. *a man against his brother.*

† Heb. *even them destroying them.*

[a] Isa. 8. 22.

[b] Isa. 59. 9. [c] Psal. 44. 19.

[d] Lam. 1. 2, 16. & 2. 18.

down with tears, because the LORDS flock is carried away captive.

18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble your selves, sit down: for your || principalities shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory.

19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open *them*: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where *is* the flock *that* was given thee, thy beautifull flock?

21 What wilt thou say when he shall † punish thee? for thou hast taught them *to be* captains, *and* as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee as a woman in travail?

22 ¶ And if thou say in thine heart, [f] Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, *and* thy heels || made bare.

23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are † accustomed to do evil.

24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.

25 This *is* thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falshood.

26 Therefore [h] will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.

27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, *and* thine abominations [k] on the hills in the fields. Wo unto thee, O Jerusalem: wilt thou not be made clean? † when *shall it* once *be*?

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The grievous famine* 7 *causeth Jeremiah to pray.* 10 *The Lord will not be intreated for the people.* 13 *Lying prophets are no excuse for them.* 17 *Jeremiah is moved to complain for them.*

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning † the dearth.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.

3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters: they came to the pits, *and* found no water; they returned with their vessels empty: they were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.

4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads.

5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field, and forsook *it*, because there was no grass.

6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because *there was* no grass.

7 ¶ O LORD, though our iniquities testifie against us, do thou *it* for thy names sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

8 O the hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble, why shouldst thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man *that* turneth aside to tarry for a night?

9 Why shouldst thou be as a man astonied, as a mighty man *that* cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, *art* in the midst of us, and † we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 ¶ Thus saith the LORD unto this people; Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet: therefore the LORD doth not accept them; [a] he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 Then said the LORD unto me, [b] Pray not for this people for *their* good.

12 [c] When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and [d] when they offer burnt-offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but [e] I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

13 ¶ Then said I, Ah Lord GOD, behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you † assured peace in this place.

14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets

|| Or, headstalls.

f Heb. I am polluted.

† Heb. to learn.

g Chap. 6. 24.

† Chap. 5. 19. & 16. 10.

h Nah. 3. 5.

i Or, *Shall he continually retain anger.*

† Heb. *to age.*

k Lam. 2. 8. Ezek. 16. 37. & 23. 29. Hos. 2. 10.

l Chap. 5. 8.

m Isa. 65. 7. Chap. 2. 20. Ezek. 6. 13.

† Heb. *after when yet?*

† Heb. *the words of the tidings of restraints.*

† Heb. *by whom he is called upon us.*

a Hos. 8. 13. & 9. 9. Exod. 32. 10. Chap. 7. 16. & 11. 14.

b Prov. 28. 9. Isa. 1. 15. & 58. 3. Chap. 11. 14. Ezek. 8. 18. Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 7, 13.

c Chap. 6. 20. & 7. 21. & 11. 11.

d Chap. 9. 16.

† Heb. *a sure truth.*

prophets propheſie lies in my name: [f] I ſent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither ſpake unto them: they propheſie unto you a falſe viſion, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD concerning the prophets that propheſie in my name, and I ſent them not, yet they ſay, Sword and famine ſhall not be in this land, By ſword and famine ſhall thoſe prophets be conſumed.

16 And the people to whom they propheſie ſhall be caſt out in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem becauſe of the famine and the ſword; and they ſhall have none to bury them, their wives, nor their ſons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedneſs upon them.

17 ¶ Therefore thou ſhalt ſay this word unto them; [g] Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not ceaſe: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

18 If I go forth into the field, then behold, the ſlain with the ſword; and if I enter into the city, then behold, them that are ſick with famine: yea, both the prophet and the prieſt † go about into a land that they know not.

19 Haſt thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy ſoul lothed Zion? Why haſt thou ſmitten us, and *there is* no healing for us? [h] we looked for peace, and *there is* no good; and for the time of healing, and behold, trouble.

20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedneſs, *and* the iniquity of our fathers: for [i] we have ſinned againſt thee.

21 Do not abhorr *us*, for thy names ſake, do not diſgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

22 Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cauſe rain? or can the heavens give ſhowres? [k] *Art* not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou haſt made all theſe *things*.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The utter rejection and manifold judgements of the Jews.* 10 *Jeremiah complaining of their ſpite, receiveth a promiſe for himſelf,* 12 *and a threatning for them.* 15 *He prayeth,* 19 *and receiveth a gracious promiſe.*

THen ſaid the LORD unto me, [a] Though [b] Moſes and [c] Samuel ſtood before me, *yet* my mind *could* not *be* toward this people: caſt *them* out of my ſight, and let them go forth.

2 And it ſhall come to paſs, if they ſay unto thee, Whither ſhall we go forth? then thou ſhalt tell them, Thus ſaith the LORD; [d] Such as *are* for death, to death; and ſuch as *are* for the ſword, to the ſword; and ſuch as *are* for famine, to famine; and ſuch as *are* for captivity, to captivity.

3 And I will [e] appoint over them four † kinds, ſaith the LORD: the ſword, to ſlay; and the dogs, to tear; and [f] the fowls of the heaven, and the beaſts of the earth, to devour and deſtroy.

4 And I will † cauſe them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth; becauſe of [h] Manaſſeh the ſon of Hezekiah king of Judah, for *that* which he did in Jeruſalem.

5 For [i] who ſhall have pity upon thee, O Jeruſalem? or who ſhall bemoan thee? or who ſhall go aſide to aſk † how thou doeſt?

6 Thou haſt forſaken me, ſaith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I ſtretch out my hand againſt thee, and deſtroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land: I will bereave *them* of || children, I will deſtroy my people, *ſith* they return not from their ways.

8 Their widows are increaſed to me above the ſand of the ſeas: I have brought upon them, || againſt the mother of the young men, a ſpoiler at noon day: I have cauſed *him* to fall upon it ſuddenly, and terrours upon the city.

9 She that hath born ſeven languiſheth: ſhe hath given up the ghoſt, [k] her ſun is gone down while *it was* yet day: ſhe hath been aſhamed and confounded: and the reſidue of them will I deliver to the ſword

[a] Exe. 14. 14, &c. [b] Exod. 32. 11, 14. [c] 1 Sam. 7. 9.

[d] Chap. 43. 11. Ezek. 5. 2, 12. Zec. 11. 9.

[e] Rev. 6. 8. &c. † Heb. families. [f] Chap. 7. 33.

† Heb. give them for a removing. [g] Deut. 28. 25. Chap. 24. 9. Ezek. 23. 46. [h] 2 Kin. 21. 11. & 23. 26. & 24. 3. [i] Iſa. 51. 19. † Heb. of thy peace.

|| Or, whatſoever is dear.

|| Or, againſt the mother-city a young man ſpoiling, &c. or, againſt the mother and the young men, &c. Amos 8. 9.

before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ Wo is me, my mother, that thou hast born me a man of strife, and a man of contention to the whole earth: I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury, *yet* every one of them doth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to intreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron, and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies, into a land *which* thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

15 ¶ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long-suffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoycing of mine heart: for †I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

17 ¶ I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoyced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual? and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and* as waters *that* †fail?

19 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD, ‖If thou return, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAP. XVI.

1 *The prophet under the types of abstaining from marriage, from houses of mourning and feasting, foreshoweth the utter ruine of the Jews,* 10 *because they were worse then their fathers.* 14 *Their return from captivity shall be stranger then their deliverance out of Egypt.* 16 *God will doubly recompence their idolatry.*

THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons nor daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons & concerning the daughters *that are* born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith the LORD; Enter not into the house of ‖mourning, neither go to lament, nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* loving kindness and mercies.

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them.

7 Neither shall *men* ‖tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.

8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.

9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days,

* Job 3. 1. &c. Chap. 20. 14.
‖ Or, intreat the enemy for thee.
m Chap. 17. 3.
n Deut. 32. 22.
o Ezek. 3. 1, 3. Rev. 10. 9.
† Heb. thy name is called upon me
p Psal. 1. 1.
q Chap. 30. 15.
r Job 6. 15, &c. † Heb. be not sure.
s Zech. 7. Ezek. 2. 26. & 4. 23.
t Chap. 15. 18. & 20. 7.
u Chap. 6. 11, 12.
x Isa. 24. 7, 8. Chap. 7. 34. & 25. 10. Ezek. 26. 13.
y Chap. 15. 2. z Chap. 25. 33.
a Psal. 79. 2. Chap. 7. 33. & 15. 3. & 19. 7. & 34. 20.
b Ezek. 24. 17, 22.
‖ Or, mourning feast.
c Rev. 19. 18. Deut. 14. 1.
‖ Or, break bread for them, as Ezek. 24. 17.
d Jer. 22. 12.
‖ Or, break bread for them, as Ezek. 24. 17.
e Isa. 24. 7, 8. Chap. 7. 34. & 25. 10. Ezek. 26. 13.

days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

10 ¶ And it shall come to pass when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and [h] they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what *is* our iniquity? or what *is* our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;

12 And ye have done [i] worse then your fathers; for behold, ye walk every one after the [j] imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:

13 [k] Therefore will I cast you out of this land, into a land that ye know not, *neither* ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

14 ¶ Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 But, The LORD liveth that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

17 For mine [m] eyes *are* upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

19 O LORD, my strength and my fortress, and [n] my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* wherein *there is* no profit.

20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and [o] they *are* no gods?

21 Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that [p] my name *is* the LORD.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The captivity of Judah for her sin. 5 Trust in man is cursed, 7 in God is blessed. 9 The deceitfull heart cannot deceive God. 12 The salvation of God. 15 The prophet complaineth of the mockers of his prophesie. 19 He is sent to renew the covenant in hallowing the sabbath.

THE sin of Judah *is* written with a [a] pen of iron, *and* with the † point of a diamond: *it is* graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

2 Whilest their children remember their altars and their [b] groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

3 O my mountain in the field, [c] I will give thy substance *and* all thy treasures to the spoil, *and* thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

4 And thou, even † thy self, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for [d] ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, *which* shall burn for ever.

5 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh [e] flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

6 For he shall be [f] like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land & not inhabited.

7 [g] Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

8 For he shall be [h] as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river; and shall not see when heat cometh; but her leaf shall be green; &

[a] Chap. 17. 17.

[o] Chap. 2. 11.

[p] Chap. 33. 2.

[a] Job 19. 24. † Heb. nail.

[b] Judg. 3. 7. Isa. 1. 29. & 17. 8.

[c] Chap. 2. 20.

[d] Chap. 15. 13.

† Heb. in thy self.

[d] Chap. 15. 14.

[e] See Isa. 31. 3.

[f] Chap. 48. 6.

[g] Psal. 2. 12. & 34. 8. & 125. 1. Prov. 16. 20. Isa. 30. 18.

[h] Job 8. 16. Psal. 1. 3.

shall not be careful in the year of ||drought, neither shall cease from yeelding fruit.

9 ¶ The heart *is* deceitfull above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD [l] search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

11 *As* the partridge ||sitteth *on eggs*, and hatcheth *them* not; *so* he that getteth riches, and not by right, [k] shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 ¶ A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, [l] all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, & they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the [m] fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou *art* my praise.

15 ¶ Behold, they say unto me, [n] Where *is* the word of the LORD? let it come now.

16 As for me, [o] I have not hastned from *being* a pastour † to follow thee: neither have I desired the woefull day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was *right* before thee.

17 Be not a terrour unto me: [p] thou *art* my hope in the day of evil.

18 [q] Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and † [r] destroy them with double destruction.

19 ¶ Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates.

21 Thus saith the LORD; [s] Take heed to your selves, and bear no burden on the sabbath-day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem.

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath-day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath-day, as I [t] commanded your fathers.

23 [u] But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath-day, but hallow the sabbath-day, to do no work therein;

25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from [y] the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, & from the south, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meat-offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise unto the house of the LORD.

27 But if you will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath-day, and not to bear a burden, even entring in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath-day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Under the type of a potter is shewed Gods absolute power in disposing of nations. 11 Judgements threatned to Judah for her strange revolt. 18 Jeremiah prayeth against his conspirators.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the potters house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potters house, and behold, he wrought a work on the || wheels.

4 And the vessel || that he made of clay was

[l] Or, *reposeth*

[l] 1 Sam. 16. 7. 1 Chr. 28. 9. Ps. 7. 9. Chap. 11. 20 & 20. 12. Rom. 8. 27. Rev. 2. 23.

[k] Or, *gathereth young which she hath not brought forth.*

[l] Psal. 55. 23. [l] Psal. 73. 27. Isa. 1. 28.

[m] Chap. 2. 13.

[n] Isa. 5. 19. Am. 5. 18. 2 Pet. 3. 4.

[o] Chap. 1. 4, &c.

† Heb. *after thee.*

[p] Chap. 16. 19.

[q] Psal. 35. 4. & 40. 14.

† Heb. *break them with a double breach.*

[r] Chap. 11. 20.

[s] Neh. 13. 19.

[t] Exod. 20. 8 & 23. 12. & 31. 13. Ezek. 20. 12.

[u] Chap. 11. 10.

[y] Chap. 32. 44.

|| Or, *frames or stands.*

|| Or, *that he made of the clay in the hand of the potter.*

was marred in the hand of the potter: so he †made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, [a] cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, [b] as the clay *is* in the potters hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 *At what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to [c] pluck up and to pull down and to destroy *it*;

8 [d] If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, [e] I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And *at what* instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom to build and to plant *it*;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good wherewith I said I would benefit them.

11 ¶ Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: [f] return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, [g] There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.

13 Therefore thus saith the LORD; [h] Ask ye now among the heathen who hath heard such things. The virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

14 Will *a man* leave ‖ the snow of Lebanon *which cometh* from the rock of the field? *or* shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because [i] my people hath forgotten me, they have burnt incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways *from* the [k] ancient paths, to walk in paths, *in* a way not cast up;

16 To make their land [l] desolate, *and* a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head:

17 [m] I will scatter them as with an east-wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back and not the face in the day of their calamity.

18 ¶ Then said they, [n] Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah: [o] for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him ‖ with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them, *and* to turn away thy wrath from them.

21 Therefore [p] deliver up their children to the famine, and † pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and *be* widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men *be* slain by the sword in battel.

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.

23 Yet LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me † to slay *me*: forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight; but let them be overthrown before thee: deal *thus* with them in the time of thine anger.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *Under the type of breaking a potters vessel is foreshewed the desolation of the Jews for their sins.*

THus saith the LORD, Go and get a potters earthen bottle, and *take* of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests,

2 And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which *is* by the entry of the † east-gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee,

3 And say, Hear ye the word of the LORD,

[a] Exod. 20.8 & 23.12, & 31.13, Ezek. 20.12, [b] Chap. 18.10.

[c] Chap. 12.14.

[d] Chap. 26.3.

[e] Chap. 18.7.

[f] Chap. 25.5, & 35.15.

[g] Chap. 2.25, & 18.12.

[h] Or, *Proclaim ye*

‖ Or, *frames* or *feats*

[i] Deut. 32.15.

‖ Or, *that he made* [k] Or, *marred clay in the hand of the potter.*

[l] Chap. 18.16.

[m] Chap. 13.24.

[n] Chap. 11.19.

[o] Mal. 2.7. John 7.48, 49.

‖ Or, *for the tongue.*

[p] Psal. 109.10.

† Heb. *Pour them out.*

† Heb. *for death.*

LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, [a] the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle.

4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burnt incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;

5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire [b] burnt-offerings unto Baal; [c] which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind:

6 Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: and their [d] carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

8 And I will make this city [e] desolate, and an hissing: every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss, because of all the plagues thereof.

9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and straitness wherewith their enemies and they that seek their lives shall straiten them.

10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee,

11 And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [g] Even so will I break this people and this city, as *one* breaketh a potters vessel that cannot be [†] made whole again: and they shall [h] bury *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet.

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all [i] the houses upon whose roofs they have burnt incense unto all the host of heaven, and [k] have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesie; and he stood in the court of the LORDS house, and said to all the people,

15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because [l] they have hardned their necks, that they might not hear my words.

CHAP. XX.

1 Pashur smiting Jeremiah, receiveth a new name, and a fearfull doom. 7 Jeremiah complaineth of contempt, 10 of treachery, 14 and of his birth.

NOW Pashur the son of [a] Immer the priest, who was also chief governour in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these things.

2 Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD.

3 And it came to pass on the morrow that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but [b] Magor-missabib.

4 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will make thee a terrour to thy self and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover, I [b] will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.

6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity: and thou

a 1 Sam. 3. 11. 2 Kin. 21. 12. *b* 2 Chr. 28. 3. & 33. 6. *c* Chap. 19. 5. *d* Chap. 7. 33. & 16. 4. & 34. 20. *e* Chap. 18. 16. & 49. 13. & 50. 13. *f* Lev. 26. 29. Deut. 28. 53. Lam. 4. 10. *g* Isa. 30. 14. † Heb. *healed*. *h* Chap. 7. 32. *i* Zeph. 1. 5. *k* Chap. 19. 13. *l* Chap. 7. 26. *a* 1 Chr. 24. 14. *b* 2 Kin. 20. 17.

thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.

7 ¶ O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was ‖ deceived: thou art stronger then I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me and a derision daily.

9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, & I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

10 ¶ For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, *say they*, & we will report it. † All my familiars watched for my halting, *saying*, Peradventure he will be enticed, & we shall prevail against him, & we shall take our revenge on him.

11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutours shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that [b] triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil doers.

14 ¶ [1] Cursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

15 Cursed *be* the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad.

16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD [k] overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noon tide;

17 Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*.

18 [l] Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame? [l] Job 3. 20.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Zedekiah sendeth to Jeremiah to enquire the event of Nebuchadrezzars war. 3 Jeremiah foretelleth a hard siege and miserable captivity. 8 He counselleth the people to fall to the Chaldeans, 11 and upbraideth the kings house.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying,

2 Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us, for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 ¶ Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah;

4 Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that *are* in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chaldeans which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.

5 And I my self will fight against you with an [a] outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and in fury and in great wrath. [a] Exod. 6. 6.

6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.

7 And afterwards, saith the LORD, [b] I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and *such as are* left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. [b] Chap. 39. 5. & 52. 9.

8 ¶ And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.

9 [c] He

c Chap. 38. 2.

9 c He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and d his life shall be unto him for a prey.

d Chap. 39. 18. & 45. 5.

10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 ¶ And touching the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear ye the word of the LORD.

12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD; e† Execute judgement in the morning, and deliver *him that is* spoiled out of the hand of the oppressour, lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, because of the evil of your doings.

e Chap. 22. 3. † Heb. Judge.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee, O † inhabitant of the valley, *and* rock of the plain, saith the LORD; which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?

† Heb. inhabitress.

14 But I will † punish you according to the f fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.

† Heb. visit upon. f Prov. 1. 31.

CHAP. XXII.

1 He exhorteth to repentance with promises and threats. 10 The judgement of Shallum, 13 of Jehoiakim. 20 and of Coniah.

THus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,

2 And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, & thy people that enter in by these gates:

g Chap. 21. 12.

3 Thus saith the LORD; g Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressour: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.

h Chap. 17. 25. 4 Heb. for David upon his throne.

4 For h if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting † upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.

5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by my self, saith the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

6 For thus saith the LORD unto the kings house of Judah; Thou *art* Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon: *yet* surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities *which* are not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, i Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?

i Deut. 29. 24. 1 Kin. 9. 8.

9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 ¶ Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: *but* weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native countrey.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned in stead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place; He shall not return thither any more:

12 But he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

13 ¶ Wo unto k him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbours service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

k Lev. 19. 13. Deut. 24. 14, 15. Mic. 3. 10. Hab. 2. 9.

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and † large chambers, and cutteth him out ‖ windows; and *it is* cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

† Heb. spacious. ‖ Or, rent windows.

15 Shalt thou reign because thou closest *thy self* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgement and justice, *and* then *it was* well with him?

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him*: was not

not this to know me? ſaith the LORD.

17 But thine eyes and thine heart *are* not but for thy covetouſneſs, and for to ſhed innocent bloud, and for oppreſſion, and for ‖ violence, to do *it*.

18 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah; They ſhall not lament for him, *ſaying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah ſiſter! They ſhall not lament for him, *ſaying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory!

19 [c]He ſhall be buried with the burial of an aſs, drawn and caſt forth beyond the gates of Jeruſalem.

20 ¶ Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Baſhan, and cry from the paſſages: for all thy lovers are deſtroyed.

21 I ſpake unto thee in thy † proſperity; *but* thou ſaidſt, I will not hear. [f]This *hath been* thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedſt not my voice.

22 The wind ſhall eat up all thy paſtours, and thy lovers ſhall go into captivity: ſurely then ſhalt thou be aſhamed and confounded for all thy wickedneſs.

23 O † inhabitant of Lebanon, that makeſt thy neſt in the cedars, how gracious ſhalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail?

24 *As* I live, ſaith the LORD, though Coniah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the ſignet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence:

25 And I will give thee into the hand of them that ſeek thy life, and into the hand of *them* whoſe face thou feareſt, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 And I will caſt thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another countrey, where ye were not born; and there ſhall ye die.

27 But to the land whereunto they † deſire to return, thither ſhall they not return.

28 *Is* this man Coniah a deſpiſed broken idol? *is he* a veſſel wherein *is* no pleaſure? wherefore are they caſt out, he and his ſeed, and are caſt into a land which they know not?

29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD:

30 Thus ſaith the LORD; Write ye this man childleſs, a man *that* ſhall not proſper in his days: for no man of his ſeed ſhall proſper, ſitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Jeremiah propheſieth a reſtauration of the ſcattered flock. 5 Chriſt ſhall rule and ſave them. 9 Againſt falſe prophets, 33 and mockers of the true prophets.

[a]WO be unto the paſtours that deſtroy and ſcatter the ſheep of my paſture, ſaith the LORD.

[a] Chap. 10. 21. Ezek. 34. 2.

2 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael againſt the paſtours that feed my people; Ye have ſcattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not viſited them: behold, I will viſit upon you the evil of your doings, ſaith the LORD.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countreys whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they ſhall be fruitfull and increaſe.

4 And I will ſet up [b]ſhepherds over them which ſhall feed them: and they ſhall fear no more, nor be diſmayed, neither ſhall they be lacking, ſaith the LORD.

[b] Chap. 3. 15. Ezek. 34. 11, &c.

5 ¶ Behold, [c]the days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will raiſe unto David a righteous Branch, and a King ſhall reign and proſper, and ſhall execute judgement and juſtice in the earth.

[c] Iſa. 4. 2. & 11. 1. & 40. 11. Chap. 33. 15, 15 Dan. 9. 24. Zech. 3. 8. & 6. 12. John 1. 45.

6 [d]In his days Judah ſhall be ſaved, and Iſrael ſhall dwell ſafely: and [e]this *is* his name whereby he ſhall be called, † THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

[d] Deut. 33. 28. [e] See Chap. 33. 16. 1 Cor. 1. 30. † Heb. *Jehovah tſidkenu.*

7 Therefore behold, [f]the days come, ſaith the LORD, that they ſhall no more ſay, The LORD liveth which brought up the children of Iſrael out of the land of Egypt;

[f] Chap. 16. 14, 15.

8 But, The LORD liveth which brought up and which led the ſeed of the houſe of Iſrael out of the north-countrey, and from all countreys whither I had driven them; and they ſhall dwell in their own land.

9 ¶ Mine heart within me is broken becauſe

because of the prophets; all my bones ſhake: I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and becauſe of the words of his holineſs.

10 For[s] the land is full of adulterers: for because of ſwearing the land mourneth: [h] the pleaſant places of the wilderneſs are dried up, and their ‖ courſe is evil, and their force *is* not right.

11 For both prophet and prieſt are profane; yea, [k] in my houſe have I found their wickedneſs, ſaith the LORD.

12 Wherefore [l] their way ſhall be unto them as ſlippery *ways* in the darkneſs, they ſhall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their viſitation, ſaith the LORD.

13 And I have ſeen ‖ † folly in the prophets of Samaria: they propheſied in Baal, and cauſed my people Iſrael to err.

14 I have ſeen alſo in the prophets of Jeruſalem ‖ an horrible thing: [m] they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they ſtrengthen alſo the hands of evil doers, that none doth return from his wickedneſs: they are all of them unto me as [n] Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with [o] wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jeruſalem is ‖ profaneneſs gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophеſie unto you: they make you vain: [p] they ſpeak a viſion of their own heart, *&* not out of ỷ mouth of the LORD.

17 They ſay ſtill unto them that deſpiſe me, The LORD hath ſaid, [q] Ye ſhall have peace; and they ſay unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil ſhall come upon you.

18 For [r] who hath ſtood in the counſel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

19 Behold, a [s] whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it ſhall fall grievouſly upon the head of the wicked.

20 The [t] anger of the LORD ſhall not return, untill he have executed and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye ſhall conſider it perfectly.

21 [u] I have not ſent theſe prophets, yet they ran: I have not ſpoken to them, yet they prophеſied.

22 But if they had ſtood in my counſel, and had cauſed my people to hear my words, then they ſhould have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 *Am* I a God at hand, ſaith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any [x] hide himſelf in ſecret places that I ſhall not ſee him? ſaith the LORD. [y] Do not I fill heaven and earth? ſaith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets ſaid that prophеſie lies in my name, ſaying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long ſhall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophеſie lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart,

27 Which think to cauſe my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, [z] as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet † that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him ſpeak my word faithfully: What *is* the chaff to the wheat? ſaith the LORD.

29 *Is* not my word like as a fire? ſaith the LORD: and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

30 Therefore behold, [a] I *am* againſt the prophets, ſaith the LORD, that ſteal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I *am* againſt the prophets, ſaith the LORD, that ‖ uſe their tongues, and ſay, He ſaith.

32 Behold, I *am* againſt them that prophеſie falſe dreams, ſaith the LORD, and do tell them, and cauſe my people to err by

[e] Chap. 5.7,8. & 9.2.
‖ Or, curſing.
[h] Chap. 9.10. & 12.4.
‖ Or, violence.
[i] Chap. 6.13. & 8.10. Zep. 3.4
[k] Chap. 11.15. Ezek. 8.11. & 23.39.
‖ Pſal. 35.6.
[l] Chap. 13.16.
‖ Or, an abſurd thing.
† Heb. unſavoury.
‖ Or, filthineſs.
[m] Chap. 29.23.
[n] Deut. 32.32. Iſa. 1.9, 10.
[o] Chap. 8.14. & 9.15.
‖ Or, hypocriſie
[p] Chap. 14.14.
[q] Chap. 6.14. & 8.11. Ezek. 13.10. Lam. 2.14.
‖ Or, ſtubbornneſs.
[r] Job 15.8.
‖ Or, ſecret.
[s] Chap. 25.32. & 30.23.
[t] Chap. 30.24.
[u] Chap. 14.14. & 27.15. & 29.9.
[x] Pſal. 139.7, &c. Amos 9. 2, 3. 1 Kin. 8.27. Pſal. 139.7.
[y] Judg. 5.7. & 20.26.
[z] Heb. with whom it.
[a] Deut. 18.20. Chap. 14.14, 15.
‖ Or, ſmooth.

by their lies and by [b] their lightness, yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 ¶ And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

34 And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even † punish that man and his house.

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every mans word shall be his burden: for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But sith ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because you say this word, The burden of the LORD, & I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore behold, I, even I will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you* out of my presence.

40 And I will bring [c] an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 Under the type of good and bad figs 4 he foresheweth the restauration of them that were in captivity, 8 and the desolation of Zedekiah and the rest.

THE LORD shewed me, and behold, two baskets of figs *were* set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar [a] king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon.

2 One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs *that are* first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, † they were so bad.

† Heb. *for bad-ness.*

3 Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

4 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge † them that are carried away captive of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for *their* good.

† Heb. *the captivity.*

6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and [b] I will build them, and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.

7 And I will give them [c] an heart to know me that I *am* the LORD: and they shall be [d] my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 ¶ And as the evil [e] figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil; surely thus saith the LORD; So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and [f] them that dwell in the land of Egypt:

9 And I will deliver them † to [g] be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, *to be* a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places whither I shall drive them.

† Heb. *for removing, or vexation.*

10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Jeremiah reproving the Jews disobedience to the prophets, 8 foretelleth the seventy years captivity, 12 and after that, the destruction of Babylon. 15 Under the type of a cup of wine he foresheweth the destruction of all nations. 34 The howling of the shepherds.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that *was* the first year of

of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet ſpake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, ſaying,

3 From the thirteenth year of Joſiah the ſon of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day; that *is* the three and twentieth year; the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have ſpoken unto you, riſing early and ſpeaking; [a] but ye have not hearkned.

4 And the LORD hath ſent unto you all his ſervants the prophets, [b] riſing early and ſending *them*; but ye have not hearkned, nor inclined your ear to hear.

5 They ſaid, [c] Turn ye again now every one from his evil way and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever:

6 And go not after other gods to ſerve them and to worſhip them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands, and I will do you no hurt.

7 Yet ye have not hearkned unto me, ſaith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Becauſe ye have not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will ſend and take [d] all the families of the north, ſaith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon [e] my ſervant, and will bring them againſt this land, and againſt the inhabitants thereof, and againſt all theſe nations round about, and will utterly deſtroy them, and [f] make them an aſtoniſhment, and an hiſſing, and perpetual deſolations.

10 Moreover, I will † take from them the [g] voice of mirth and the voice of gladneſs, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the ſound of the milſtones, and the light of the candle.

11 And this whole land ſhall be a deſolation *and* an aſtoniſhment: and theſe nations ſhall ſerve the king of Babylon ſeventy years.

12 And it ſhall come to paſs [h] when ſeventy years are accompliſhed, *that* I will † puniſh the king of Babylon, and that nation, ſaith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and [i] will make it perpetual deſolations.

13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced againſt it, *even* all *that is* written in this book, which Jeremiah hath propheſied againſt all the nations.

14 For many nations and great kings ſhall [k] ſerve themſelves of them alſo: and I will recompenſe them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

15 ¶ For thus ſaith the LORD God of Iſrael unto me, Take the [l] wine-cup of this fury at my hand, and cauſe all the nations to whom I ſend thee to drink it.

16 And [m] they ſhall drink, and be moved, and be mad, becauſe of the ſword that I will ſend among them.

17 Then took I the cup at the LORDS hand, and made all the nations to drink unto whom the LORD had ſent me:

18 *To wit*, Jeruſalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a deſolation, an aſtoniſhment, an hiſſing, and a curſe; as *it is* this day:

19 [n] Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his ſervants, and his princes, and all his people,

20 And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and [o] all the kings of the land of the Philiſtines, and Aſhkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Aſhdod,

21 [p] Edom, and [q] Moab, and the children of [r] Ammon,

22 And all the kings of [s] Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the [t] iſles which *are* beyond the [u] ſea,

23 [u] Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all † *that are* in the utmoſt corners,

24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the [x] mingled people that dwell in the deſert,

25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of [y] Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

26 And all the kings of the north, far and

[a] Chap. 11.7,8. 10.& 13. 10,11.& 16.12.& 17.23.& 18.12.& 19.5.& 22.21.
[b] Chap. 7.13,25. & 29.19. & 2 Kin. 17.13. Chap. 18.11.& 35.15. Jon.3.8.
[c] Chap. 1.15.
[d] Chap. 27.6.& 43.10.
[e] Chap. 18.16. † Heb. cauſe to periſh from them.
[f] Chap. 7.34.& 16.9. Ezek. 26.13. Hoſ. 2.11. Rev. 18.23.
[g] 2 Chr. 36.21,22. Ezra 1.1. Chap. 9.10. Dan.9.2.

† Heb. viſit upon. Iſa. 13.19.& 14.23.& 24.21,22. [i] Chap. 50.40.& 51.25.
[k] Chap. 27.7.
Job 21.20. Pſ.75.8. Iſa. 51. 17. [l] Ezek. 23.34. Hab. 2.16.
[m] Chap. 46. Chap. 47. [n] Chap. 49.7,&c. [o] Chap. 48. Chap. 49.1. Chap. 47.4. [o] Or, regions by the ſea-ſide.
[p] Chap. 49.23. [q] Chap. 48.& 49.8,&c. † Heb. that are of into corners, or having the corners of the hair polled, Chap. 9.26. [r] Chap. 49.1,&c. See Ver. 20. [s] Chap. 49.34.

and

and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.

27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.

28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ye shall certainly drink.

29 For lo, I begin to bring evil on the [a] city † which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesie thou against them all these words, and say unto them, [b] The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation, he shall give a shout as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth.

31 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth: for the LORD hath a controversie with the nations; he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and [c] a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be [d] lamented, neither gathered nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

34 ¶ [e] Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow your selves *in the ashes*, ye principal of the flock: for † the days of your slaughter & of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like † a pleasant vessel.

35 And † the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape.

36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock *shall be heard*: for the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down, because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is † desolate, because of the fierceness of the oppressour, and because of his fierce anger.

† Heb. a desolation.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Jeremiah by promises and threatnings exhorteth to repentance. 8 He is therefore apprehended, 10 and arraigned. 11 His apology. 16 He is quit in judgement, by the example of Micah, 20 and of Uriah, 24 and by the care of Ahikam.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; [a] diminish not a word:

[a] Act. 20. 27.

3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may [b] repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

[b] Chap. 18. 8.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me to walk in my law which I have set before you,

5 To hearken to the words of my servants ỹ prophets, [c] whom I sent unto you, both rising up early and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkned;

[c] Chap. 7. 13, 25. & 11. 7. & 25. 3. & 1 Sam. 3. 12. Psal. 78. 60. Chap. 7. 13, 14.

6 Then will I make this house like [d] Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth

7 So the priests, and the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

8 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak unto all the people, that the priests, and the prophets, and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

9 Why hast thou prophesied in the

name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

10 ¶ When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the kings house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORDS *house*.

‖ Or, at the door.

11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, † This man *is* worthy to die: for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

† Heb. The judgement of death is for this man.

12 ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesie against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now [c] amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will [f] repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

[c] Chap. 7. 3.

[f] Ver. 19

14 As for me, behold, I *am* in your hand: do with me † as seemeth good and meet unto you.

† Heb. as it is good and right in your eyes.

15 But know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent bloud upon your selves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 ¶ Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man *is* not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

18 [g] Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, & spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [h] Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

[g] Micah 1. 1.

[h] Micah 3. 12.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, & besought † the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

† Heb. the face of the LORD.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah.

21 And when Jehoiakim the king with all his mighty men, and all the princes heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt.

22 And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and *certain* men with him into Egypt.

23 And they fet forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the † common people.

† Heb. sons of the people. 2 K. 23. 30.

24 Nevertheless, the hand of [i] Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

[i] 2 K. 22. 12, 14.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Under the type of bonds and yokes Jeremiah prophesieth the subduing of the neighbour kings unto Nebuchadnezzar. 8 He exhorteth them to yeeld, and not to believe the false prophets. 12 The like he doth to Zedekiah. 19 He foretelleth that the remnant of the vessels shall be carried to Babylon, and there continue untill the day of visitation.

IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck,

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 And

4 And command them || to ſay unto their maſters, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael; Thus ſhall ye ſay unto your maſters;

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beaſt that *are* upon the ground, by my great power and by my outſtretched arm, and [a] have given it unto whom it ſeemed meet unto me.

6 And now have I given all theſe lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon [b] my ſervant; and [c] the beaſts of the field have I given him alſo to ſerve him.

7 And all nations ſhall ſerve him, and his ſon, and his ſons ſon, [d] untill the very time of his land come: and *then* many nations and great kings ſhall ſerve themſelves of him.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* the nation and kingdom which will not ſerve the ſame Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I puniſh, ſaith the LORD, with the ſword, and with the famine, and with the peſtilence, untill I have conſumed them by his hand.

9 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your † dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your ſorcerers, which ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſerve ỹ king of Babylon.

10 For they propheſie a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I ſhould drive you out, and ye ſhould periſh.

11 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and ſerve him, thoſe will I let remain ſtill in their own land, ſaith the LORD; and they ſhall till it, and dwell therein.

12 ¶ I ſpake alſo to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all theſe words, ſaying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and ſerve him and his people, and live.

13 Why will ye die, thou, and thy people, by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence, as the LORD hath ſpoken againſt the nation that will not ſerve the king of Babylon?

14 Therefore hearken not unto ỹ words of the prophets that ſpeak unto you, ſaying, Ye ſhall not ſerve the king of Babylon. For they propheſie [e] a lie unto you.

15 For I have not ſent them, ſaith the LORD, yet they propheſie † a lie in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might periſh, ye, and the prophets that propheſie unto you.

16 Alſo I ſpake to the prieſts, and to all this people, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD; Hearken not to the words of your prophets, that propheſie unto you, ſaying, Behold, [f] the veſſels of the LORDS houſe ſhall now ſhortly be brought again from Babylon. For they propheſie a lie unto you.

17 Hearken not unto them: ſerve the king of Babylon, and live. Wherefore ſhould this city be laid waſte?

18 But if they *be* prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make interceſſion to the LORD of hoſts that the veſſels *which are* left in the houſe of the LORD, and *in* the houſe of the king of Judah, and at Jeruſalem, go not to Babylon.

19 ¶ For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts concerning the pillars, and concerning the ſea, and concerning the baſes, and concerning the reſidue of the veſſels that remain in this city,

20 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away [g] captive Jeconiah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jeruſalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jeruſalem;

21 Yea, thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael concerning the veſſels that remain in the houſe of the LORD, and in the houſe of the king of Judah, and of Jeruſalem;

22 They ſhall be [h] carried to Babylon, and there ſhall they be untill the day that I [i] viſit them, ſaith the LORD: Then will I bring them up, and reſtore them to this place.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Hananiah propheſieth falſly the return of the veſſels of the Lords houſe, and of Jeconiah. 5 Jeremiah wiſhing it to be true, ſheweth that the event will declare who are true prophets. 10 Hananiah breaketh Jeremiahs yoke. 12 Jeremiah telleth of an iron yoke, 15 and foretelleth Hananiahs death.

AND it came to paſs the ſame year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth moneth, *that* Hananiah the ſon of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, ſpake unto me in the houſe of the LORD, in the preſence of the prieſts and of all the people, ſaying,

2 Thus ſpeaketh the LORD of hoſts the God of Iſrael, ſaying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

3 [a] Within † two full years will I bring again into this place all the veſſels of the LORDS houſe that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon.

4 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the ſon of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the † captives of Judah that went into Babylon, ſaith the LORD: for I will break ȳ yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 ¶ Then the prophet Jeremiah ſaid unto the prophet Hananiah in the preſence of the prieſts, and in the preſence of all ȳ people that ſtood in the houſe of the LORD,

6 Even the prophet Jeremiah ſaid, Amen: The LORD do ſo: the LORD perform thy words which thou haſt propheſied, to bring again the veſſels of the LORDS houſe, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

7 Nevertheleſs, hear thou now this word that I ſpeak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old propheſied both againſt many countreys and againſt great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of peſtilence.

9 [b] The prophet which propheſieth of peace, when the word of the prophet ſhall come to paſs, *then* ſhall the prophet be known that the LORD hath truly ſent him.

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the [c] yoke from off the prophet Jeremiahs neck, and brake it.

11 And Hananiah ſpake in the preſence of all the people, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD; Even ſo will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon [d] from the neck of all nations within the ſpace of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, ſaying,

13 Go, and tell Hananiah, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD; Thou haſt broken the yokes of wood; but thou ſhalt make for them yokes of iron.

14 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael, [e] I have put a yoke of iron upon ȳ neck of all theſe nations, that they may ſerve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they ſhall ſerve him: and [f] I have given him the beaſts of the field alſo.

15 ¶ Then ſaid the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not ſent thee; but thou makeſt this people to truſt in a lie.

16 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD; Behold, I will caſt thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou ſhalt die, becauſe thou haſt taught ſ † rebellion againſt the LORD.

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the ſame year, in the ſeventh moneth.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Jeremiah ſendeth a letter to the captives in Babylon, to be quiet there, 8 and not to beleeve the dreams of their prophets, 10 and that they ſhall return with grace after ſeventy years. 15 He foretelleth the deſtruction of the reſt for their diſobedience. 20 He ſheweth the fearfull end of Ahab and Zedekiah, two lying prophets. 24 Shemaiah writeth a letter againſt Jeremiah. 30 Jeremiah readeth his doom.

NOw theſe *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet ſent from Jeruſalem unto the reſidue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the prieſts, and to the prophets, and to all the

[a] Chap. 27. 16. † Heb. two years of days

† Heb captivity

[b] Deut. 18. 22.

[c] Chap. 27. 2.

[d] Chap. 27. 7.

[e] Deut. 28. 48.

[f] Chap. 27. 6.

† Heb. rebellion

the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon;

2 After that [a] Jeconiah the king and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah & Jerusalem, and the carpenters and the smiths were departed from Jerusalem;

3 By the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel unto all ẏ are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

5 [b] Build ye houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, & not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, & pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 ¶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners that *be* in the midst of you [c] deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesie † falsly unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ For thus saith the LORD, that after [d] seventy years be accomplished at Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word towards you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an † expected end.

12 Then shall ye [e] call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

13 And [f] ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And [g] I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and [h] I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

15 ¶ Because ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;

16 *Know* that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, *and* of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will send upon them the [i] sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like [k] vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.

18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and [l] will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, † to be [m] a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach among all the nations whither I have driven them:

19 Because they have not hearkned to my words, saith the LORD, which [n] I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early, and sending *them*; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD.

20 ¶ Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon:

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, & of Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesie a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes.

22 [o] And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which *are* in Babylon, saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon rosted in the fire;

23 Because [p] they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours wives, and have

[a] 2 Chron. 36. 9.
[b] Jer. 28. 4.
[c] Chap. 37. 8.
[d] Dan. 9. 2.
[e] Psal. 50. 15.
[f] Deut. 4. 29. Chap. 50. 4. Heb. 12. 17.
[g] Deut. 4. 7. Psal. 32. 6. & 46. 2. Isa. 55. 6.
[h] Chap. 23. 3.
[i] Chap. 24. 10.
[k] Chap. 24. 8.
[l] Deut. 28. 25. Ezek. 5. 14. & 23. 46. & 34. 17.
† Heb. *for a curse.*
[m] Chap. 42. 18.
[n] Chap. 25. 4. & 32. 33.
[o] See Gen. 48. 20.
[p] Chap. 23. 14.

spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded them; even I know, and *am* a witness, saith the LORD.

24 ¶ *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the ‖ Nehelamite, saying,

‖ Or, dreamer.

25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that *are* at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,

26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the LORD, for every man *that is* [q] mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him in prison, & in the stocks:

[q] 2 Kin. 9. 11. Acts 26. 24.

[r] Chap. 20. 2.

27 Now therefore, why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you?

28 For therefore he sent unto us *in* Babylon, saying, This *captivity is* long: [s] build ye houses, and dwell *in them*; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

[s] V. 5.

29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

30 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the LORD, concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; [t] because he hath taught † rebellion against the LORD.

[t] Chap. 28. 16.

† Heb. revolt.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *God sheweth Jeremiah the return of the Jews.* 4 *After their trouble they shall have deliverance.* 10 *He comforteth Jacob.* 18 *Their return shall be gracious.* 20 *Wrath shall fall on the wicked.*

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.

3 For lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 ¶ And these *are* the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, ‖ of fear, and not of peace.

‖ Or, there is fear, and no peace, † Heb. a male.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether † a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, [a] as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

[a] Chap. 4. 31. & 6. 24.

7 [b] Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

[b] Joel 2. 11. Amos 5. 18. Zeph. 1. 14, 15.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him.

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and [c] David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

[c] Ezek. 34. 23, 24. & 37. 24. Hos. 3. 5.

10 ¶ Therefore [d] fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest and quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

[d] Isa. 41. 13. & 43. 5. & 44. 2. Chap. 46. 28.

11 For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: [e] though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet [f] will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

[e] Amos 9. 8.

[f] Psal. 6. 1. Chap. 10. 24. & 46. 28.

12 For thus saith the LORD, [g] Thy bruise *is* incurable, *and* thy wound *is* grievous.

[g] Chap. 15. 18.

† Heb. *for* breaking *is* thy grief, *and* thy wound *is* grievous.

13 *There is* none to plead thy cause, † that thou mayest be bound up: [h] thou hast no healing medicines.

[h] Chap. 8. 22. Job 13. 4. & 16. 4. & 19. 2. & 30. 21.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound [i] of an enemy, with the chastisement [k] of a cruel one, for the mul-

[i] Or, of a mighty one.

[k] Job 30. 21.

multitude of thine iniquity; [l] *because* thy sins were increased.

15 Why [m] criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow *is* incurable, for the multitude of thine iniquity: *because* thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

16 Therefore [n] all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.

17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, *saying*, This *is* Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

18 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacobs tents, and have mercy on his dwelling-places: and the city shall be builded upon her own ‖ heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19 And [o] out of them shall proceed thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorifie them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me: and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governour shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who *is* this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.

22 And [p] ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the [q] whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a † continuing whirlwind; it shall ‖ fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.

24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return untill he have done *it*, and untill he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *The restauration of Israel.* 10 *The publication thereof.* 15 *Rahel mourning, is comforted.* 18 *Ephraim repenting, is brought home again.* 22 *Christ is promised.* 27 *His care over the church.* 31 *His new covenant.* 35 *The stability,* 38 *and amplitude of the church.*

AT the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared † of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore ‖ with loving kindness have I drawn thee.

4 Again [a] I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy [b] ‖ tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 [c] Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, & shall † eat *them* as common things.

6 For there shall be a day *that* the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, [d] Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

7 For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people the remnant of Israel.

8 Behold, I will bring them [e] from the north-country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child, and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

9 [f] They shall come with weeping, and with ‖ supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters [g] in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my [h] first-born.

10 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will

† Heb. *from afar.*
‖ Or, *have I extended loving kindness unto thee.*
a Chap. 33. 7.
b Exod. 15. 20. Judg. 11. 34.
† Or, *timbrels.*
c Is. 65. 21.
† Heb; *profane them.*
d Is. 2. 3. Mic. 4. 2.
e Ch. 3. 8
f Ps. 126. 5, 6.
‖ Or, *supplications.*
g Is. 35. 8
h Exod. 4. 22.

gather him, and keep him as a ſhepherd *doth* his flock.

11 For [i] the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ranſomed him from the hand of *him that was* ſtronger then he.

12 Therefore they ſhall come and ſing in the height of Zion, and ſhall flow together to the goodneſs of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oyl, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their ſoul ſhall be as a [k] watered garden; & they ſhall not ſorrow any more at all.

13 Then ſhall the virgin rejoyce in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoyce from their ſorrow.

14 And I will ſatiate the ſoul of the prieſts with fatneſs, & my people ſhall be ſatisfied with my goodneſs, ſaith the LORD.

15 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD; [l] A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation *and* bitter weeping: Rahel weeping for her children refuſed to be comforted for her children, becauſe they *were* not.

16 Thus ſaith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work ſhall be rewarded, ſaith the LORD; and they ſhall come again from the land of the enemy.

17 And there is hope in thine end, ſaith the LORD, that *thy* children ſhall come again to their own border.

18 ¶ I have ſurely heard Ephraim bemoaning himſelf *thus*; Thou haſt chaſtiſed me, and I was chaſtiſed, as a bullock unaccuſtomed *to the yoke*: [m] turn thou me, and I ſhall be turned; for thou *art* the LORD my God.

19 Surely [n] after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was inſtructed, I ſmote upon *my* thigh: I was aſhamed, yea, even confounded, becauſe I did bear the reproach of my youth.

20 *Is* Ephraim my dear ſon? *is he* a pleaſant child? for ſince I ſpake againſt him, I do earneſtly remember him ſtill: [o] therefore my bowels † are troubled for him: I will ſurely have mercy upon him, ſaith the LORD.

21 Set thee up way-marks, make thee high heaps: ſet thine heart toward the high-way, *even* the way *which* thou wentſt: turn again, O virgin of Iſrael, turn again to theſe thy cities.

22 ¶ How long wilt thou go about, O thou backſliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman ſhall compaſs a man.

23 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; As yet they ſhall uſe this ſpeech in the land of Judah, and in the cities thereof, when I ſhall bring again their captivity; The LORD bleſs thee, O habitation of juſtice, *and* mountain of holineſs.

24 And there ſhall dwell in Judah itſelf, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they *that* go forth with flocks.

25 For I have ſatiated the weary ſoul, and I have repleniſhed every ſorrowful ſoul.

26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld, and my ſleep was ſweet unto me.

27 ¶ Behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that [p] I will ſow the houſe of Iſrael and the houſe of Judah with the ſeed of man and with the ſeed of beaſt.

28 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* like as I have watched over them [q] to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to deſtroy, and to afflict; ſo will I watch over them to build and to plant, ſaith the LORD.

29 [r] In thoſe days they ſhall ſay no more, The fathers have eaten a ſowre grape, and the childrens teeth are ſet on edge.

30 But every one ſhall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the ſowre grape, his teeth ſhall be ſet on edge.

31 ¶ Behold, the [s] days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the houſe of Iſrael and with the houſe of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, [t] although I was an husband unto them, ſaith the LORD;

33 But

i Iſa. 49. 24, 25.

k Iſa. 58. 11.

l Matth. 2. 17, 18.

m Lam. 5. 21.

n Deut. 30. 1.

o Deut. 32. 36. Iſa. 63. 15. Hoſea 11. 8.

† Heb. *ſound.*

p Heb. 8. 8.

q Chap. 1. 10.

r Ezek. 18. 2.

s Chap. 32. 40. Heb. 8. 8, 10.

t Or, *I had been a husband unto them.*

33 But this *ſhall be* the covenant that I will make with the houſe of Iſrael; After thoſe days, ſaith the LORD, [c] I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; [d] and will be their God, and they ſhall be my people.

34 And they ſhall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, ſaying, Know the LORD: for they ſhall all know me, from the leaſt of them unto the greateſt of them, ſaith the LORD: for [e] I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their ſin no more.

35 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD, [f] which giveth the ſun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the ſtars for a light by night, which divideth [g] the ſea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hoſts *is* his name:

36 [h] If thoſe ordinances depart from before me, ſaith the LORD, *then* the ſeed of Iſrael alſo ſhall ceaſe from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus ſaith the LORD; If [i] heaven above can be meaſured, and the foundations of the earth ſearched out beneath, I will alſo caſt off all the ſeed of Iſrael for all that they have done, ſaith the LORD.

38 ¶ Behold, [k] the days come, ſaith the LORD, that the city ſhall be built to the LORD from [l] the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.

39 And the meaſuring line ſhall yet go forth over againſt it upon the hill Gareb, and ſhall compaſs about to Goath.

40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the aſhes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of [m] the horſe-gate towards the eaſt, *ſhall be* holy unto the LORD; it ſhall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Jeremiah being impriſoned by Zedekiah for his propheſie, 6 buyeth Hanameels field. 13 Baruch muſt preſerve the evidences as tokens of the peoples return. 16 Jeremiah in his prayer complaineth to God. 26 God confirmeth the captivity for their ſins, 36 and promiſeth a gracious return.

THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah; which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 For then the king of Babylons army beſieged Jeruſalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was ſhut up in [n] the court of the priſon which *was* in the king of Judahs houſe.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had ſhut him up, ſaying, Wherefore doſt thou propheſie, and ſay, Thus ſaith the LORD; [o] Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, & he ſhall take it;

4 And Zedekiah king of Judah ſhall not eſcape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but ſhall ſurely [p] be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and ſhall ſpeak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes ſhall behold his eyes:

5 And he ſhall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there ſhall he be untill I viſit him, ſaith the LORD. Though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye ſhall not proſper?

6 ¶ And Jeremiah ſaid, The word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

7 Behold, Hanameel the ſon of Shallum thine uncle ſhall come unto thee, ſaying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the [q] right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*.

8 So Hanameel mine uncles ſon came to me in the court of the priſon according to the word of the LORD, and ſaid unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the countrey of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine: buy *it* for thy ſelf. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD.

9 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncles ſon, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* ‖ ſeventeen ſhekels of ſilver.

10 And I † ſubſcribed the evidence, and ſealed *it*, and took witneſſes, and weighed *him* the money in the balances.

11 So I took the evidence of the purchaſe, *both that which* was ſealed *according* to the law and cuſtom, and *that which* was open.

12 And I gave the evidence of the purchaſe unto Baruch the ſon of Neriah the ſon

[c] Heb. 8. 8, 10. 10. 16.
[d] Gen. 17. 8. Exod. 6. 7. Levit. 26. 12. Deut. 29. 13. Chap. 7. 23. 11. 4. 24. 7. 30. 22. 32. 38. Ezek. 11. 20. 14. 11. 36. 28. Zech. 8. 8. 13. 9. 2 Cor. 6. 16. Heb. 8. 10. 11. Rev. 21. 3.
[e] Chap. 33. 8. Heb. 8. 12. 10. 17.
[f] Gen. 1. 14. Pſal. 74. 16. 136. 7, 8, 9. Chap. 31. 35.
[g] Iſa. 51. 15.
[h] Chap. 33. 20, 21, 25, 26.
[i] Pſal. 89. 29, 36, 37. Chap. 31. 37. 33. 22, 26.
[k] Chap. 30. 18. 31. 38.
[l] Zech. 14. 10.
[m] Neh. 3. 28.
[n] Neh. 3. 25.
[o] Chap. 34. 2.
[p] Chap. 34. 3.
[q] Levit. 25. 24. 25, 32. Ruth 4. 4.

‖ Or, *ſeven ſhekels & ten pieces of ſilver.*
† Heb. *wrote in the book.*

ſon of Maaſeiah, in the ſight of Hanameel mine uncles *ſon*, and in the preſence of the
1 See 1 K. 8. 2. witneſſes that ſubſcribed the book of the purchaſe, before all the Jews that ſat in the court of the priſon.

13 ¶ And I charged Baruch before them, ſaying,

14 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Take theſe evidences, this evidence of the purchaſe, both *which is* ſealed, and this evidence *which is* open; and put them in an earthen veſſel, that they may continue many days.

15 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Houſes, and fields, and vineyards ſhall be poſſeſſed again in this land.

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the evidence of the purchaſe unto Baruch the ſon of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, ſaying,

17 Ah Lord GOD, behold, thou haſt made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and ſtretched-out arm, *and* [m] there is nothing ‖ too hard for thee.

[m] Gen. 18. 14. v. 27. Luk. 1. 37. ‖ Or, *hid from thee*

18 Thou ſheweſt [n] loving kindneſs unto thouſands, and recompenſeſt the iniquity of the fathers into the boſom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hoſts *is* his name,

[n] Exod. 34. 7. Deut. 5. 10. † Heb. *doing*. [o] Job 34. 21. Pſ. 33. 13. Prov. 5. 21. Char. 16. 17. [p] Chap. 17. 10.

19 Great in counſel, and mighty in † work: for thine [o] eyes *are* open upon all the ways of the ſons of men, [p] to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 Which haſt ſet ſigns and wonders in the land of Egypt *even* unto this day, and in Iſrael, and amongſt *other* men; and haſt made thee a name, as at this day;

21 And haſt brought forth thy people Iſrael [q] out of the land of Egypt with ſigns, and with wonders, & with a ſtrong hand, and with a ſtretched-out arm, and with great terrour,

[q] Exod. 6. 6. 2 Sam. 7. 23. 1 Chro. 17. 21.

22 And haſt given them this land, which thou didſt ſwear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

23 And they came in, and poſſeſſed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law: they have done nothing of all that thou commandedſt them to do: therefore thou haſt cauſed all this evil to come upon them.

24 Behold the ‖ mounts, they are come unto the city to take it: and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight againſt it, becauſe of the ſword, and of the famine, and of the peſtilence: and what thou haſt ſpoken is come to paſs; and behold, thou ſeeſt *it*.

‖ Or, *engines of ſiege.*

25 And thou haſt ſaid unto me, O Lord GOD, Buy thee the field for money, and take witneſſes: ‖ for the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

‖ Or, *hedge.*

26 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, ſaying,

27 Behold, I *am* the LORD, the [r] God of all fleſh: is there any thing too hard for me?

[r] Num. 16. 22. v. 17.

28 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he ſhall take it.

29 And the Chaldeans, that fight againſt this city, ſhall come and † ſet fire on this city, and burn it, with the houſes [s] upon whoſe roofs they have offered incenſe unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

† Chap. 21. 10. [s] Chap. 19. 13.

30 For the children of Iſrael & the children of Judah have onely done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Iſrael have onely provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, ſaith the LORD.

31 For this city hath been to me *as* † a provocation of mine anger and of my fury, from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I ſhould remove it from before my face:

† Heb. *for my anger.*

32 Becauſe of all the evil of the children of Iſrael and of the children of Judah which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their prieſts, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

33 And they have turned unto me the † [t] back, and not the face: though I taught them riſing up early, and teaching *them*, yet they have not hearkned to receive inſtruction.

† Heb. *neck.* [t] Chap. 2. 27. & 7. 24.

34 But

34 But they [y] set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.

35 And they built the high places of Baal, which *are* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to [z] cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* unto [a] Molech: which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind that they should do this abomination to cause Judah to sin.

36 ¶ And now therefore thus saith the LORD the God of Israel concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will [b] gather them out of all countreys whither I have driven them in mine anger and in my fury and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely.

38 And they shall be [c] my people, and I will be their God.

39 And I will [d] give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me † for ever, for the good of them and of their children after them.

40 And [e] I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away † from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, [f] I will rejoyce over them to do them good, and [g] I will plant them in this land † assuredly, with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, *It is* desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*, and take witnesses in [h] the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for [i] I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *God promiseth to the captivity a gracious return,* 9 *a joyfull state,* 12 *a settled government,* 15 *Christ, the Branch of righteousness,* 17 *a continuance of Kingdom and Priesthood,* 20 *and a stability of a blessed seed.*

MOreover, the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet [a] shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the [b] maker thereof, the LORD that formed it to establish it; The LORD *is* his name:

3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and ‖ mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, *which are* thrown down by the mounts and by the sword;

5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And [c] I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and [d] will build them as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity whereby they have sinned against me; and I will [e] pardon all their iniquities whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 ¶ And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all ỹ good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say *shall be* desolate without man and without beast,

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[y] Chap. 7. 30, 31. & 19. 4, 5. & 32. 34. Ezek. 8. 5, 6.

[z] Chap. 19. 5. & 32. 35.

[a] Or, *Moloch*.

[b] Deut. 30. 3. Ezek. 34. 13. & 36. 24.

[c] Chap. 24. 7. & 31. 33. & 32. 38. Ezek. 11. 20. & 14. 11. & 36. 28. & 37. 23. Zech. 8. 8. Heb. 8. 10.

[d] Chap. 32. 39. Ezek. 11. 19. & 36. 26. John 17. 11. Acts 4. 32. Rom. 15. 5. 6. Phil. 1. 27. & 2. 2.

[e] Chap. 50. 5. Ezek. 16. 60. & 37. 26. Heb. 13. 20.

† Heb. *from after them*.

[f] Deut. 28. 63. & 30. 9. Isa. 62. 5. Zeph. 3. 17.

[g] Amos 9. 15.

† Heb. *in truth*.

† Heb. *from after me*.

[h] Chap. 17. 26. & 32. 44.

[i] Chap. 33. 7, 11, 26.

[a] Chap. 32. 2, 3.

[b] Isa. 37. 26.

‖ Or, *hidden*.

[c] Chap. 30. 3. & 44.

[d] Chap. 24. 6. & 31. 4. & 42. 10.

[e] Chap. 31. 34. Mic. 7. 18.

beaſt, *even* in the cities of Judah and in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, *that are* deſolate without man and without inhabitant and without beaſt,

f Chap. 7. 34. & 16. 9.

11 The f voice of joy and the voice of gladneſs, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that ſhall ſay, g Praiſe the LORD of hoſts: for the LORD *is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and* of them that ſhall bring the ſacrifice of praiſe into the houſe of the LORD: for h I will cauſe to return the captivity of the land as at the firſt, ſaith the LORD.

g 2 Chr. 7. 3. Pſ. 136. 1

h V. 7.

12 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Again in this place *which is* deſolate without man and without beaſt, and in all the cities thereof, ſhall be an habitation of ſhepherds cauſing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 i In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the ſouth, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jeruſalem, and in the cities of Judah ſhall the flocks paſs again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, ſaith the LORD.

i Chap. 17. 26. & 32. 44.

14 Behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promiſed unto the houſe of Iſrael and to the houſe of Judah.

15 ¶ In thoſe days and at that time will I cauſe the k Branch of righteouſneſs to grow up unto David; and he ſhall execute judgement and righteouſneſs in the land.

k Iſa. 11. 1. & 4. 2. Chap. 23. 5.

16 In thoſe days ſhall Judah be ſaved, and Jeruſalem ſhall dwell ſafely: and this *is the name* wherewith ſhe ſhall be called, † The LORD our righteouſneſs.

† Heb. Jehovah-ſidkenu.

17 ¶ For thus ſaith the LORD; † l David ſhall never want a man to ſit upon the throne of the houſe of Iſrael.

† Heb. There ſhall not be cut off from David. l 2 Sam. 7. 16. 1 King. 2. 4.

18 Neither ſhall the prieſts the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to kindle meat-offerings, and to do ſacrifice continually.

19 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, ſaying,

20 Thus ſaith the LORD, m If you can break my covenant of the day and my covenant of the night, and that there ſhould not be day and night in their ſeaſon;

m Chap. 33. 25.

21 *Then* may alſo my covenant be broken with David my ſervant, that he ſhould not have a ſon to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the prieſts my miniſters.

22 n As the hoſt of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the ſand of the ſea meaſured: ſo will I multiply the ſeed of David my ſervant, and the Levites that miniſter unto me.

n Gen. 13. 16. & 15. 5. & 22. 17. & 26. 4. & 32. 12.

23 Moreover, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, ſaying,

24 Conſidereſt thou not what this people have ſpoken, ſaying, The two families which the LORD hath choſen, he hath even caſt them off? thus they have deſpiſed my people, that they ſhould be no more a nation before them.

25 Thus ſaith the LORD; If my covenant *be* not with day and night, *and if* I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I caſt away the ſeed of Jacob, and David my ſervant, *ſo* that I will not take *any* of his ſeed *to be* rulers over the ſeed of Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob: for o I will cauſe their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

o V. 7. 11.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 Jeremiah propheſieth the captivity of Zedekiah, and the deſtruction of the city. 8 The princes and the people having diſmiſſed their bond-ſervants, contrary to the covenant of God reaſſume them. 12 Jeremiah for their diſobedience giveth them and Zedekiah into the hands of their enemies.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD; a when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth † of his dominion, and all the people fought againſt Jeruſalem, and againſt all the cities thereof; ſaying,

a 2 Kin. 25. 1. &c. Chap. 52. 1.

† Heb. the dominion of his hand.

2 Thus ſaith the LORD the God of Iſrael; Go, and ſpeak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus ſaith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and b he ſhall burn it with fire.

b Chap. 32. 29.

3 And

3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be [c] taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and † he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.

4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of thee; Thou shalt not die by the sword:

5 *But* thou shalt die in peace: and with [d] the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odours* for thee; and [e] they will lament thee, *saying*, Ah Lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem,

7 When the king of Babylons army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah *that were* left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of ỹ cities of Judah.

8 ¶ *This is* the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD after that king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which *were* at Jerusalem to proclaim [f] liberty unto them;

9 [g] That every man should let his manservant and every man his maid-servant, *being* an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people which had entred into the covenant, heard that every one should let his man servant and every one his maid servant go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.

11 But afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the hand-maids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for hand-maids.

12 ¶ Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bond-men, saying,

14 At the end of [h] seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which || hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkned not unto me, neither inclined their ear.

15 And ye were † now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house † which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant and every man his hand-maid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for hand-maids.

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkned unto me, in proclaiming liberty every one to his brother and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you † to be [i] removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when [k] they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land which passed between the parts of the calf,

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their [l] dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylons army, [m] which are gone up from you.

22 Behold,

[b] Exod. 21. 2. Deut. 15. 12.
|| Or, hath sold himself.
† Heb. to day.
† Heb. whereupon my name is called.
† Heb. for a removing.
[i] Deut. 28. 64. Chap. 29. 18.
[k] See Gen. 15. 10, 17.
[l] Chap. 7. 33. & 16. 4.
[m] See ch. 37. 5, 11.

22 Behold, I will command, ſaith the LORD, and cauſe them to return to this city; and they ſhall fight againſt it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a deſolation without an inhabitant.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 By the obedience of the Rechabites 12 Jeremiah condemneth the diſobedience of the Jews. 18 God bleſſeth the Rechabites for their obedience.

THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the ſon of Joſiah king of Judah, ſaying,

2 Go unto the houſe of the Rechabites, and ſpeak unto them, and bring them into the houſe of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.

3 Then I took Jaazaniah the ſon of Jeremiah the ſon of Habaziniah, and his brethren, and all his ſons, and the whole houſe of the Rechabites;

4 And I brought them into the houſe of the LORD, into the chamber of the ſons of Hanan the ſon of Igdaliah a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber of Maaſeiah the ſon of Shallum, the keeper of the † door.

† Heb. *threshold, or veſſel*

5 And I ſet before the ſons of the houſe of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I ſaid unto them, Drink ye wine.

6 But they ſaid, We will drink no wine: for [a] Jonadab the ſon of Rechab our father commanded us, ſaying, Ye ſhall drink no wine, *neither* ye, nor your ſons for ever.

[a] 2 Kin. 10. 15.

7 Neither ſhall ye build houſe, nor ſow ſeed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any:* but all your days ye ſhall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye *be* ſtrangers.

8 Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the ſon of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our ſons, nor our daughters;

9 Nor to build houſes for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor ſeed.

10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

11 But it came to paſs, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we ſaid, Come, and let us go to Jeruſalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians. So we dwell at Jeruſalem.

12 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, ſaying,

13 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, Will ye not receive inſtruction to hearken to my words? ſaith the LORD.

14 The words of Jonadab the ſon of Rechab, that he commanded his ſons not to drink wine, are performed: for unto this day they drink none, but obey their fathers commandment: notwithſtanding, I have ſpoken unto you, [b] riſing early and ſpeaking; but ye hearkned not unto me.

[b] Chap. 7. 13.

15 I have ſent alſo unto you all my ſervants the prophets, riſing up early and ſending *them*, ſaying, [c] Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to ſerve them, and ye ſhall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkned unto me.

[c] Chap. 18. 11. & 25. 5.

16 Becauſe the ſons of Jonadab the ſon of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkned unto me:

17 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD God of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jeruſalem all the evil that I have pronounced againſt them: becauſe I have ſpoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not anſwered.

18 ¶ And Jeremiah ſaid unto the houſe of the Rechabites, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Becauſe ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and

and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; † Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Jeremiah causeth Baruch to write his prophesie, 5 and publickly to read it. 11 The princes having intelligence thereof by Michaiah, send Jehudi to fetch the roll and read it. 19 They will Baruch to hide himself, and Jeremiah. 20 The king Jehoiakim being certified thereof, heareth part of it, and burneth the roll. 27 Jeremiah denounceth his judgement. 32 Baruch writeth a new copy.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, *that* this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a [a] roll of a book, and [b] write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of [c] Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah. And [d] Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:

6 Therefore go thou and read in the roll which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORDS house upon the fasting-day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah, that come out of their cities.

7 It may be † they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great *is* the anger & the fury ẏ the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORDS house.

9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth moneth, *that* they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

10 Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the ‖ [e] entry of the new gate of the LORDS house, in the ears of all the people.

‖ Or, door. [e] Chap. 26. 10.

11 ¶ When Michaiah the son of Gemariah the son of Shaphan had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

12 Then he went down into the kings house into the scribes chamber: and lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

13 Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

14 Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

15 And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears.

16 Now it came to pass when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?

18 Then

18 Then Baruch answered them; He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book.

19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go hide thee, thou, and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye *be*.

20 ¶ And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

21 So the king sent Jehudi to fet the roll. And he took it out of Elishama the scribes chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

22 Now the king sat in the winter-house, in the ninth moneth: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him.

23 And it came to pass *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the pen-knife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on ỹ hearth.

24 Yet they were not afraid, nor [f] rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

25 Nevertheless, Elnathan, and Delaiah, and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.

26 But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son ‖ of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe, and Jeremiah the prophet. But the LORD hid them.

27 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

28 Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burnt.

29 And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burnt this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast?

30 Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah, He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and [g] his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

31 And I will † punish him and his seed, and his servants, for their iniquity: and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkned not.

32 ¶ Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burnt in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many † like words.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 The Egyptians having raised the siege of the Chaldeans, king Zedekiah sendeth to Jeremiah to pray for the people. 6 Jeremiah propheseth the Chaldeans certain return and victory. 11 He is taken for a fugitive, beaten, and put in prison. 16 He asserteth Zedekiah of the captivity. 18 Intreating for his liberty, he obtaineth some favour.

AND king [a] Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned in stead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land did hearken unto the words of the LORD which he spake † by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and [b] Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us.

4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison.

5 Then Pharaohs army was come forth out of Egypt: and [c] when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus

[f] 1 Kin. 22. 11.

‖ Or, of the king.

Chap. 22. 19.

† Heb. visit upon.

Heb. a king.

[a] 2 King. 24. 17. Chap. 52. 1. 1 Chr. 3. 15. Chap. 22. 11.

† Heb. in the hand of the prophet. Chap. 29. 25. & 52. 24.

[b] Chap. 21. 1. & 29. 25.

[c] Chap. 34. 21.

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to enquire of me; Behold, Pharaohs army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.

8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

9 Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not your † selves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* † wounded men among them, *yet* should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 ¶ And it came to pass that when the army of the Chaldeans was † broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaohs army,

12 Then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, || to separate himself thence in the mids of the people.

13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward *was* there, whose name *was* Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.

14 Then said Jeremiah, *It is* † false: I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes.

15 Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 ¶ When Jeremiah was entred into the dungeon, and into the || cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days;

17 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

18 Moreover, Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison?

19 Where *are now* your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land?

20 Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: † let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.

21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into [d] the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Jeremiah by a false suggestion is put into the dungeon of Malchiah. 7 Ebed-melech by suit getteth him some enlargement. 14 Upon secret conference he counselleth the king by yielding to save his life. 24 By the kings instructions, he concealeth the conference from the princes.

THen Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, & Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur ỹ son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, [a] He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylons army, which shall take it.

4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the † welfare of this people, but the hurt.

5 Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he that* can do *any* thing against you.

† Heb. let my supplication fall.

[d] Chap. 32. 2.

[a] Chap. 21. 9.

† Heb. peace.

6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son || Or, of the king. of Hammelech that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: So Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

7 ¶ Now when [b] Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the kings house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; [b] Chap. 39.16.

8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the kings house, and spake to the king, saying,

9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and † he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city. † Heb. he will die.

10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men † with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he die. † Heb. in thine hand.

11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.

12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under ỹ cords. And Jeremiah did so.

13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, & took him up out of the dungeon. And Jeremiah remained in ỹ court of the prison.

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the || third entry that *is* in the house of the LORD. And the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing: hide nothing from me. || Or, principal.

15 Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me?

16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, *As* the LORD liveth, [c] that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. [c] Isa. 37.16.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth unto the king of Babylons princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burnt with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house.

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylons princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath shewed me:

22 And behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judahs house *shall be* brought forth to the king of Babylons princes: and those *women* shall say, † Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, *and* they are turned away back. † Heb. Men of thy peace.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and † thou shalt cause this city to be burnt with fire. † Heb. thou shalt burn, &c.

24 ¶ Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.

25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee:

26 Then thou shalt say unto them, [d] I presented my supplication before the king, that [d] Chap. 37.20.

that he would not cauſe me to return to Jonathans houſe to die there.

27 Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all theſe words that the king had commanded. So †they left off ſpeaking with him: for ỹ matter was not perceived.

28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the priſon until the day that Jeruſalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jeruſalem was taken.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Jeruſalem is taken. 4 Zedekiah is made blind, and ſent to Babylon. 8 The city ruinated. 9 The people captivated. 11 Nebuchadrezzars charge for the good uſage of Jeremiah. 15 Gods promiſe to Ebed-melech.

IN the [a] ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth moneth, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon & all his army againſt Jeruſalem, and they beſieged it.

2 *And* in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth moneth, the ninth *day* of the moneth, the city was broken up.

3 And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and ſat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-ſharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarſechim, Rab-ſaris, Nergal-ſharezer, Rab-mag, with all the reſidue of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 ¶ And it came to paſs, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah ſaw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the kings garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldeans army purſued after them, & overtook Zedekiah in ỹ plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he †gave judgement upon him.

6 Then the king of Babylon ſlew the ſons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: alſo the king of Babylon ſlew all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover, he put out Zedekiahs eyes, and bound him †with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

8 ¶ And the Chaldeans burnt the kings houſe, and the houſes of the people with fire, and brake down the walls of Jeruſalem.

9 Then Nebuzar-adan the || †captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and thoſe that fell away, that fell to him, with the reſt of the people that remained.

10 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields †at the ſame time.

11 ¶ Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah † to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, ſaying,

12 Take him, and † look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he ſhall ſay unto thee.

13 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard ſent, and Nebuſhasban, Rab-ſaris, and Nergal-ſharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylons princes;

14 Even they ſent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the priſon, and committed him unto Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, that he ſhould carry him home. So he dwelt among the people.

15 ¶ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah while he was ſhut up in the court of the priſon, ſaying,

16 Go and ſpeak to [b] Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ſaying, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they ſhall be *accompliſhed* in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, ſaith the LORD: and thou ſhalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid.

18 For I will ſurely deliver thee, and thou ſhalt not fall by the ſword, but [c] thy life ſhall be for a prey unto thee; becauſe thou haſt put thy truſt in me, ſaith the LORD.

|| Or, *chief marſhal.* † Heb. *chief of the executioners, or ſlaughter men.* and ſo ver. 10, 11, &c. † Heb. *in that day.*

† Heb. *by the hand of* † Heb. *ſet mine eyes upon him.*

[b] Chap. 38.7.

[c] Chap. 21.9. & 45.5.

CHAP. XL.

1 Jeremiah being set free by Nebuzar-adan, goeth to Gedaliah. 7 The dispersed Jews repair unto him. 13 Johanan revealing Ishmaels conspiracy, is not beleeved.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in || chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, *which were* carried away captive unto Babylon.

|| Or, manacles.

2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place.

3 Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

4 And now behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which || *were* upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and † I will look well unto thee: but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go.

|| Or, are upon thine hands. † Heb. I will set mine eye upon thee.

5 Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made Governour over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go whereso-ever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go.

6 Then went Jeremiah to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people *that were* left in the land.

7 ¶ [a] Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governour in ỹ land, & had committed unto him men & women, & children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon:

a 2 Kin. 25.23.

8 Then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.

9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.

10 As for me, Behold, I will dwell at Mizpah † to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer-fruits, and oyl, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

† Heb. to be Ramah before.

11 Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, & that *were* in all the countreys, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan;

12 Even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer-fruits very much.

13 ¶ Moreover, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,

14 And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah † to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam beleeved them not.

† Heb. to smite thee.

15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews *which are* gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?

16 But

16 But Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam ſaid unto Johanan the ſon of Kareah, Thou ſhalt not do this thing: for thou ſpeakeſt falſly of Iſhmael.

CHAP. XLI.

1 Iſhmael treacherouſly killing Gedaliah and others, purpoſeth with the reſidue to flee unto the Ammonites. 11 Johanan recovereth the captives, and mindeth to flee into Egypt.

NOw [a] it came to paſs in the ſeventh moneth *that* Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah the ſon of Eliſhama of the ſeed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam to Mizpah: and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

2 Then aroſe Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and ſmote Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam ŷ ſon of Shaphan with the ſword, and ſlew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governour over the land.

3 Iſhmael alſo ſlew all the Jews that were with him, *even* with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, *and* the men of war.

4 And it came to paſs the ſecond day after he had ſlain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*,

5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even* fourſcore men, having their beards ſhaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themſelves, with offerings and incenſe in their hand, to bring *them* to the houſe of the LORD.

6 And Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, †weeping all along as he went: and it came to paſs as he met them, he ſaid unto them, Come to Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam.

7 And it was *ſo* when they came into the midſt of the city, that Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah ſlew them, *and* [b] *caſt them* into the midſt of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him.

8 But ten men were found among them that ſaid unto Iſhmael, Slay us not: for we have treaſures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oyl, and of honey. So he forbare, and ſlew them not among their brethren.

9 Now ŷ pit wherein Iſhmael had caſt all the dead bodies of the men whom he had ſlain, ‡becauſe of Gedaliah, *was* it [c] which Aſa the king had made for fear of Baaſha king of Iſrael: *and* Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah filled it with *them that were* ſlain.

10 Then Iſhmael carried away captive all the reſidue of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the kings daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam: and Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.

11 ¶ But when Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah had done,

12 Then they took all the men, and went to fight with Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, and found him by [d] the great waters that *are* in Gibeon.

13 Now it came to paſs, *that* when all the people which *were* with Iſhmael ſaw Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, then they were glad.

14 So all the people that Iſhmael had carried away captive from Mizpah caſt about and returned, and went unto Johanan the ſon of Kareah.

15 But Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah eſcaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites.

16 Then took Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recoverd from Iſhmael the ſon of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had ſlain Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon.

17 And they departed and dwelt in the habitation of Chimham, which *is* by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt,

‡ Or, made Gedaliah. † Heb. by the hand of for the ſake of Gedaliah.

[a] 1 Kin. 25. 22.

[b] 2 Sam. 2. 23.

18 Because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governour in the land.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Johanan desireth Jeremiah to enquire of God promising obedience to his will. 7 Jeremiah assureth him of safety in Judea, 13 and destruction in Egypt. 19 He reproveth their hypocrisie in requiring of the Lord that which they meant not to follow.

THen all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, || Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant: for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:

|| Or, *Let our supplication fall before thee.*

3 That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard *you*: behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words: and it shall come to pass *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will [a] keep nothing back from you.

[a] 1 Sam. 3. 18. Acts 20. 20.

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithfull witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

6 Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; [b] that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

[b] Chap. 7. 23.

7 ¶ And it came to pass after ten days that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest,

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;

10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.

11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.

12 And [c] I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

[c] 1 Kin. 8. 64.

13 ¶ But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,

14 Saying No: but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:

15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; If ye [d] wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there,

[d] Deut. 17. 16.

16 Then it shall come to pass *that* the sword which ye feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine whereof ye were afraid shall † follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.

† Heb. cleave after.

17 † So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and [e] none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

† Heb. So shall all the men.

[e] See Chap. 4. 16, 28.

18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, As mine anger and my fury hath been [f] poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and [g] ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

[f] Chap. 7. 20.

[g] Chap. 29. 18, 22. Zech. 8. 13.

19 ¶ The LORD hath said concerning you,

you, O ye remnant of Judah; Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have †admoniſhed you this day.

20 For ||ye diſſembled in your hearts when ye ſent me unto the LORD your God, ſaying, Pray for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God ſhall ſay, ſo declare unto us, and we will do *it*.

21 And *now* I have this day declared *it* to you: but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath ſent me unto you.

22 Now therefore know certainly that ye ſhall die by the ſword, by the famine, and by the peſtilence, in the place whither ye deſire ||to go, *and* to ſojourn.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 Johanan diſſwading Jeremiah's propheſie, carrieth Jeremiah and others into Egypt. 8 Jeremiah propheſieth by a type the conqueſt of Egypt by the Babylonians.

AND it came to paſs *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of ſpeaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had ſent him to them, *even* all theſe words,

2 Then ſpake Azariah the ſon of Hoſhaiah, and Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the proud men, ſaying unto Jeremiah, Thou ſpeakeſt falſly: the LORD our God hath not ſent thee to ſay, Go not into Egypt to ſojourn there.

3 But Baruch the ſon of Neriah ſetteth thee on againſt us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death, and carry us away captives into Babylon.

4 So Johanan the ſon of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.

5 But Johanan the ſon of Kareah and all the captains of the forces took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations whither they had been driven to dwell in the land of Judah;

6 *Even* men and women, and children, and [d] the kings daughters, and every perſon that Nebuzar-adan [y] captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the ſon of Ahikam the ſon of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the ſon of Neriah.

7 So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: Thus came they *even* to [b] Tahpanhes.

[b] Iſa. 30.4. called *Hanes*.

8 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, ſaying,

9 Take great ſtones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick kiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's houſe in Tahpanhes, in the ſight of the men of Judah;

10 And ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Behold I will ſend and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon [c] my ſervant, and will ſet his throne upon theſe ſtones that I have hid: and he ſhall ſpread his royal pavilion over them.

[c] Chap. 25.9. ee Ezek. 29.18.

11 And when he cometh, he ſhall ſmite the land of Egypt, *and* deliver [d] ſuch *as are* for death, to death; and ſuch *as are* for captivity, to captivity; and ſuch *as are* for the ſword, to the ſword.

[d] Chap. 15.2. Zech. 11.9.

12 And I will kindle a fire in the houſes of the gods of Egypt; and he ſhall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he ſhall aray himſelf with the land of Egypt as a ſhepherd putteth on his garment; and he ſhall go forth from thence in peace.

† Heb. *ſtatues*, or, *ſtanding images*.

13 He ſhall break alſo the †images of ||Beth-ſhemeſh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houſes of the gods of the Egyptians ſhall he burn with fire.

|| Or, *the houſe of the ſun*.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 Jeremiah expreſſeth the deſolation of Judah for their idolatry. 11 He propheſieth their deſtruction who commit idolatry in Egypt. 15 The obſtinacy of the Jews. 20 Jeremiah threatneth them for the ſame; 29 and for a ſign, propheſieth the deſtruction of Egypt.

THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the countrey of Pathros, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts, the God of Iſrael; Ye have ſeen all the evil that

I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they *are* a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein:

3 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, *and* to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, you, nor your fathers.

a 2 Chr. 36 15. 4 Howbeit a I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh do not this abominable thing that I hate:

5 But they hearkned not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

b Chap. 43. 8. 6 Wherefore b my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah; and in the streets of Jerusalem, and they are wasted *and* desolate, as at this day.

7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling † out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;

† Heb. out of the midst of Judah.

8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut your selves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?

† Heb. wicked-nesses, or punish-ments, &c. 9 Have ye forgotten the † wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

† Heb. humbled. 10 They are not † humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law nor in my statutes, that I set before you, and before your fathers.

c Lev. 17. 10. Chap. 21. 10. Ezek. 15. 7. 11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, c I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.

12 And I will take the remnant of Judah that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and d they shall all be consumed, *and* fall in the land of Egypt: they shall *even* be consumed by the sword *and* by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and e they shall be an execration, *and* an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

d Chap. 42. 15, 16, 17, 22.

e Chap. 42. 18.

13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:

14 So that none of the remnant of Judah which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they † have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

† Heb. lift up their soul.

15 ¶ Then all the men which knew that their wives had burnt incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 *As for* the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.

f Num. 30. 12. See v. 25. ‖ Or, *I will surely perform* &c. 17 But we will certainly do f whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the ‖ g queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for *then* had we plenty of † victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

g Chap. 7. 18.

† Heb. bread.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all *things*, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

h Chap. 7. 18. 19 h And when we burnt incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our ‖ men?

‖ Or, husbands.

20 ¶ Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and

and to all the people which had given him *that* answer, saying,

21 The incense that ye burnt in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it *not* into his mind?

22 So that the LORD could no longer bear because of the evil of your doings, *and* because of the abominations which ye have committed: therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.

23 Because you have burnt incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is hapned unto you, as at this day.

24 Moreover, Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt;

25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, saying, [i] Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouthes, and fulfilled with your hand, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.

26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, the Lord GOD liveth.

27 Behold, [k] I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that *are* in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet [l] a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there shall know whose words shall stand, † mine, or theirs.

† Heb. *from me, or from them.*

29 ¶ And this *shall be* a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon his enemy, and that sought his life.

CHAP. XLV.

1 Baruch being dismayed, 4 Jeremiah instructeth and comforteth him.

THE word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, [a] when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

[a] Chap. 36. 1, 4.

2 Thus saith the LORD the God of Israel unto thee, O Baruch;

3 Thou didst say, Wo is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.

4 ¶ Thus shalt thou say unto him; The LORD saith thus; Behold, *that* which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thy self? Seek *them* not: for behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee [b] for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

[b] Chap. 21. 9. & 38. 2 & 39. 18.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 Jeremiah prophesieth the overthrow of Pharaohs army at Euphrates, 13 and the conquest of Egypt by Nebuchadrezzar. 27 He comforteth Jacob in their chastisement.

THE word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles.

2 Against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by

by the river Euphrates in [a] Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battel.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed, *and* turned away back? and their mighty ones are † beaten down, and are † fled apace, and look not back: *for* fear *was* round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape: they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who *is* this *that* cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers: and he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city, and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots: and let the mighty men come forth; † the Ethiopians, and † the Libyans, that handle the shield; and the Lidians, [b] that handle *and* bend the bowe.

10 For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts [c] hath a sacrifice in the north-country by the river Euphrates.

11 Go up into Gilead, and take [d] balm, O virgin, daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* † thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

13 ¶ The word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* [e] smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away? they stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

16 He † made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.

17 They did cry there, Pharaoh king of Egypt *is but* a noise; he hath passed the time appointed.

18 *As* I live, saith the King whose name *is* the LORD of hosts, surely as Tabor *is* among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, *so* shall he come.

19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, † furnish thy self to go into captivity: for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

20 Egypt *is like* a very fair heifer, *but* destruction cometh: it cometh out of the north.

21 Also her hired men *are* in the midst of her like † fatted bullocks: for they also are turned back, *and* are fled away together: they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, *and* the time of their visitation.

22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent: for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.

23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched; because they are more then the grashoppers, and *are* innumerable.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel saith, Behold, I will punish the † multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, [e] with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and *all* them that trust in him.

26 And I will deliver them into the hand

[a] 2 Chr. 35.20.

4 Heb. broken in pieces. † Heb. fled a flight.

† Heb. Cush. † Heb. Put. Is. 66. 19.

[b] Zeph. 2.7. See Ezek. 39. 17. Chap. 22. † Heb. cure shall be not to her.

[c] Is. 10. 1 Ezek. 39. & 30. 5.

† Heb. multiplied the faller.

† Heb. make thee furniture of captivity.

† Heb. fat ones of the stall.

[d] Or, nourisher. † Heb. Amon. Chap. 43. 12, 13. Ezek. 30. 13.

[e] Chap. 43. 12, 13. Ezek. 30. 13.

hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterwards it shall be inhabited as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

27 ¶ [f] But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make *him* afraid.

28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I *am* with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee; but I will not make [g] a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I ‖ not leave thee wholly unpunished.

CHAP. XLVII.

The destruction of the Philistines.

THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet [a] against ỷ Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote † Gaza.

2 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, [b] waters rise up [c] out of the north, and shall be an overflowing floud, and shall overflow the land, and ‖ all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein: then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses*, at the rushing of his chariots, *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands:

4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, *and* to cut off from [d] Tyrus & Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil ỷ Philistines, the remnant of † the countrey of Caphtor.

5 [e] Baldness is come upon Gaza, [f] Ashkelon is cut off *with* the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou [g] cut thy self?

6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? † put up thy self into thy scabbard, rest and be still.

7 † How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore? there hath he appointed it.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 *The judgement of Moab, 7 for their pride, 11 for their security, 14 for their carnal confidence, 26 and for their contempt of God, and his people. 47 The restauration of Moab.*

AGainst [a] Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Wo unto Nebo; for it is spoiled: Kiriathaim is confounded *and* taken; ‖ Misgab is confounded and dismayed.

2 *There shall be* no more praise of Moab. In Heshbon they have devised evil against it; Come, & let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt ‖ be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall † pursue thee.

3 A voice of crying *shall be* from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.

4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

5 For in the going up of Luhith † [b] continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.

6 Flee, save your lives, and be like ‖ the [c] heath in the wilderness.

7 ¶ For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken: and [d] Chemosh shall go forth into captivity *with* his [e] priests and his princes together.

8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away: for the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

10 [f] Cursed *be* he that doeth the work of the LORD ‖ deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth back his sword from bloud.

11 ¶ Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he [g] hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste † remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander, and

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[a] Heb. multiplied the salter.

[a] Isa. 15 & 16. Chap. 25. 21. & 27. 3. Ezek. 25. 9. Am. 2. 1.

‖ Or, The high place.

‖ Or, be brought to silence. † Heb. go after thee.

† Heb. weeping, with weeping. [b] Isa. 15. 5.

‖ Or, a naked tree. [c] Chap. 17. 6.

[d] Num. 21. 29. [e] Chap. 49. 3.

See Judg. 5. 23. ‖ Or, negligently.

[g] Zeph. 1. 12.

† Heb. stood.

and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottels.

13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of [h] Beth-el their confidence.

14 ¶ How say ye [i] We *are* mighty, and strong men for the war?

15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up *out of* her cities, and † his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name *is* The LORD of hosts.

16 The calamity of Moab *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

17 All ye that are about him bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautifull rod!

18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst: for the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strong holds.

19 O † inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done?

20 Moab is confounded; for it is broken down: [k] howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon that Moab is spoiled,

21 And judgement is come upon the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,

22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,

23 And upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth gamul, and upon Beth-meon,

24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah; and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.

26 ¶ [l] Make ye him drunken: for he magnified *himself* against the LORD. Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.

27 For [m] was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among theeves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy.

28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides of the holes mouth.

29 [n] We have heard the pride of Moab, he is exceeding proud: his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD: but *it shall* not *be* so; his lies shall not so effect *it*.

31 Therefore [o] will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab; *mine heart* shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.

32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of Jazer: the spoiler is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

33 And [p] joy and gladness is taken from the plentifull field and from the land of Moab: and I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; *their* shouting *shall be* no shouting.

34 [q] From the cry of Heshbon *even* unto Elealeh, *and even* unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar *even* unto Horonaim, *as* an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be † desolate.

35 Moreover, I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD, [r] him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore [s] mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: because [t] the riches *that* he hath gotten are perished.

37 For [u] every head *shall be* bald, and every beard † clipt: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loyns sackcloth.

38 *There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the house-tops of Moab, and in the streets thereof: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, saith the LORD.

39 They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down? how hath Moab turned the † back with shame? so shall Moab be a derision & a dismaying to all them about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, he

[h] 1 Kin. 12.29. [i] Isa. 16.6.

† Heb. the choice of.

† Heb. inhabitaress.

[k] Isa. 16.7.

[l] Chap. 25.27.

[m] Zeph. 2.8.

Or, moved it self.

[n] Isa. 16.6, &c.

Or, also from (Heb. from) the mouth of.

[o] Isa. 15.5.

[p] Isa. 16.10.

[q] Isa. 15.4, 5, 6.

† Heb. destruction.

[r] Isa. 15.2. & 16.12.

[s] Isa. 15.5. & 16.11.

[t] Isa. 15.7.

[u] Isa. 15.2. Chap. 47.5.

† Heb. diminished.

† Heb. made.

[z] he shall flie as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.

41 ‖ Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and [y] the mighty mens hearts in Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD.

43 [z] Fear, and the pit, and the snare *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.

44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon, because of the force: but [a] a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, & a flame from the midst of Sihon, and [b] shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the †tumultuous ones.

46 [c] Wo be unto thee, O Moab, the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken † captives, and thy daughters captives.

47 ¶ Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far *is* the judgement of Moab.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *The judgement of the Ammonites.* 6 *Their restauration.* 7 *The judgement of Edom,* 23 *of Damascus,* 28 *of Kedar.* 30 *of Hazor,* 34 *and of Elam.* 39 *The restauration of Elam.*

CONCERNING [a] the Ammonites thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why *then* doth ‖ their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?

2 Therefore behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in [b] Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burnt with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

3 Howl, O Heshbon; for Ai is spoiled: cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, [c] gird ye with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges: for ‖ [d] their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.

4 Wherefore glorieſt thou in the valleys, ‖ thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, [e] *saying*, Who shall come unto me?

5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee: and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandreth.

6 And afterward [f] I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

7 ¶ [g] Concerning Edom thus saith the LORD of hosts; [h] *Is* wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished?

8 [i] Flee ye, ‖ turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of [k] Dedan: for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

9 If [l] grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning-grapes? if theeves by night, they will destroy † till they have enough.

10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren and his neighbours, and he *is* not.

11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, [m] they whose judgement *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken, and *art* thou he *that* shalt altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

13 For I have sworn by my self, saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 [n] I have heard a rumour from the LORD, & an ambassadour is sent unto the heathen, *saying*, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battel.

15 For

‖ Or, *Melcom.*
[a] Chap. 48.7. Amos. 1.15.
‖ Or, *thy valley floweth away.*
[c] Chap. 21.13.
[f] So Chap. 48.47. & Chap. 49.39.
[g] Ezek. 25.12. Am. 1. 11.
[h] Obad. 8.
[i] v. 30.
‖ Or, *they are turned back.*
[k] Chap. 25.23.
[l] Obad. 5.
† Heb. *their sufficiency.*
[m] Chap. 25.29. Obad. 16.
[n] Obad. 1.

15 For lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.

16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: [o] though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.

17 Also Edom shall be a desolation: [p] every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

18 [q] As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

19 [r] Behold, he shall come up like a lion from [s] the swelling of Jordan against the habitation of the strong: but I will suddenly make him run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint over her? for [t] who *is* like me? and who will ‖ [u] appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that he hath taken against Edom, and his purposes that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall: at the cry, the noise thereof was heard in the † Red sea.

22 Behold, [x] he shall come up and flie as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah: and at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 ¶ [y] Concerning Damascus. Hamath is confounded, & Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings; they are † faint-hearted: *there is* sorrow ‖ on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, *and* turneth her self to flee, and fear hath seised on *her*: [z] anguish and sorrows have taken her as a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy?

26 [a] Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a [b] fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben hadad.

28 ¶ [c] Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away: they shall take to themselves their curtains and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

30 ¶ [d] Flee, † get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD: for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto ‖ the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattel a spoil: and I will scatter into all winds [e] them *that are* † in the utmost corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Hazor [f] shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and* a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

34 ¶ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against [g] Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying,

35 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will break the bowe of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them towards all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that

[o] Obad. 4.
[p] Chap. 50. 13.
[q] Gen. 19. 25. Deut. 29. 23. Chap. 50. 40. Am. 4. 11.
[r] Chap. 50. 44. &c.
[s] Chap. 12. 5.
[t] Exod. 15. 11.
‖ Or, commit me in judgement.
[u] Job 41. 10.
† Heb. Weedy sea.
[x] Chap. 4. 13. & 48. 40. & 49. 22.
[y] Isa. 17. 1. Am. 1. 3. Zech. 9. 1, 2.
† Heb melted.
‖ Or, as on the sea.
[z] Chap. 4. 31. & 6. 24. & 30. 6.
[a] Chap. 50. 30.
[b] Am. 1. 4.
[c] Isa. 21. 13.
[d] Ver. 8.
† Heb. flie greatly.
‖ Or, that dwell in safety.
[e] Chap. 9. 26. & 25. 23.
† Heb. cut off in corners, or that have the corners of their hair polled.
[f] Ch. 9. 11. & 10. 22.
[g] Chap. 25. 25.

that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, *even* my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 ¶ But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* [h] I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

CHAP. L.

1,9,21,35 The judgement of Babylon. 4,17,33 The redemption of Israel.

THE word that the LORD spake [a] against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chaldeans † by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and † set up a standard; publish, *and* conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, [b] Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart both man and beast.

4 ¶ In those days and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, *saying*, Come, and let us joyn our selves to the LORD in [c] a perpetual covenant *that* shall not be forgotten.

6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away *on* the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hil, they have forgotten their † resting-place,

7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not; because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice; even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 [d] Remove out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of ŷ Chaldeans, & be as the he-goats before the flocks.

9 ¶ For lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north-countrey: and they shall set themselves in aray against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty ‖ expert man; none shall return in vain.

‖ Or, destroyer.

10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoyced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown † fat, as the heifer at grass, and ‖ bellow as bulls:

† Heb. big, or corpulent.
‖ Or, neigh as steeds.

12 Your mother shall be sore confounded; she that bare you shall be ashamed: behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land and a desert.

13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: [e] every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.

[e] Chap. 49.17.

14 Put your selves in aray against Babylon round about: all ye that bend the bowe, shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD.

15 Shout against her round about: she hath given her hand: her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for [f] it *is* the vengeance of the LORD: take vengeance upon her: [g] as she hath done, do unto her.

[f] Chap. 51.6,11.
[g] Psal. 137.8. Rev. 18.6.

16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth ŷ ‖ sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

‖ Or, sithe.

17 ¶ Israel *is* a scattered sheep; the lions have driven *him* away: first, the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last, this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel; Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria.

19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.

20 In

20 In those days and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be* none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

‖ Or, *of the Rebells.* ‖ Or, *Visitation.*

21 ¶ Go up against the land of ‖ Merathaim, *even* against it, and against the inhabitants of ‖ Pekod: waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

22 A sound of battel *is* in the land, and of great destruction.

[b] Chap. 51.20.

23 How is [b] the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken? how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations?

24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against ỳ LORD.

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this *is* the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

† Heb. *the end.* ‖ Or, *tread her.*

26 Come against her from † the utmost border, open her store-houses: ‖ cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: wo unto them; for their day is come, the time of their visitation.

[i] Chap. 51.10, 11.

28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon [i] to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon: all ye that bend the bowe, camp against it round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all ỳ she hath done do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the holy One of Israel.

[k] Chap. 49.26.

30 [k] Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.

† Heb. *pride.*

31 Behold, I *am* against thee, *O thou* †most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee.

† Heb. *pride.*

32 And † the most proud shall stumble, and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

33 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah *were* oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

34 Their Redeemer *is* strong; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: he shall throughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.

35 ¶ A sword *is* upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise *men.*

Or, *sword of liars.* † Heb. *liars.*

36 A sword *is* upon the ‖ † liars; and [l] they shall dote: a sword *is* upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed.

37 A sword *is* upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that *are* in the midst of her; & they shall become as women: a sword *is* upon her treasures; & they shall be robbed.

[l] Nah. 3.13. [m] Chap. 51.32, 36.

38 [m] A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it *is* the land of graven images, and they are mad upon *their* idols.

[n] Isa. 13.21, 22, & 34.14. Chap. 51.37. Rev. 18.2. [o] Gen. 19.25. Isa. 13.19. Chap. 49.18.

39 Therefore [n] the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell *there*, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

40 [o] As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith ỳ LORD; *so* shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

[p] Chap. 6.22.

41 [p] Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

[q] Isa. 5.30.

42 They shall hold the bowe and the lance: they *are* cruel, and will not shew mercy: [q] their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses, *every one* put

put in aray like a man to the battel, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.

43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble: [r] anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs as of a woman in travail.

44 [r] Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong: but I will make them suddenly run away from her: and who *is* a chosen *man that* I may appoint over her? For who *is* like me: and [t] who will ‖ appoint me the time? and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me?

45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD that he hath taken against Babylon, and his purposes that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make *their* habitation desolate with them.

46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAP. LI.

1 The severe judgement of God against Babylon in revenge of Israel. 59 Jeremiah delivereth the book of this prophesie to Seraiah, to be cast into Euphrates, in token of the perpetual sinking of Babylon.

THus saith the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the † midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind;

2 And will send unto Babylon [a] fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

3 Against *him that* bendeth let the archer bend his bow, & against *him that* lifteth himself up in his brigandine: & spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host.

4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans, and *they that are* thrust through [b] in her streets.

5 For Israel *hath* not *been* forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the holy One of Israel.

6 [c] Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity: for [d] this *is* the time of the LORDS vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense.

7 Babylon *hath been* [e] a golden cup in the LORDS hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

8 Babylon is suddenly [f] fallen and destroyed: howl for her; [g] take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed.

9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed: forsake her, and let us go every one into his own countrey: for her judgement reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up *even* to the skies.

10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and let us [h] declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

11 [i] Make † bright the arrows; gather the shields: [k] the LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device *is* against Babylon, to destroy it; because it *is* [l] the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.

12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the † ambushes: for the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, *and* ỹ measure of thy covetousness.

14 [m] The LORD of hosts hath sworn † by himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill thee with men as with caterpillers; and they shall † lift up a shout against thee.

15 [n] He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and [o] hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

16 When he uttereth *his* voice, *there is* a ‖ multitude of waters in the heavens; and [p] he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

17 Every man ‖ is brutish by *his* knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image *is* falshood, and *there is* no breath in them.

[r] Heb. pride.
[t] Heb. appoint for me.
‖ Or, visit.
† Heb. bars.
[a] Isa. 13. 25. & 14. 14. Chap. 51. 27. Rev. 18. 2.
[b] Gen. 19. 25. Isa. 13. 19. Chap. 49. 18.
[c] Chap. 6. 22.
[d] Isa. 59. 20.
[e] Rev. 14. 8. & 17. 4.
[f] Isa. 21. 9. Rev. 14. 8. & 18. 2.
[g] Chap. 46. 11.
[h] Chap. 50. 28.
[i] Chap. 46. 3.
† Heb. pure.
[k] Isa. 13. 17.
[l] Chap. 50. 28.
† Heb. liers in wait.
[m] Amos 6. 8.
† Heb. by his soul.
† Heb. voice.
[n] Gen. 1. 1, 6. Ch. 10. 12. 16.
[o] Job 9. 8. Psal. 104. 2. Isa. 40. 22.
‖ Or, noise.
[p] Psal. 135. 7.
‖ Or, is more brutish then to know.

18 They *are* vanity, the work of errours: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

19 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them: for he *is* the former of all things; and *Israel is* the rod of his inheritance. The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

20 Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms;

21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces old and young; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;

23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock, and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.

24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the LORD.

25 Behold, I *am* against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be † desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her, cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.

28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof, and all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.

29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.

30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in *their* holds: their might hath failed, [r] they became as women: they have burnt her dwelling places; her bars are broken.

31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end,

32 And that [s] the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burnt with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; The daughter of Babylon *is* like a threshing-floor, || *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out.

35 † The violence done to me and to my || flesh *be* upon Babylon, shall the † inhabitant of Zion say; and my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and [t] I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.

37 And Babylon shall become heaps, [u] a dwelling-place for dragons, an astonishment and an hissing, without an inhabitant.

38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall || yell as lions whelps.

39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and × I will make them drunken, that they may rejoyce, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How is [y] Sheshach taken? and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised? how

[q] Chap. 50. 23. || Or, in thee, or, by thee.

† Heb. everlasting desolations.

[r] Nah. 3. 13. Chap. 50. 37.

[s] Chap. 50. 38.

|| Or, *it is* time to thresh her: yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

† Heb. My violence, || Or, remainder. † Heb. inhabitress.

[t] Chap. 50. 38.

[u] Isa. 13. 22. Chap. 50. 39.

|| Or, *shake themselves* over.

× Heb. *I will* make them drink.

[y] Chap. 25. 26.

how is Babylon become an aſtoniſhment among the nations?

42 The ſea is come up upon Babylon: ſhe is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

43 Her cities are a deſolation, a dry land and a wilderneſs, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth *any* ſon of man paſs thereby.

44 And I will puniſh Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath ſwallowed up: and the nations ſhall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon ſhall fall.

45 [z] My people, go ye out of the midſt of her, and deliver ye every man his ſoul from the fierce anger of the LORD.

46 And leſt your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumour that ſhall be heard in the land: a rumour ſhall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year *ſhall come* a rumour; and violence in the land, ruler againſt ruler.

47 Therefore behold, the days come that I will † do judgement upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land ſhall be confounded, and all her ſlain ſhall fall in the midſt of her.

48 Then [a] the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein, ſhall ſing for Babylon: for the ſpoilers ſhall come unto her from the north, ſaith the LORD.

49 ‖ As Babylon *hath cauſed* the ſlain of Iſrael to fall, ſo at Babylon ſhall fall the ſlain of all ‖ the earth.

50 Ye that have eſcaped the ſword, go away, ſtand not ſtill: remember the LORD afar off, and let Jeruſalem come into your mind.

51 We are confounded, becauſe we have heard reproach; ſhame hath covered our faces: for ſtrangers are come into the ſanctuaries of the LORDS houſe.

52 Wherefore behold, the days come, ſaith the LORD, that I will do judgement upon her graven images, and through all her land the wounded ſhall groan.

53 [b] Though Babylon ſhould mount up to heaven, and though ſhe ſhould fortifie *y* height of her ſtrength, *yet* from me ſhall ſpoilers come unto her, ſaith the LORD.

54 A ſound of a cry *cometh* from Babylon, and great deſtruction from the land of the Chaldeans.

55 Becauſe the LORD hath ſpoiled Babylon, and deſtroyed out of her the great voice, when her waves do roar like great waters, a noiſe of their voice is uttered.

56 Becauſe the ſpoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken: for the LORD God of recompenſes ſhall ſurely requite.

57 And [c] I will make drunk her princes, and her wiſe *men*, her captains and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they ſhall ſleep a perpetual ſleep, and not wake, ſaith the King whoſe name *is* the LORD of hoſts.

58 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; ‖ The broad walls of Babylon ſhall be utterly ‖ broken, and her high gates ſhall be burnt with fire; and [d] the people ſhall labour in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they ſhall be weary.

59 ¶ The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the ſon of Neriah the ſon of Maaſeiah, when he went ‖ with Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon, in the fourth year of his reign. And *this* Seraiah *was* a ‖ quiet prince.

60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that ſhould come upon Babylon, *even* all theſe words *that are* written againſt Babylon.

61 And Jeremiah ſaid to Seraiah, When thou comeſt to Babylon, and ſhalt ſee, and ſhalt read all theſe words,

62 Then ſhalt thou ſay, O LORD, thou haſt ſpoken againſt this place, to cut it off, that none ſhall remain in it, neither man nor beaſt, but that it ſhall be † deſolate for ever.

63 And it ſhall be when thou haſt made an end of reading this book, *that* thou ſhalt bind [e] a ſtone to it, and caſt it into the midſt of Euphrates.

64 And thou ſhalt ſay, Thus ſhall Babylon ſink, & ſhall not riſe from the evil that I will bring upon her: and they ſhall be weary. Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.

CHAP. LII.

1 Zedekiah rebelleth. 4 Jerusalem is besieged and taken. 8 Zedekiahs sons killed, and his own eyes put out. 12 Nebuzar-adan burneth and spoileth the city. 24 He slayeth some, and carrieth others away captives. 31 Evil-merodach advanceth Jehoiachin.

a 2 King. 24. 18. † Heb. reigned.

ZEdekiah *was* [a] one and twenty year old when he † began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mothers name *was* Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

3 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

b 2 Kin. 25. 1. Chap. 39. 1.

4 ¶ And it came to pass in the [b] ninth year of his reign, in the tenth moneth, in the tenth *day* of the moneth, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah.

6 And in the fourth moneth, in the ninth *day* of the moneth, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land.

7 Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the kings garden; now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about: and they went by the way of the plain.

8 ¶ But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was scattered from him.

9 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgement upon him.

10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

† Heb. blinded.

11 Then he † put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in || chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in † prison till the day of his death.

12 ¶ Now in the fifth moneth, in the tenth *day* of the moneth, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan || † captain of the guard, *which* † served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem,

13 And burnt the house of the LORD, and the kings house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men* burnt he with fire.

14 And all the army of the Chaldeans that *were* with the captain of the guard brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about.

15 Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude.

16 But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for husbandmen.

c Chap. 27. 19. d See 1 King. 7. 15. 23. 27. 30. e Exod. 27. 3. || Or, instruments to minister about.

17 [c] Also [d] the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon.

18 [e] The caldrons also, and the || shovels, and the snuffers, and the || bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministred, took they away.

|| Or, fire-pans. || Or, basons, || Or, censers.

19 And the basons, and the || fire-pans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups, *that* which *was* of gold *in* gold, and *that* which *was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away.

f 1 King. 7. 47. † Heb. their brass.

20 The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brasen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: [f] † the brass of all these vessels was without weight.

g 2 King. 25. 17. h Chron. 3. 15. Heb. chapiter.

21 And *concerning* the [g] pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; & a † fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; & the

the thickneſs thereof *was* four fingers: *it was* hollow.

22 And a chapiter of braſs *was* upon it; and the height of one chapiter *was* five cubits, with net-work and pomegranates upon the chapiters round about, all *of* braſs. The ſecond pillar alſo and the pomegranates *were* like unto theſe.

23 And there were ninety and ſix pomegranates on a ſide; *and* [h] all the pomegranates upon the net-work *were* an hundred round about.

24 ¶ And [i] the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief prieſt, and Zephaniah the ſecond prieſt, and the three keepers of the †door.

25 He took alſo out of the city an eunuch which had the charge of the men of war; and ſeven men of them that † were near the kings perſon, which were found in the city; and the ‖ principal ſcribe of the hoſt, who muſtered the people of the land; and threeſcore men of the people of the land *that were* found in the midſt of the city.

26 So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah.

27 And the king of Babylon ſmote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.

28 This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: In the ſeventh year, three thouſand Jews and three and twenty;

29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jeruſalem eight hundred thirty and two † perſons;

† Heb. ſouls.

30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews ſeven hundred fourty and five perſons: All the perſons *were* four thouſand and ſix hundred.

31 ¶ [k] And it came to paſs in the ſeven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth moneth, in the five and twentieth *day* of the moneth, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the *firſt* year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of priſon,

[k] 2 Kin. 25. 27.

32 And ſpake † kindly unto him, and ſet his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

† Heb. good things with him.

33 And changed his priſon-garments. And he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life.

34 And *for* his diet, there was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, † every day a portion untill the day of his death, all the days of his life.

† Heb. the matter of the day in his day.

The LAMENTATIONS of JEREMIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 *The miſerable eſtate of Jeruſalem by reaſon of her ſin.* 12 *She complaineth of her grief,* 18 *and confeſſeth Gods judgement to be righteous.*

HOw doth the city ſit ſolitary *that was* full of people? *how* is ſhe become as a widow? ſhe *that was* great among the nations, *and* princeſs among the provinces, *how* is ſhe become tributary?

2 She [a] weepeth ſore in the [b] night, and her tears *are* on her cheeks: among all her lovers ſhe hath none to comfort *her*: all her friends have dealt treacherouſly with her, they are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into captivity, becauſe of affliction, and † becauſe of great ſervitude: ſhe dwelleth among the heathen, ſhe findeth no reſt: all her perſecutours overtook her between the ſtraits.

† Heb. for the greatneſs of ſervitude.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, becauſe none come to the ſolemn feaſts: all her gates are deſolate: her prieſts ſigh, her virgins are afflicted, and ſhe *is* in bitterneſs.

5 Her adverſaries [c] are the chief, her enemies proſper: for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her tranſgreſſions: her [d] children are gone into captivity before the enemy.

[c] Deut. 28. 13, 44.

[d] Jer. 52. 28.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts *that* find no pasture, & they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jerusalem remembred in ỹ days of her affliction and of her miseries all her ‖ pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, *and* did mock at her sabbaths.

8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is † removed: all that honoured her despise her, because [e] they have seen her nakedness: yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness *is* in her skirts; she [f] remembreth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter: O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*.

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her ‖ pleasant things: for she hath seen *that* ỹ heathen entred into her sanctuary, whom thou didst command *that* [g] they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 All her people sigh, [h] they seek bread: they have given their pleasant things for meat to ‖ relieve the soul: see, O LORD, and consider; for I am become vile.

12 ¶ ‖ *Is it* nothing to you, all ye that † pass by? behold and see, [i] if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate, *and* faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall: the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands *from whom* I am not able to rise up.

15 The Lord hath troden under foot all my mighty *men* in the midst of me: he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: the Lord hath troden ‖ the virgin the daughter of Judah *as* in a wine-press.

16 For these *things* I weep; [k] mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should † relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.

17 ‖ Zion spreadeth forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her: ỹ LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries *should be* round about him: Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.

18 ¶ The LORD is [m] righteous; for I have [n] rebelled against his † commandment: hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow: my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, *but* [o] they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD; for I *am* in distress: my [p] bowels are troubled, mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: [q] abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *there is* as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh; *there is* none to comfort me: all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*: thou wilt bring [r] the day *that* thou hast ‖ called, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; and do unto them as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: for my sighs *are* many, and my heart *is* faint.

CHAP. II.

1 *Jeremiah lamenteth the misery of Jerusalem.*
20 *He complaineth thereof to God.*

HOw hath the Lord covered ỹ daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, *and* cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembred not [a] his footstool in the day of his anger?

2 The Lord hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah; he hath † brought *them* down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdome and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in *his* fierce anger all the

‖ Or, desirable.

† Heb. become a removing, or wandering.

[e] Jer. 13. 26. Ezek. 16. 37. & 23. 29.

[f] Deut. 32. 29.

‖ Or, desirable.

[g] Deut. 23. 3. Neh. 13. 1.

[h] Jer. 52. 6.

‖ Or, made the soul to come again.

‖ Or, It is nothing.

† Heb. pass by the way.

[i] Dan. 9. 12.

‖ Or, the wine-press of the virgin, &

Jer. 13. 17. & 14. 17.

† Heb. bring tears.

Jer. 8. 21.

[m] Dan. 9. 7.

[n] 1 Sam. 12. 14. & 15. 23.

† Heb. mouth.

[o] Jer. 20. 6.

[p] Jer. 48. 36.

[q] Jer. 18. 21. & 48. 45. Hos. 9. 12.

[r] Deut. 32. 35. Ezek. 7. 5. Isai. 61. 2. &c. Jer. 46. 21. &c.

‖ Or, proclaimed.

[a] 1 Chron. 28. 2. Psal. 99. 5. & 132. 7.

† Heb. made to touch.

the horn of Israel: he hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy, and he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire *which* devoureth round about.

4 He hath bent his bowe like an enemy: he stood with his right hand as an adversary, that slew all † *that were* pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.

5 The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel, he hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds, & hath increased in ỹ daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently [b] taken away his tabernacle, as *if it were of* a garden: he hath destroyed his places of the assembly: the LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion, and hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary, he hath † given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces: [c] they have made a noise in the house of the LORD as in the day of a solemn feast.

8 The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion: [d] he hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from † destroying: therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground: he hath destroyed and broken her bars: [e] her king and her princes *are* among the Gentiles: the law *is* no *more*; her [f] prophets also find no vision from the LORD.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, *and* keep silence: they have [g] cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, [h] my bowels are troubled, my liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people; because the children and the sucklings ‖ swoon in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where *is* corn and wine? when they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul was poured out into their mothers bosom.

13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach *is* great like the sea: who can heal thee?

14 Thy [i] prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee: and they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity; but have seen for thee false burdens, and causes of banishment.

15 [k] All that pass † by [l] clap *their* hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*, *Is* this the city that *men* call [m] the Perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?

16 [n] All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed *her* up: certainly this *is* the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen *it*.

17 The LORD hath done *that* which he had [o] devised; he hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old: he hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: and he hath caused *thine* enemy to rejoyce over thee, he hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, [p] let tears run down like a river day and night: give thy self no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of ỹ watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands towards him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.

20 ¶ Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. [q] Shall the women eat their fruit, *and* children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the LORD?

21 The young and the old lie on the

[i] Jer. 2. 8. & 5. 31. & 14. 14. & 23. 16. & 27. 14. & 29. 8, 9. Ezek. 13. 2.
[k] 2 King. 19. 21.
† Heb. *by the way.*
[l] Ezek. 25. 6.
[m] Psal. 48. 2. & 50. 2.
[n] Chap. 3. 46.
[o] Levit. 26. 16, &c. Deut. 28. 15, &c.
[p] Jer. 14. 17. Chap. 1. 16.
[q] Lev. 26. 29. Deut. 28. 53. Jer. 19. 9. Ch. 4. 10. Ezek. 5. 10.
‖ Or *swaddled with their hands.*

ground in the ſtreets: my virgins and my young men are fallen by the ſword: [r] thou haſt ſlain *them* in the day of thy anger; thou haſt killed, *and* not pitied.

22 Thou haſt called as in a ſolemn day my terrours round about, ſo that in the day of the LORDS anger none eſcaped nor remained: thoſe that I have ſwaddled and brought up hath mine enemy conſumed.

CHAP. III.

1 *The faithfull bewail their calamities.* 22 *By the mercies of God they nouriſh their hope.* 37 *They acknowledge Gods juſtice.* 55 *They pray for deliverance,* 64 *and vengeance on their enemies.*

I *Am* the man *that* hath ſeen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me and brought *me into* darkneſs, but not *into* light.

3 Surely againſt me is he turned; he turneth his hand *againſt me* all the day.

4 My fleſh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath builded againſt me, and compaſſed *me* with gall and travel.

6 [a] He hath ſet me in dark places, as *they that be* dead of old.

7 [b] He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Alſo when I cry and ſhout, he ſhutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath incloſed my ways with hewn ſtone: he hath made my paths crooked.

10 [c] He *was* unto me *as* a bear lying in wait, *and as* a lion in ſecret places.

11 He hath turned aſide my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me deſolate.

12 He hath bent his bowe, and [d] ſet me as a mark for the arrow.

13 He hath cauſed the † arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.

14 I was a [e] deriſion to all my people, *and* [f] their ſong all the day.

15 He hath filled me with † bitterneſs, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.

16 He hath alſo broken my teeth with gravel-ſtones, he hath ‖ covered me with aſhes.

17 And thou haſt removed my ſoul far off from peace: I forgat † proſperity.

18 And I ſaid, My ſtrength and my hope is periſhed from the LORD;

19 ‖ Remembring mine affliction and my miſery, the wormwood and the gall.

20 My ſoul hath *them* ſtill in remembrance, and is † humbled in me.

21 This I † recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22 ¶ [g] *It is of* the LORDS mercies that we are not conſumed, becauſe his compaſſions fail not.

23 *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulneſs.

24 The LORD *is* my [h] portion, ſaith my ſoul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the ſoul *that* ſeeketh him.

26 *It is* good that *a man* ſhould both hope and quietly wait for the ſalvation of the LORD.

27 *It is* good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 [i] He ſitteth alone and keepeth ſilence, becauſe he hath born *it* upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the duſt, if ſo be there may be hope.

30 [k] He giveth *his* cheek to him that ſmiteth him; he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not caſt off for ever.

32 But though he cauſe grief, yet will he have compaſſion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For [l] he doth not afflict † willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

34 To cruſh under his feet all the priſoners of the earth,

35 To turn aſide the right of a man before the face of ‖ the moſt High,

36 To ſubvert a man in his cauſe, the Lord ‖ approveth not.

37 ¶ Who *is* he [m] *that* ſaith, and it cometh to paſs, *when* the Lord commandeth *it* not?

38 Out of the mouth of the moſt High proceedeth not [n] evil and good?

39 [o] Wherefore doth a living man ‖ complain, a man for the puniſhment of his ſins?

40 Let us ſearch and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

41 Let

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r Chap. 3. 43.

a Pſal. 88. 5 6.

b Job 3. 23. & 19. 8.

c Job 10. 16. Iſa. 38. 13. Hoſ. 5. 14. & 13. 7, 8.

d Job 7. 20. & 16. 12.

† Heb. ſons.

e Jer. 20. 7.

f Job 30. 9. Pſal. 69. 12. ver. 63.

† Heb. bitterneſſes.

‖ Or, rolled me in the aſhes

† Heb. good.

‖ Or, Remember.

† Heb. bowed. † Heb. made to return to my heart.

g Mal. 3. 6.

h Pſal. 16. 5. & 73. 26. Jer. 10. 16.

i Jer. 15. 17.

k Mat. 5. 39.

l Ezek. 33. 11.

† Heb. from the heart.

‖ Or, a ſuperior.

‖ Or, ſeeth not.

m Pſal. 33. 9.

n Iſa. 45. 7. Amos 3. 6.

o Prov. 19. 3.

‖ Or, murmureth.

41 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens.

42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us: [p] thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.

44 Thou hast covered thy self with a cloud, that *our* prayer should not pass through.

45 Thou hast made us *as* the [q] off-scouring and refuse in the midst of the people.

46 [r] All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.

47 [s] Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.

48 [t] Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission;

50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.

51 Mine eye affecteth † mine heart, because of all the daughters of my city.

52 Mine enemies chased me sore like a bird, [u] without cause.

53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.

54 [x] Waters flowed over mine head: *then* [y] I said, I am cut off.

55 ¶ [z] I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.

56 Thou hast heard my voice: hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

57 Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.

58 O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul: thou hast redeemed my life.

59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong: judge thou my cause.

60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance, *and* all their imaginations against me.

61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me;

62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.

63 Behold their sitting down and their rising up; [a] I *am* their musick.

64 ¶ [b] Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.

65 Give them ‖ sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.

66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the [c] heavens of the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Zion bewaileth her pitifull estate.* 13 *She confesseth her sins.* 21 *Edom is threatned.* 22 *Zion is comforted.*

HOw is the gold become dim! *how* is the most fine gold changed! the stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed [a] as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the ‖ sea monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: the daughter of my people *is become* cruel, [b] like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh *it* unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: *they that were* brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 For the ‖ punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater then the punishment of the sin of Sodom, *that was* [c] overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.

7 Her Nazarites were purer then snow, they were whiter then milk, they were more ruddy in body then rubies, their polishing *was* of sapphire:

8 Their visage is † blacker then a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 *They that be* slain with the sword are better then *they that be* slain with hunger: for these † pine away, stricken through for *want of* the fruits of the field.

10 [d] The hands of the pitifull women have sodden their own children: they were their

[p] Jer. 13. 14. [q] Lam. 3. 45. [r] Psal. 22. 13. Lam. 2. 16. [s] Jer. 48. 43. [t] Psal. 119. 136. Lam. 2. 18. Jer. 9. 1. 13. 17. [u] Mat. 5. 39. [x] Psal. 69. 1. 2. [y] Ezek. 37. 11. † Heb. from the heart. [z] Psal. 130. 1. ‖ Or, a sepulcher. ‖ Or, Lord = Psal. 31. 9. [a] Job 10. 8. Isa. 45. 9. Amos 3. 6. [b] Prov. 19. 3. ‖ Or, murmuring. [a] ver. 14. [b] Psal. 28. 4. ‖ Or, obstinacy of heart. [c] Pf. 8. 3. [a] Isa. 30. 14. Jer. 19. 11. ‖ Or, sea-calves. [b] Job 39. 14, 16. ‖ Or, iniquity. [c] Gen. 19. 25. † Heb. darker then blackness. † Heb. flow out. [d] Chap. 2. 20.

their [c] meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury, he hath poured out his fierce anger, and [d] hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth, & all the inhabitants of the world would not have believed that the adversary & the enemy should have entred into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 ¶ [e] For the sins of her prophets, *and* the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the bloud of the just in the midst of her;

14 They have wandred *as* blind *men* in the streets, they have polluted themselves with bloud, so that men could not touch their garments.

15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; || *it is* unclean; depart, depart, touch not; when they fled away and wandred. They said among the heathen, They shall no more sojourn *there*.

16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them. They respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 As for us, [h] our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for a nation *that* could not save *us*.

18 [i] They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets: our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our persecutours are [k] swifter then the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The [l] breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, [m] was taken in their pits, of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

21 Rejoyce and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz: [n] the cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thy self naked.

22 ¶ [o] || The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will || discover thy sins.

[c] Deut. 28. 57.
[d] 2 King. 25. 9.
[e] Jer. 5 31. & 23. 11.
|| Or, in that they could not but touch.
|| Or, be polluted.
|| Or, far.
[h] Isa. 30. 6, 7. Jer. 37. 7. Ezek. 29. 16.
[i] 2 King. 25. 4, 5.
[k] Deut. 28. 49.
[l] Gen. 2. 7.
[m] Jer. 52. 8.
[n] Jer. 25. 15, 16, 21.
[o] Isa. 40. 2.
|| Or, Thine iniquity.
|| Or, carry thee captive for thy sins.

CHAP. V.

A pitifull complaint of Zion, in prayer unto God.

REmember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider and behold our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers *are* as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money: our wood † is sold unto us.

5 † Our necks *are* under persecution: we labour, *and* have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians, *and* to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 [a] Our fathers have sinned, and *are* not, and we have born their iniquities.

8 Servants have ruled over us: *there is* none that doth deliver *us* out of their hand.

9 We gat our bread with *the peril of* our lives, because of the sword of ỹ wilderness.

10 Our [b] skin was black like an oven, because of the || terrible famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion, *and* the maids in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes are hanged up by their hand: [c] the faces of elders were not honoured.

13 They took the young men to grind, and the children fell under the wood.

14 The elders have ceased from the gate, the young men from their musick.

15 The joy of our heart is ceased; our dance is turned into mourning.

16 † The crown is fallen *from* our head: wo unto us that we have sinned.

17 For this our heart is faint; [d] for these *things* our eyes are dim.

18 Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

19 Thou, O LORD, [e] remainest for ever; thy throne from generation to generation.

20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, *and* forsake us † so long time?

21 [f] Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned: renew our days as of old.

22 || But thou hast utterly rejected us, thou art very wroth against us.

† Heb. *extreme* for *grief.*
† Heb. *Our necks are persecuted.*
[a] Jer. 31. 29. Ezek. 18. 2.
[b] Job 30. 30. Psal. 119. 83.
|| Or, *terrour, or, storm.*
[c] Isa. 47. 6.
† Heb. *The crown of our head is fallen.*
[d] Psal. 6. 7. & 31. 9. & 38. 10. & 88. 9. & 102. 3. & 119. 82. Isa. 38. 14.
[e] Psal. 102. 12.
† Heb. *for ever of age.*
|| Or, *For unless thou hast utterly rejected us.*

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The book of the Prophet EZEKIEL.

CHAP. I.

1 *The time of Ezekiels prophesie at Chebar.* 4 *His vision of four cherubims,* 15 *of the four wheels,* 26 *and of the glory of GOD.*

NOw it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the moneth, as I *was* among the † captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

2 In the fifth *day* of the moneth, which *was* the fifth year of [a] king Jehoiachins captivity,

3 The word of the LORD came expresly unto † Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans, by the river Chebar: and [b] the hand of the LORD was there upon him.

4 ¶ And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire † infolding it self, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

5 Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And [c] this *was* their appearance; They had the likeness of a man.

6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

7 And their feet *were* † straight feet; and the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calves foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

8 And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

9 Their wings *were* joyned one to another: they turned not when they went; they went every one strait forward.

10 As for [d] the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

11 Thus *were* their faces: and their wings *were* ‖ stretched upward; two *wings* of every one *were* joyned one to another, and two covered their bodies. ‖ Or, divided above.

12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

14 And the living creatures ran, and returned, as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the colour of a beryll: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

17 When they went, they went upon their four sides; *and* they returned not when they went.

18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were dreadfull: and their ‖ rings *were* full of eyes round about them four. ‖ Or, strakes.

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lift up from the earth, the wheels were lift up.

20 Whithersoever the spirit *was* to go, they went, thither *was their* spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit ‖ of the living creature *was* in the wheels. ‖ Or, of life.

21 When those went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit ‖ of the living creature *was* in the wheels. ‖ Or, of life.

22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature *was*

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as the colour of the terrible crystall stretched forth over their heads above.

23 And under the firmament *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two which covered on this side, and every one had two which covered on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech as the noise of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings.

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads, when they stood, *and* had let down their wings.

26 ¶ And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* ỹ likeneſs of a throne, as ỹ appearance of a ſapphire ſtone: & upon the likeneſs of the throne *was* ỹ likeneſs as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I ſaw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire, round about within it, from the appearance of his loyns even upward: and from the appearance of his loyns even downward I ſaw as it were the appearance of fire, and it *had* brightneſs round about.

28 [c] As the appearance of the bowe that is in the cloud in the day of rain, ſo *was* the appearance of the brightneſs round about. This *was* the appearance of the likeneſs of the glory of the LORD. And when I ſaw *it*, [f] I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that ſpake.

[c] Rev. 4. 3.

[f] Chap. 3. 23.

CHAP. II.

1 Ezekiel's commiſſion. 6 His inſtruction. 9 The roll of his heavy propheſie.

AND he ſaid unto me, Son of man, ſtand upon thy feet, and I will ſpeak unto thee.

2 And [a] the ſpirit entred into me when he ſpake unto me, and ſet me upon my feet, that I heard him that ſpake unto me.

[a] Chap. 3. 24.

3 And he ſaid unto me, Son of man, I ſend thee to the children of Iſrael, to a rebellious † nation that hath rebelled againſt me: [b] they and their fathers have tranſgreſſed againſt me *even* unto this very day.

† Heb. *nations.*

[b] Jer. 3. 25.

4 For *they are* † impudent children and ſtiff-hearted. I do ſend thee unto them; and thou ſhalt ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD.

† Heb. *hard of face.*

5 And they, [c] whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, [d] for they *are* a rebellious houſe, yet [e] ſhall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

[c] Chap. 3. 11. Chap. 26. 27. Chap. 33. 33. Jer. 26. 17. Luke 13. 4.

[d] Or, *rebellious.*

[e] Jer. 6. 8. Mic. 7. 4. Chap. 3. 9. Per. 1. 14.

6 ¶ And thou, ſon of man, [f] be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though] ſ briers and thorns *be* with thee, and thou doſt dwell among ſcorpions: [h] be not afraid of their words, nor be diſmayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious houſe.

[f] Heb. *rebellion.*

7 And thou ſhalt ſpeak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they *are* † moſt rebellious.

† Heb. *rebellion.*

8 But thou, ſon of man, hear what I ſay unto thee; Be not thou rebellious, like that rebellious houſe. Open thy mouth, and [i] eat that I give thee.

[i] Rev. 10. 9.

9 ¶ And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* ſent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book *was* therein.

10 And he ſpread it before me: and it *was* written within and without; and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and wo.

CHAP. III.

1 Ezekiel eateth the roll. 4 God encourageth him; 15 ſheweth him the rule of propheſie; 22 ſhutteth and openeth his mouth.

MOreover he ſaid unto me, Son of man, [a] eat that thou findeſt; eat this roll, and go ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſrael.

[a] Chap. 2. 8.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he cauſed me to eat that roll.

3 And he ſaid unto me, Son of man, cauſe thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I [b] eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey for ſweetneſs.

[b] Rev. 10. 9. See Jer. 15. 16.

4 ¶ And he ſaid unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the houſe of Iſrael, and ſpeak with my words unto them.

† Heb. *deep of lip, and heavy of tongue,* and ſo verſ. 6.

5 For thou *art* not ſent to a people † of a ſtrange ſpeech and of an hard language, *but* to the houſe of Iſrael;

6 Not to many people of a ſtrange ſpeech

speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. || Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkned unto thee.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; [c] for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* † impudent and hard-hearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

9 [d] As an adamant, harder then flint, have I made thy forehead: [e] fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; [f] whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then [g] the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from his place.

13 *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that † touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went † in bitterness, in the † heat of my spirit: but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

15 ¶ Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and [h] I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

17 [i] Son of man, I have made thee [k] a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, when a [l] righteous *man* doth turn from his † righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembred; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless, if thou warn the righteous *man* that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 ¶ And [m] the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I [n] saw by the river of Chebar: and [o] I fell on my face.

24 Then [p] the spirit entred into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thy self within thine house.

25 But thou, O son of man, behold, [q] they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them.

26 And [r] I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them † a reprover: [s] for they *are* a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they *are* a rebellious house.

CHAP.

[f] Chap. 18. 24. & 33. 12, 13.
† Heb. righteousnesses.
[m] Chap. 1. 3.
[n] Chap. 1.
[o] Chap. 3. 23.
[p] Chap. 2. 2.
[q] Chap. 4. 8.
[r] Chap. 24. 27.
† Heb. a man reproving
[s] Chap. 2. 5, 7.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Under the type of a ſiege is ſhewed the time from the deſection of Jeroboam to the captivity.* 9 *By the proviſion of the ſiege is ſhewed the hardneſs of the famine.*

THou alſo, ſon of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, *even* Jeruſalem:

2 And lay ſiege againſt it, and build a fort againſt it, and caſt a mount againſt it; ſet the camp alſo againſt it, and ſet ‖ *battering* rams againſt it round about.

‖ Or, *chief leaders.*

3 Moreover, take thou unto thee ‖ an iron pan, and ſet it *for* a wall of iron between thee and the city: and ſet thy face againſt it, and it ſhall be beſieged, and thou ſhalt lay ſiege againſt it. This *ſhall be* a ſign to the houſe of Iſrael.

‖ Or, *a ſign plate, or place.*

4 Lie thou alſo upon thy left ſide, and lay the iniquity of the houſe of Iſrael upon it: *according* to the number of the days that thou ſhalt lie upon it thou ſhalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: ſo ſhalt thou bear the iniquity of the houſe of Iſrael.

6 And when thou haſt accompliſhed them, lie again on thy right ſide, and thou ſhalt bear the iniquity of the houſe of Judah, fourty days: I have appointed thee [a] † each day for a year.

[a] Numb. 14. 34. † Heb. *a day for a year, a day for a year.*

7 Therefore thou ſhalt ſet thy face toward the ſiege of Jeruſalem, and thine arm *ſhall be* uncovered, and thou ſhalt propheſie againſt it.

8 And behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou ſhalt not turn thee † from one ſide to another, till thou haſt ended the days of thy ſiege.

† Heb. *from thy ſide to thy ſide.*

9 ¶ Take thou alſo unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and ‖ fitches, and put them in one veſſel, and make thee bread thereof, *according* to the number of the days that thou ſhalt lie upon thy ſide: three hundred and ninety days ſhalt thou eat thereof.

‖ Or, *ſpelt.*

10 And thy meat which thou ſhalt eat *ſhall be* by weight, twenty ſhekels a day: from time to time ſhalt thou eat it.

11 Thou ſhalt drink alſo water by meaſure, the ſixth part of an hin: from time to time ſhalt thou drink.

12 And thou ſhalt eat it *as* barley-cakes, and thou ſhalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their ſight.

13 And the LORD ſaid, Even thus [b] ſhall the children of Iſrael eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles whither I will drive them.

[b] Hoſ. 9. 3.

14 Then ſaid I, [c] Ah Lord GOD, behold, my ſoul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of [d] that which dieth of it ſelf, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable fleſh into my mouth.

[c] Acts 10. 14. [d] Exod. 22. 31. Lev. 17. 15. & 22. 8. Deut. 14. 21.

15 Then he ſaid unto me, Lo, I have given thee cows dung for mans dung, and thou ſhalt prepare thy bread therewith.

16 Moreover, he ſaid unto me, Son of man, behold, [e] I will break the ſtaff of bread in Jeruſalem: and they ſhall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they ſhall drink water by meaſure, and with aſtoniſhment:

[e] Levit. 26. 26. Pſal. 105. 16. Iſa. 3. 1. Jer. 37. 21. 38. 9. Ezek. 5. 16. & 14. 13.

17 That they may want bread and water, and be aſtonied one with another, and [f] conſume away for their iniquity.

[f] Levit. 26. 39.

CHAP. V.

1 *Under the type of hair* 5 *is ſhewed the judgement of Jeruſalem for their rebellion,* 12 *by famine, ſword, and diſperſion.*

AND thou, ſon of man, take thee a ſharp knife, take thee a barbours raſour, and [a] cauſe *it* to paſs upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the *hair.*

[a] Iſa. 7. 20.

2 Thou ſhalt burn with fire a third part in the midſt of the city, when the days of the ſiege are fulfilled: and thou ſhalt take a third part, *and* ſmite about it with a knife: & a third part thou ſhalt ſcatter in ỹ wind; and I will draw out a ſword after them.

3 Thou ſhalt alſo take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy † skirts.

† Heb. *wings.*

4 Then take of them again, and caſt them into the midſt of the fire, and burn them in the fire: *for* thereof ſhall a fire come forth into all the houſe of Iſrael.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; This is Jeruſalem:

Jeruſalem: I have ſet it in the midſt of the nations and countreys *that are* round about her.

6 And ſhe hath changed my judgements into wickedneſs more then the nations, and my ſtatutes more then the countreys that *are* round about her: for they have refuſed my judgements and my ſtatutes, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Becauſe ye multiplied more then the nations that *are* round about you, *and* have not walked in my ſtatutes, neither have kept my judgements, neither have done according to the judgements of the nations that *are* round about you;

8 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I *am* againſt thee, and will execute judgements in the midſt of thee in the ſight of the nations.

9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, becauſe of all thine abominations.

10 Therefore the fathers [b] ſhall eat the ſons in the midſt of thee, and the ſons ſhall eat their fathers: and I will execute judgements in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I ſcatter into all the winds.

11 Wherefore, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, Surely becauſe thou haſt defiled my ſanctuary with all thy deteſtable things and with all thine abominations, therefore will I alſo diminiſh *thee*, [c] neither ſhall mine eye ſpare, neither will I have any pity.

12 ¶ [d] A third part of thee ſhall die with the peſtilence, and with famine ſhall they be conſumed in the midſt of thee: and a third part ſhall fall by the ſword round about thee: and [e] I will ſcatter a third part into all the winds, and [f] I will draw out a ſword after them.

13 Thus ſhall mine anger be accompliſhed, and I will cauſe my fury to reſt upon them, and [g] I will be comforted: and they ſhall know that I the LORD have ſpoken it in my zeal, when I have accompliſhed my fury in them.

14 Moreover, I will make thee waſte, and a reproach among the nations that *are* round about thee, in the ſight of all that paſs by.

15 So it ſhall be a [h] reproach and a taunt, an inſtruction and an aſtoniſhment unto the nations that *are* round about thee, when I ſhall execute judgements in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

16 When I ſhall [i] ſend upon them the evil arrows of famine, which ſhall be for *their* deſtruction, *and* which I will ſend to deſtroy you: and I will encreaſe the famine upon you, & [k] will break your ſtaff of bread

17 So will I ſend upon you famine, and [l] evil beaſts, and they ſhall bereave thee: and peſtilence and bloud ſhall paſs through thee; and I will bring the ſword upon thee. I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

CHAP. VI.

1 The judgement of Iſrael for their idolatry. 8 A remnant ſhall be bleſſed. 11 The faithfull are exhorted to lament their calamities.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſet thy face towards the [a] mountains of Iſrael, and propheſie againſt them,

3 And ſay, Ye mountains of Iſrael, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus ſaith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys; Behold, I, *even* I will bring a ſword upon you, and I will deſtroy your high places.

4 And your altars ſhall be deſolate, and your ‖ images ſhall be broken: and [b] I will caſt down your ſlain *men* before your idols.

5 And I will † lay the dead carcaſes of the children of Iſrael before their idols; and I will ſcatter your bones round about your altars.

6 In all your dwelling-places the cities ſhall be laid waſte, and the high places ſhall be deſolate; that your altars may be laid waſte and made deſolate, and your idols may be broken and ceaſe, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be aboliſhed.

7 And the ſlain ſhall fall in the midſt of

[b] Deut. 28. 37.
[i] Deut. 32. 23.
[k] Chap. 4. 16. [l] Levit. 26. 22.
[a] Chap. 36. 1.
‖ Or, *your images*, and [b] ver. 6. [c] Lev. 26. 30. † Heb. *give*.

of you, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

c Chap. 5. 2, 12. S c Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have *some* that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countreys.

9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and d with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and e they shall loth themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

d Num. 15. 39. Chap. 23. 7, 30. e Levit. 26. 39. Chap. 36. 31.

10 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

f Chap. 21. 17. 11 C Thus saith the Lord GOD; f Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel: for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 Then shall ye know that I *am* the LORD, when their slain *men* shall be among their idols round about their altars, g upon every high hill in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, ỹ place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.

g Isa. 57. 4. Hos. 4. 13.

14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, || more desolate then the wilderness *towards* Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

|| Or, *desolate from the wilderness.*

CHAP. VII.

1 The final desolation of Israel. 16 The mournfull repentance of them that escape. 20 The enemies defile the sanctuary because of the Israelites abominations. 23 Under the type of a chain is shewed their miserable captivity.

MOreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Also thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.

3 Now *is* the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will † recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

† Heb. give.

4 And h mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

h Chap. 5. 11. & 8. 18. & 9. 10.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; An evil, an onely evil, behold, is come.

6 An end is come, the end is come: it † watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.

† Heb. awaketh or watcheth over thee.

7 The morning is come upon thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble *is* near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

|| Or, Echo.

8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations.

9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense † thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations *that* are in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.

† Heb. upon thee.

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of them *shall remain*, nor of their || multitude, nor of any of their: i neither *shall there be* wailing for them.

|| Or, their multitude. i Or, their men shall not be lamented for.

12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoyce, nor the seller mourn: for wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.

† Heb. although were.

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, † although they were yet alive: for the vision *is* touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return; neither shall any strengthen himself || in † the iniquity of his life.

|| Or, by † Heb. in the iniquity.

14 They have blown the trumpet, even to

to make all ready; but none goeth to the battel: for my wrath *is* upon all the multitude thereof.

15 [c]The sword *is* without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that *is* in the field shall die with the sword; and he that *is* in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.

16 ¶ But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.

17 All [d] hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall † be weak *as* water.

18 They shall also [e] gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and horrour shall cover them; and shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.

19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be † removed: their ‖ silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfie their souls, neither fill their bowels: ‖ because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.

20 ¶ As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations *and* of their detestable things therein: therefore have I ‖ set it far from them.

21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.

22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place*: for the ‖ robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.

23 ¶ Make a chain: for the land is full of bloudy crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and ‖ their holy places shall be defiled.

25 † Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none.

26 ‖ Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour: then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.

27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and † according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

† Heb. with their judgements.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *Ezekiel in a vision of God at Jerusalem 5 is shewed the image of jealousie, 7 the chambers of imagery, 13 the mourners for Tammuz, 15 the worshippers towards the sun, 18 Gods wrath for their idolatry.*

AND it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the moneth, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that [a] the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

2 Then I beheld, and lo, [b] a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loyns even downward, fire; and from his loyns even upward, as the appearance of brightness, [c] as the colour of amber.

3 And he [d] put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head: and the spirit lift me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousie, which provoketh to jealousie.

4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I [e] saw in the plain.

5 ¶ Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way towards the north. So I lift up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousie in the entry.

6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

[a] Chap. 1. 3 & 3. 22.
[b] Chap. 1. 26, 27.
[c] Chap. 1. 4.
[d] Dan. 5. 5.
[e] Chap. 1. 3. & 3. 23.

7 ¶ And he brought me to the door of the court: and when I looked, behold, a hole in the wall.

8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall. And when I had digged in the wall, behold, a door.

9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

10 So I went in and saw, and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about.

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up.

12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, [f] The LORD seeth us not; The LORD hath forsaken the earth.

[f] Chap. 9. 9.

13 ¶ He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORDS house which *was* towards the north, and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

15 ¶ Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the LORDS house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about [g] five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped [h] the sun toward the east.

[g] Chap. 11. 1.
[h] Deut. 4. 19. 2 Kin. 23. 5, 11. Job 31. 26. Jer. 44. 17.

17 ¶ Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? ‖ Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and lo, they put the branch to their nose.

‖ Or, *Is there anything lighter than to commit.*

18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: [i] mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they [k] cry in mine ears with a loud voice, *yet* will I not hear them.

[i] Chap. 5. 11. & 7. 4.
[k] Prov. 1. 28. Isa. 1. 15. Jer. 11. 11. & 14. 12. Mic. 3. 4. Zech. 7. 13.

CHAP. IX.

1 *A vision whereby is showed the preservation of some,* 5 *and the destruction of the rest.* 8 *God cannot be intreated for them.*

HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which † lieth toward the north, & every man † a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writers inkhorn † by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

† Heb. is scituate.
† Heb. a weapon of the slaughters.
† Heb. upon his loins.

3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writers inkhorn by his side;

4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and † set [a] a mark upon the foreheads of the men [b] that sigh and that cry for all the abominations *that be* done in the midst thereof.

† Heb. mark a mark. [a] Exod. 12. 7. Rev. 7. 3. & 9. 4.
[b] Psal. 119. 136.

5 ¶ And to the others he said in mine † hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity.

† Heb. ears.

6 [c] Slay † utterly old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at [d] the ancient men which *were* before the house.

[c] 2 Chron. 36. 17.
† Heb. to destruction.
[d] Chap. 8. 11, 16.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, & fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

8 ¶ And it came to pass while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon

upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah, Lord GOD, wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel, in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is † full of bloud, and the city full of || perverseness: for they say, [c] The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine [f] eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head

11 And behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, † reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

CHAP. X.

1 *The vision of the coals of fire to be scattered over the city.* 8 *The vision of the cherubims.*

THen I looked, and behold, in the [a] firmament that *was* above the head of the cherubims, there appeared over them, [b] as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

2 And he spake unto [c] the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill † thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in in my sight.

3 Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court.

4 Then [d] the glory of the LORD † went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORDS glory.

5 And the [e] sound of the cherubims wings was heard *even* to the utter court, as the voice of the almighty God when he speaketh.

6 And it came to pass *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims; then he went in, and stood beside the wheels.

7 And *one* cherub † stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went out.

8 ¶ And [f] there appeared in ŷ cherubims the form of a mans hand under their wings

9 And when I looked, behold, [g] the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and [h] the appearance of the wheels *was* as the colour of a beryll stone.

10 And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel.

11 [i] When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went.

12 And their whole † body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and [k] the wheels *were* full of eyes round about, *even* [l] the wheels that they four had.

13 As for the wheels, || it was cried unto them in my hearing, O wheel.

14 And [l] every one had four faces; the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15 And the cherubims were lifted up. This *is* [m] the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar.

16 And [n] when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them; and when the cherubims lift up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them:

17 When they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lift up themselves *also*: for [o] the spirit || of the living creature *was* in them.

18 Then [p] the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims.

19 And the cherubims lift up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* besides them: and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORDS

[f] Chap. 1. 8.
[g] Chap. 1. 15.
[h] Chap. 1. 16.
[i] Chap. 1. 17.
† Heb. *flesh.*
[k] Chap. 1. 18.
|| Or, *they were called in my hearing, wheel, or Galgal.*
[l] Chap. 1. 10.
[m] Chap. 1. 5.
[n] Chap. 1. 19.
[o] Chap. 1. 12, 20, 21.
|| Or, *of life.*
[p] Ver. 4.

houſe; and the glory of the God of Iſrael *was* over them above.

20 This *is* the living creature that I ſaw under the God of Iſrael by the river of Chebar: and I knew that they *were* the cherubims.

21 Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings, and the likeneſs of the hands of a man *was* under their wings.

22 And the likeneſs of their faces *was* the ſame faces which I ſaw by the river of Chebar, their appearances, & themſelves: they went every one ſtraight forward.

CHAP. XI.

1 The preſumption of the princes. 4 Their ſin, and judgement. 13 Ezekiel complaining, God ſheweth him his purpoſe of ſaving a remnant; 21 and puniſhing the wicked. 22 The glory of God leaveth the city. 24 Ezekiel is brought back to the captivity.

MOreover, the ſpirit lift me up, and brought me unto the eaſt gate of the LORDS houſe, which looketh eaſtward: and behold at the door of the gate five and twenty men; among whom I ſaw Jaazaniah the ſon of Azur, and Pelatiah the ſon of Benaiah, princes of the people.

2 Then ſaid he unto me, Son of man, theſe *are* the men that deviſe miſchief, and give wicked counſel in this city:

3 Which ſay, ‖ *It is* not near, let us build houſes: [a] this *city is* the caldron, and we *be* the fleſh.

4 ¶ Therefore propheſie againſt them, propheſie O ſon of man.

5 And [b] the ſpirit of the LORD fell upon me, and ſaid unto me, Speak; Thus ſaith the LORD; Thus have ye ſaid, O houſe of Iſrael: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

6 Ye have multiplied your ſlain in this city, and ye have filled the ſtreets thereof with the ſlain.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [c] Your ſlain, whom ye have laid in the midſt of it, they *are* the fleſh; and this *city is* the caldron: but I will bring you forth out of the midſt of it.

8 Ye have feared ŷ ſword; & I will bring a ſword upon you, ſaith the Lord GOD.

9 And I will bring you out of the midſt thereof, and deliver you into the hands of ſtrangers, and will execute judgements among you.

10 Ye ſhall fall by the ſword, I will judge you in the border of Iſrael; and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

11 This *city* ſhall not be your caldron, neither ſhall ye be the fleſh in the midſt thereof; *but* I will judge you in the border of Iſrael:

12 And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD: ‖ for ye have not walked in my ſtatutes, neither executed my judgements, but have done after the manners of the heathen that *are* round about you.

13 ¶ And it came to paſs when I propheſied, that Pelatiah the ſon of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and ſaid, Ah Lord GOD, wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Iſrael?

14 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the houſe of Iſrael wholly, *are* they unto whom the inhabitants of Jeruſalem have ſaid, Get ye far from the LORD: unto us is this land given in poſſeſſion.

16 Therefore ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Although I have caſt them far off among the heathen, and although I have ſcattered them among the countreys, yet will I be to them as a little ſanctuary in the countreys where they ſhall come.

17 Therefore ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and aſſemble you out of the countreys where ye have been ſcattered, and I will give you the land of Iſrael.

18 And they ſhall come thither, and they ſhall take away all the deteſtable things thereof, and all the abominations thereof from thence.

19 And [d] I will give them one heart, and I will put [e] a new ſpirit within you; and I will take [f] the ſtony heart out of their fleſh, and will give them an heart of fleſh:

20 That they may walk in my ſtatutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and

‖ Or, It is not for us to build houſes near.
[a] 2 Pet. 3. 4.
[b] See Jer. 1. 18. & Chap. 2. 2.
[c] Chap. 24. 3, 6, 10, 11. Mic. 3. 3.
[d] Jer. 32. 39. Chap. 36. 26. Pſal. 51. 10. Zech. 7. 12.

Or, yet have not walked,

and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, [g] I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.

22 ¶ Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels besides them; and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above.

23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side of the city.

24 ¶ Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me in vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me.

25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shewed me.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The type of Ezekiels removing* 8 *sheweth the captivity of Zedekiah.* 17 *Ezekiels trembling sheweth the Jews desolation.* 21 *The Jews presumptuous proverb is reproved.* 26 *The speediness of the vision.*

THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of [a] a rebellious house, which [b] have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they *are* a rebellious house.

3 Therefore thou, son of man, prepare thee ‖ stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they *be* a rebellious house.

4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, † as they that go forth into captivity.

5 † Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

6 In their sight shalt thou bear *it* upon *thy* shoulders, *and* carry *it* forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day as stuff for captivity, and in the even I † digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

8 ¶ And in the morning came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou?

10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; This burden *concerneth* the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel that *are* among them.

11 Say, I *am* your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: † they shall remove *and* go into captivity.

12 And the prince that *is* among them shall bear upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with *his* eyes.

13 My [c] net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon *to* the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And [d] I will scatter toward every wind all that *are* about him to help him, and all his bands; and [e] I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, & disperse them in the countreys.

16 But I will leave † a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

17 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

18 Son of man, [f] eat thy bread with ¶ quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness;

[g] Jer. 32. 39. Chap. 16. 26. [a] Psal. 51. 10. Zech. 7. 12.

† Heb. digged for me.

† Heb. by removing go into captivity.

[b] Chap. 17. 20.

[d] 2 Kin. 25. 4, 5. Chap. 5. 10. [e] Chap. 5. 2, 12.

† Heb. men of number.

[f] Chap. 4. 16.

19 And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem *and* of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate † from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

† Heb. *the fulness thereof.*

20 And the cities *that are* inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

21 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

22 Son of man, what *is* that proverb *that* ye have in the land of Israel, [g] saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?

g Chap. 11. 3. Am. 6. 3.

23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will make this proverb to cease, & they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel: but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For [h] there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

h Chap. 13. 23.

25 For I *am* the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

26 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, *they of* the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth *is* [i] for many days *to come*, and he prophesieth of the times *that are* far off.

i 2 Pet. 3. 4.

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; There shall none of my words be prolonged any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The reproof of lying prophets,* 10 *and their untempered morter.* 17 *Of prophetesses, and their pillows.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesie against the prophets of Israel that prophesie, and say thou unto them that † prophesie out of their own [b] hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;

† Heb. *that prophesy.*

b Jer. 14. 14. & 23. 16. Heb. *heart.*

3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Wo unto the foolish prophets, that † follow their own spirit, ‖ and have seen nothing.

† Heb. *walk after.* ‖ Or, *and seen.*

4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.

5 Ye have not gone up into the ‖ gaps, neither † made up the hedge for the house of Israel, to stand in the battel in the day of the LORD.

‖ Or, *breaches.* † Heb. *built.*

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith; and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word.

7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The LORD saith *it*, albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD.

9 And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the ‖ assembly of my people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

‖ Or, *secret, or counsel.*

10 ¶ Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, [c] Peace; and *there was* no peace; and one built up ‖ a wall, and lo, others [l] daubed it with untempered *morter*;

c Jer. 6. 14. & 8. 11. ‖ Or, *a slight wall.* l Chap. 22. 28.

11 Say unto them which daub *it* with untempered *morter*, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rent *it*.

12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed *it*?

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even rent *it* with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in *my* fury to consume *it*.

14 So will I break down the wall that ye have

have daubed with untempered *morter*, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered *morter*, and will say unto you, The wall *is* no *more*, neither they that daubed it;

16 *To wit*, the prophets of Israel which prophesie concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ Likewise thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, [e] which prophesie out of their own heart, and prophesie thou against them,

18 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Wo to the *women* that sow pillows to all [‖] arm-holes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls. Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you?

19 And will ye pollute me among my people [f] for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I *am* against your pillows wherewith ye there hunt the souls [‖] to make *them* fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make *them* fly.

21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, & deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of [ŷ] righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and [g] strengthned the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, [‖] [†] by promising him life:

23 Therefore [h] ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: for I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XIV.

1 God answereth idolaters according to their own heart. 6 They are exhorted to repent, for fear of judgements, by means of seduced prophets. 12 Gods irrevocable sentence of famine, 15 of noisom beasts, 17 of the sword, 19 and of pestilence. 22 A remnant shall be reserved for example of others.

THen [a] came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. [a] Chap. 20. 1.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols,

5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 ¶ Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn [‖] *your selves* from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. [‖] Or, others.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by my self.

8 And [b] I will set my face against that man, and will make him a [c] sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. [b] Lev. 17. 10. Chap. 15. 7. [c] Deut. 28. 37. Chap. 5. 15.

9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD [d] have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. [d] 1 Kin. 22. 23.

10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the

prophet ſhall be even as the puniſhment of him that ſeeketh *unto him*:

11 That the houſe of Iſrael may go no more aſtray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their tranſgreſſions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, ſaith the Lord GOD.

12 ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, ſaying,

13 Son of man, when the land ſinneth againſt me by treſpaſſing grievouſly, then will I ſtretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the [c] ſtaff of the bread thereof, and will ſend famine upon it, and will cut off man and beaſt from it.

14 [f] Though theſe three men, Noah, Daniel and Job, were in it, they ſhould deliver *but* their own ſouls by their righteouſneſs, ſaith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ If I cauſe noiſom beaſts to paſs through the land, and they ‖ ſpoil it, ſo that it be deſolate, that no man may paſs through becauſe of the beaſts:

16 *Though* theſe three men *were* † in it, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſons nor daughters; they onely ſhall be delivered, but the land ſhall be deſolate.

17 ¶ Or *if* I bring a ſword upon that land, and ſay, Sword, go through the land; ſo that I cut off man and beaſt from it:

18 Though theſe three men *were* in it, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſons nor daughters, but they onely ſhall be delivered themſelves.

19 ¶ Or *if* I ſend a peſtilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in bloud, to cut off from it man and beaſt:

20 Though Noah, Daniel and Job *were* in it, *as* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, they ſhall deliver neither ſon nor daughter; they ſhall *but* deliver their own ſouls by their righteouſneſs.

21 For thus ſaith the Lord GOD; How much more when I ſend my four ſore judgements upon Jeruſalem, the ſword, & the famine, and the noiſom beaſt, and the peſtilence, to cut off from it man and beaſt?

22 ¶ Yet behold, therein ſhall be left a remnant that ſhall be brought forth, *both* ſons and daughters: behold, they ſhall come forth unto you, and ye ſhall ſee their way and their doings: and ye ſhall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jeruſalem, *even* concerning all that I have brought upon it.

23 And they ſhall comfort you, when ye ſee their ways and their doings: and ye ſhall know that I have not done without cauſe all that I have done in it, ſaith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XV.

3 By the unfitneſs of the vine-branch for any work 6 is ſhewed the rejection of Jeruſalem.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, What is the vine-tree more then any tree, *or then* a branch which is among the trees of the foreſt?

3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any veſſel thereon?

4 Behold, [a] it is caſt into the fire for fewel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midſt of it is burnt: † is it meet for *any* work?

5 Behold, when it was whole it was † meet for no work: how much leſs ſhall it be meet yet for *any* work when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith ỳ Lord GOD; As the vine-tree among the trees of the foreſt, wch I have given to the fire for fewel, ſo will I give the inhabitants of Jeruſalem.

7 And [b] I will ſet my face againſt them: they ſhall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire ſhall devour them; and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſet my face againſt them.

8 And I will make the land deſolate, becauſe they have † committed a treſpaſs, ſaith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Under the ſimilitude of a wretched infant is ſhewed the natural ſtate of Jeruſalem. 6 Gods extraordinary love towards her. 15 Her monſtrous whoredom. 35 Her grievous judgement. 44 Her ſin, matching her mother, and exceeding her ſiſters Sodom and Samaria, calleth for judgements. 60 Mercy is promiſed her in the end.

AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son

[c] Lev. 26. 26. Iſa. 3. 1. [c] chap. 4. 16. & 5. 16. [f] Jer. 15. 1.

‖ Or, bereave.

† Heb. in the midſt of it.

[a] Joh. 15. 6.

† Heb. will it proſper? † Heb. made fit.

[b] Lev. 17. 10. Chap. 14. 8.

† Heb. treſpaſſe a treſpaſſe.

O, Aſſo- ciate.

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem; Thy † birth and thy nativity *is* of the land of Canaan: [a] thy father *was* an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.

4 And *as for* thy nativity, [b] in the day thou wast born, thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water ‖ to supple *thee*; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.

5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born.

6 ¶ And when I passed by thee, and saw thee ‖ polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.

7 [c] I have † caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to † excellent ornaments: *thy* breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love: and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entred into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I throughly washed away thy † blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oyl.

10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thine hands, and a chain on thy neck.

12 And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and ear rings in thine ears, and a beautifull crown upon thine head.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and silk, and broidered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oyl: and thou wast exceeding beautifull, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comliness which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, & [d] playedst ŷ harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

16 And [e] of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high-places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall it be *so*.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thy self images of † men, and didst commit whoredom with them,

18 And tookest thy broidered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oyl and mine incense before them.

19 My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oyl, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a † sweet savour: and *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.

20 Moreover, thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast born unto me, and [f] these hast thou sacrificed unto them † to be devoured. *Is this* of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them?

22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembred the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked & bare, *&* wast polluted in thy blood.

23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (Wo, wo unto thee, saith the Lord GOD)

24 *That* thou hast also built unto thee an ‖ eminent place, and [h] hast made thee an high place in every street.

25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet

[a] Ezek. 16. 3, 45.
[b] Ezek. 16. 4.
[c] Job. 15. 6.
[d] Isa. 57. 8. Jer. 2. 20. & 3. 2, 6, 20. Ezek. 23. 3, 12.
[e] Ezek. 7. 20. Hos. 2. 8.
[f] 2 Kin. 16. 3. Psal. 106. 37. Isa 57. 5. Ezek. 20. 26.
[g] Hos. 11. 1.
[h] Isa. 57. 5. Jer. 2. 20.

† Heb. *a male.*
† Heb. *for a sweet savour of rest.*
† Heb. *to be devoured.*
‖ Or, *brothel-house.*

feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary *food*, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, [i] the ‖ daughters of the Philistines, *which are* ashamed of thy lewd way.

28 [k] Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, & yet couldest not be satisfied.

29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea, and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these *things*, the work of an imperious whorish woman?

31 ‖In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; & hast not been as an harlot, in ẏ thou scornest hire,

32 *But as* a wife that committeth adultery, *which* taketh strangers in stead of her husband.

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and † hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 ¶ Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

36 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thine abominations, and by the bloud of thy children which thou didst give unto them;

37 Behold therefore, [l] I will gather all thy lovers with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all *them* that thou hast loved, with all *them* that thou hast hated; I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

38 And I will judge thee † as [m] women that break wedlock and shed bloud are judged; and I will give thee bloud in fury and jealousie.

39 And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take † thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

40 They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.

41 And they shall [n] burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgements upon thee in the sight of many women & I will cause thee to cease from playing ẏ harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

42 So will I make my fury towards thee to rest, and my jealousie shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

43 Because thou hast not remembred the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these *things*; behold therefore, [o] I also will recompense thy way upon *thine* head, saith the Lord GOD: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

44 ¶ Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use *this* proverb against thee, saying, As *is* ẏ mother, *so is* her daughter.

45 Thou *art* thy mothers daughter, that lotheth her husband and her children; and thou *art* the sister of thy sisters, which lothed their husbands and their children: your mother *was* an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.

46 And thine elder sister *is* Samaria, she & her daughters, ẏ dwell at thy left hand: & † thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, *is* Sodom and her daughters.

47 Yet

[i] 2 Chr. 28. 18.
‖ Or, cities.
[k] 2 Kin. 16. 7, 10. 2 Chr. 28. 23. Jer. 2. 18, 36. Cha. 23. 12, &c.
‖ Or, In thy daughters is thine, &c.
† Heb. tribe.
[l] Jer. 13. 22, 26. Lam. 1. 8. Chap. 23. 22, 29. Hos. 2. 10. & 8. 10.
† Heb. wife that judge. [m] Lev. 20. 10. Deut. 22. 22.
† Heb. instruments of their ornaments.
[n] 2 Kin. 25. 9. Jer. 39. 8 & 52. 13.
[o] Chap. 9. 10. & 11. 21. & 22. 31.
† Heb. set forth thou.

47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but || as *if that were* a very little *thing*, thou wast corrupted more then they in all thy ways.

48 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, [r] Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, Pride, [s] fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 And they were haughty, and [t] committed abomination before me: therefore [u] I took them away as I saw *good*.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more then they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable then they: [x] they are more righteous then thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 When I shall bring again their captivity, [y] the captivity of Sodom & her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, then *will I bring again* the captivity of the captives in the midst of them:

54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate, and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate, then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.

56 For thy sister Sodom was not † mentioned by thy mouth in ỹ day of thy † pride:

57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time of *thy* [z] reproach of the daughters of † Syria, and all *that are* round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, which || despise thee round about.

58 [a] Thou hast † born thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.

59 For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ Nevertheless, I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

61 Then [b] thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger: and I will give them unto thee for [c] daughters; but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD:

63 That thou mayest remember and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XVII.

1 *Under the parable of two eagles and a vine* 11 *is shewed Gods judgement upon Jerusalem for revolting from Babylon to Egypt.* 22 *God promiseth to plant the cedar of the gospel.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which had † divers colours, came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropt off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffick; he set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, & † planted it in a fruitfull field; he placed *it* by great waters, *and* set it *as* a willow tree.

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with

|| Or, *that was little as a small thing.*

[r] Jer. 3.11. Ezek. 16.48. Chap. 23.11. Hos. 2.10. & 8.10.

† Heb. were judges. *points from* Lev. 20.10. 1 Esd. 21.22.

[s] Gen. 13.10.

[t] Gen. 18.20.

[u] Heb. *instead of* I took them away.

[x] 2 Kin. 25.9. Jer. 39.8. & 52.13.

[y] Jer. 3.11.

[z] Jer. 49.6.

[a] Chap. 9.10. & 11.21. & 22.31.

† Heb. *bear*

† Heb. *bestowed thou.*

|| Or, *lord.*

[b] Chap. 23.49.

† Heb. *born them.*

[c] Chap. 20.43.

[d] Isa. 54.1. & 60.4. Gal. 4.24, &c.

† Heb. *embroidering.*

† Heb. *put it in a field of seed.*

with great wings and many feathers: and behold, this vine did bend her roots towards him, and ſhot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

4 Heb. field.

8 It was planted in a good †ſoil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Shall it proſper? ſhall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? It ſhall wither in all the leaves of her ſpring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, ſhall it proſper? ſhall it not utterly wither, when the eaſt wind toucheth it? It ſhall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

12 Say now to the rebellious houſe, Know ye not what theſe *things mean?* tell *them*, Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jeruſalem, and hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and led them with him to Babylon;

13 And hath taken of the kings ſeed, and made a covenant with him, and [a] hath† taken an oath of him: he hath alſo taken the mighty of the land:

14 That the kingdom might be baſe, that it might not liſt itſelf up, † *but* that by keeping of his covenant it might ſtand.

15 But he rebelled againſt him in ſending his ambaſſadours into Egypt, [c] that they might give him horſes and much people. Shall he proſper? ſhall he eſcape that doeth ſuch *things*? or ſhall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

16 *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, ſurely [d] in the place *where* the king *dwelleth* that made him king, whoſe oath he deſpiſed, and whoſe covenant he brake, *even* with him in the midſt of Babylon he ſhall die.

17 Neither ſhall Pharaoh with *his* mighty army and great company make for him in the war [e] by caſting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many perſons.

18 Seeing he deſpiſed the oath by breaking the covenant, when lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all theſe *things*, he ſhall not eſcape.

19 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, ſurely mine oath that he hath deſpiſed, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompenſe upon his own head.

20 And [f] I will ſpread my net upon him, and he ſhall be taken in my ſnare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his treſpaſs that he hath treſpaſſed againſt me.

21 And [g] all his fugitives with all his bands ſhall fall by the ſword, and they that remain ſhall be ſcattered towards all winds: and ye ſhall know that I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

22 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; I will alſo take of the higheſt branch of the high cedar, and will ſet *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an high mountain and eminent.

23 In the mountain of the height of Iſrael will I plant it: and it ſhall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it ſhall dwell all fowl of every wing, in the ſhadow of the branches thereof ſhall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the field ſhall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flouriſh. I the LORD have ſpoken and have done *it*.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 God reproveth the unjuſt parable of ſowre grapes. 5 He ſheweth how he dealeth with a juſt father, 10 with a wicked ſon of a juſt father, 14 with a juſt ſon of a wicked father, 19 with a wicked man repenting, 24 with a juſt man revolting. 25 He defendeth his juſtice, 31 and exhorteth to repentance.

THE word of the LORD came unto me again, ſaying,

2 What mean ye, that ye uſe this proverb concerning the land of Iſrael, ſaying, [a] The fathers have eaten ſowre grapes, and the childrens teeth are ſet on edge?

3 *As*

[a] 2 Chr. 36. 13. † Heb. *brought him to an oath.* † Heb. *to keep his covenant, to ſtand to it.*
[a] 2 Kin. 24. 20.
[c] Iſa. 31. 1, 3.
[d] Jer. 32. 5. & 34. 3. Chap. 12. 13.
[e] Jer. 52. 4. Chap. 4. 2.
[f] Chap. 12. 13. & 32. 3.
[g] Chap. 12. 14.
[a] Jer. 31. 29.

3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have *occasion* any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 ¶ But if a man be just, and do † that which is lawfull and right,

6 *And* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath [b] defiled his neighbours wife, neither hath come near to [c] a menstruous woman,

7 And hath not [d] oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtour his [e] pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath [f] given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

8 He *that* hath not given forth upon [g] usury, neither hath taken any increase, *that* hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgement between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgements to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith ŷ Lord GOD.

10 ¶ If he beget a son *that is* a ‖ robber, a shedder of bloud, and ‖ *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these *things*,

11 And that doeth not any of those *duties*, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbours wife,

12 Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lift up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? He shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his † bloud shall be upon him.

14 ¶ Now, lo, *if* he beget a son that seeth all his fathers sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 *That* hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbours wife,

16 Neither hath oppressed any, hath † not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, *but* hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 *That* hath taken off his hand from the poor, *that* hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgements, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for ŷ iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did *that* which *is* not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

19 ¶ Yet say ye, Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawfull and right, *and* hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live.

20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. [h] The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But [i] if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, & keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawfull and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

23 [k] Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 ¶ But [l] when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, *and* doeth according to all ŷ abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shal he die.

25 ¶ [m] Yet ye say, The way of ŷ Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.

27 Again,

† Chap. 33. 13 & 33. 3.
† Chap. 22. 14.
‖ Jer. 31. 29.
h Deut. 24. 16. 2 Kin. 14. 6. 2 Chr. 25. 4. Jer. 31. 29, 30.
i Chap. 33. 12.
k Chap. 33. 11.
l Chap. 3. 20. & 33. 12, 13.
m Chap. 33. 17, 20.

27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedneſs that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawfull and right, he ſhall ſave his ſoul alive.

28 Becauſe he conſidereth, and turneth away from all his tranſgreſſions that he hath committed, he ſhall ſurely live, he ſhall not die.

29 Yet ſaith the houſe of Iſrael, The way of the Lord is not equall! O houſe of Iſrael, are not my ways equall? are not your ways unequall?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O houſe of Iſrael, every one according to his ways, ſaith the Lord GOD: [n] Repent, and turn ‖ *your ſelves* from all your tranſgreſſions; ſo iniquity ſhall not be your ruine.

31 ¶ Caſt away from you all your tranſgreſſions whereby ye have tranſgreſſed, & make you a [o] new heart and a new ſpirit: for why will ye die, O houſe of Iſrael?

32 For [p] I have no pleaſure in the death of him that dieth, ſaith the Lord GOD. Wherefore turn ‖ *your ſelves*, and live ye.

[n] Mat. 3. 2.
‖ Or, others.
[o] Jer. 32. 39. Chap. 11. 19. & 36. 26.
[p] Lam. 3. 33. Chap. 33. 11. 2 Pet. 3. 9.
‖ Or, others.

CHAP. XIX.

1 *A lamentation for the princes of Iſrael under the parable of lions whelps taken in a pit; 10 and for Jeruſalem, under the parable of a waſted vine.*

MOreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Iſrael,

2 And ſay, What *is* thy mother? a lioneſs: ſhe lay down among lions, ſhe nouriſhed her whelps among young lions.

3 And ſhe brought up one of her whelps: it became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.

4 The nations alſo heard of him; [a] he was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.

5 Now when ſhe ſaw that ſhe had waited, *and* her hope was loſt, then ſhe took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion.

6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion, and learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men.

7 And he knew their ‖ deſolate palaces, and he laid waſte their cities; and the land was deſolate and the fulneſs thereof by the noiſe of his roaring.

[a] 2 Kin. 23. 33, 34. Jer. 22. 11, 12.
‖ Or, *dens*.

8 Then [b] the nations ſet againſt him on every ſide from the provinces, and [c] ſpread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.

9 And they put him in ward in ‖ chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into holds, that his voice ſhould no more be heard upon the mountains of Iſrael.

10 ¶ Thy mother *is* like a vine in thy ‖ bloud, planted by the waters: ſhe was fruitfull and full of branches by reaſon of many waters.

11 And ſhe had ſtrong rods for the ſceptres of them that bear rule, and her ſtature was exalted among the thick branches, and ſhe appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.

12 But ſhe was plucked up in fury, ſhe was caſt down to the ground, and the [d] eaſt-wind dried up her fruit: her ſtrong rods were broken and withered; the fire conſumed them.

13 And now ſhe *is* planted in the wilderneſs, in a dry and thirſty ground.

14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit, ſo that ſhe hath no ſtrong rod *to be* a ſceptre to rule. This *is* a lamentation, and ſhall be for a lamentation.

[b] 2 Kin. 24. 2.
[c] 2 Chr. 36. 6. Jer. 52. 18.
‖ Or, *holds*.
‖ Or, *bloud*.
‖ Or, *fruitfulneſs*, or *fruitfulneſs*.
[d] Chap. 17. 10. Hoſ. 13. 15.

CHAP. XX.

1 *God refuſeth to be conſulted by the elders of Iſrael.* 5 *He ſheweth the ſtory of their rebellions in Egypt,* 10 *in the wilderneſs,* 27 *and in the land.* 33 *He promiſeth to gather them by the goſpel.* 45 *Under the name of a foreſt he ſheweth the deſtruction of Jeruſalem.*

AND it came to paſs in the ſeventh year, in the fifth *moneth*, the tenth *day* of the moneth, *that* [a] certain of the elders of Iſrael came to enquire of the LORD, and ſat before me.

2 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, ſaying,

3 Son of man, ſpeak unto the elders of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [b] Are ye come to enquire of me? *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

4 Wilt thou ‖ [c] judge them, ſon of man, wilt thou judge *them?* cauſe them to know the abominations of their fathers;

[a] Chap. 8. 1. & 14. 1.
[b] Chap. 4. 3 & ver. 31.
‖ Or, *plead for them.*
[c] Chap. 22. 2. & 23. 36.

5 ¶ And

5 ¶ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when [d] I chose Israel, and ‖ lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and [e] made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I *am* the LORD your God,

6 In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them to bring them forth of the land of Egypt, into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey; [f] which *is* the glory of all lands:

7 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I *am* the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I wrought for my names sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ Wherefore I [g] caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them my statutes, and † shewed them my judgements, [h] which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also, I gave them my [i] sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I *am* the LORD that sanctifie them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgements, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly [k] polluted. Then I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the [l] wilderness to consume them.

14 But I wrought for my names sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also [m] I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, [n] which *is* the glory of all lands;

16 Because they despised my judgements, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in ỹ wilderness, Walk ye not in ỹ statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgements, nor defile your selves with their idols.

19 I *am* the LORD your God. Walk in my statutes, and keep my judgements, and do them:

20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I *am* the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgements to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 [o] Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, & wrought for my names sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that [p] I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countreys;

24 Because they had not executed my judgements, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers idols.

25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes *that were* not good, and judgements whereby they should not live.

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that [q] they caused to pass through

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[d] 2 Kin. 14. 2. 2 Chr. 16. 6. Jer. 22. 18. ‖ Or, bare.

[e] Chap. 17. 10. Hos. 13. 15.

[f] Or, treasure, or delectable.

[g] Chap. 8. 1. & 14. 1.

[h] Chap. 4. 3 & ver. 31.

[i] Or, pleads for them.

[k] Chap. 22. 2. & 23. 36.

[l] Or, plead for them.

[m] Num. 14. 28.

[n] Ver. 6.

[o] Psal. 78. 38.

[p] Lev. 26. 33. Jer. 13. 7

[q] 2 Kin. 17. 17. & 21. 6. 2 Chr. 28. 3. & 33. 6. Chap. 16. 20.

the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them deſolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

27 ¶ Therefore, ſon of man, ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſrael, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blaſphemed me, in that they have † committed a treſpaſs againſt me.

† Heb. treſpaſſed a treſpaſs. * Ezek. 57, 5, &c.

28 *For* when I had brought them into the land *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then * they ſaw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their ſacrifices, and there they preſented the provocation of their offering: there alſo they made their † ſweet ſavour, and poured out there their drink-offerings.

† Chap. 16, 19.

29 Then || I ſaid unto them, What *is* the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

|| Or, I told them what the high place was, or Bamah.

30 Wherefore ſay unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your ſons to paſs through the fire, ye pollute your ſelves with all your idols even unto this day: and † ſhall I be enquired of by you, O houſe of Iſrael? *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

† Ver. 3

32 And that which cometh into your mind ſhall not be at all, that ye ſay, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countreys, to ſerve wood and ſtone.

33 ¶ *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, ſurely with a mighty hand and with a ſtretched-out arm and with fury poured out will I rule over you.

34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countreys wherein ye are ſcattered, with a mighty hand, and with a ſtretched-out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderneſs of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderneſs of the land of Egypt, ſo will I plead with you, ſaith the Lord GOD.

37 And I will cauſe you to paſs under the rod, and I will bring you into || the bond of the covenant.

|| Or, a diſciplining.

38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that tranſgreſs againſt me: I will bring them forth out of the countrey where they ſojourn and they ſhall not enter into the land of Iſrael: and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

* Jer. 44. 4.

39 As for you, O houſe of Iſrael, thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Go ye, ſerve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *alſo*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts and with your idols.

40 For † in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord GOD, there ſhall all the houſe of Iſrael, all of them in the land ſerve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the || firſt-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

† Ps. 2. 6. Chap. 17. 22. Dan. 9. 16. Zech. 8. 3. || Or, chief of your.

41 I will accept you with your † ſweet ſavour, when I bring you out from ỹ people, and gather you out of the countreys wherein ye have been ſcattered; and I will be ſanctified in you before the heathen.

† Heb. ſavour of reſt.

42 And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I ſhall bring you into the land of Iſrael, into the countrey *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

43 And † there ſhall ye remember your ways and all your doings wherein ye have been defiled, and ye ſhall lothe your ſelves in your own ſight for all your evils that ye have committed.

† Chap. 16. 61. * Jer. 26. 39. Chap. 6. 9.

44 And ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my names ſake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye houſe of Iſrael, ſaith the Lord GOD.

45 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

46 Son of man, ſet thy face toward the ſouth, and drop *thy word* toward the ſouth, and propheſie againſt the foreſt of the ſouth-field;

47 And

47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burnt therein.

48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD, they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?

CHAP. XXI.

1 Ezekiel propheseth against Jerusalem with a sign of sighing. 8 The sharp and bright sword, 18 against Jerusalem, 25 against the kingdom, 28 and against the Ammonites.

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop *thy word* toward the holy places, and prophesie against the land of Israel,

3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of his sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.

4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh from the south to the north:

5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.

6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loyns; and with bitterness sigh before their eyes.

7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall † be weak *as* water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

8 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 Son of man, propheſie, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, [a] A sword, a sword is sharpned, and also furbished.

10 It is sharpned, to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished, that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? || It contemneth the rod of my son, *as* every tree.

11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword is sharpned, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man: for it shall be upon my people, it *shall be* upon all the princes of Israel: || terrours, by reason of the sword, shall be upon my people: [b] smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

13 ||Because *it is* a trial, and what if *the sword* contemn even the rod? it shall be no *more*, saith the Lord GOD.

14 Thou therefore, son of man, propheſie, and smite *thine* † hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it *is* the sword of the great *men that are* slain, which entreth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the || point of the sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruines be multiplied: ah, *it is* made bright, *it is* || wrapt up for the slaughter.

16 Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand, † or on the left, whithersoever thy face *is* set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest. I the LORD have said *it*.

18 ¶ The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two days, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the † parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made *his* || arrows

[a] Deut. 32.41. V.15,28

|| Or, It is the rod of my son, it despiseth every tree.

|| Or, they are to be drawn to the sword with my people. Jer. 31.19.

|| Or, when the trial hath been, what *is it?* shall they not also belong to the despising rod?

† Heb. hand to hand.

|| Or, glittering, or fear.

|| Or, sharpned.

† Heb. set thy face, take the left hand.

† Heb. mother of the way.

|| Or, darts. † Heb. teraphim. c Chap. 4. 2. || Or, battering rams. † Heb. rams.

|| arrows bright, he conſulted with † images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jeruſalem c to appoint || † captains, to open the mouth in the ſlaughter, to lift up the voice with ſhouting, to appoint *battering* rams againſt the gates, to caſt a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 And it ſhall be unto them as a falſe divination in their ſight, || to them that have ſworn oaths: but he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

|| Or, for the oaths made unto them.

24 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Becauſe ye have made your iniquity to be remembred, in that your tranſgreſſions are diſcovered, ſo that in all your doings your ſins do appear; becauſe, *I ſay*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye ſhall be taken with the hand.

d Ver. 29

25 ¶ And thou, profane wicked prince of Iſrael, d whoſe day is come, when iniquity *ſhall have* an end,

26 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *ſhall* not *be* the ſame: exalt *him that is* low, and abaſe *him that is* high.

† Heb. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it.

27 † I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it ſhall be no *more* untill he come whoſe right it is; and I will give it *him*.

e Jer. 49 1. Chap. 25. 2, 3. Zeph. 2. 9.

28 ¶ And thou, ſon of man, propheſie, and ſay, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD e concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even ſay thou, The ſword, the ſword *is* drawn: for the ſlaughter *it is* furbiſhed, to conſume becauſe of the glittering:

f Chap. 22. 28.

29 Whiles they f ſee vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of *them that are* ſlain, of the wicked g whoſe day is come, when their iniquity *ſhall have* an end.

g Ver 25

|| Or, Canſt it be returned. h Jer. 47. 6, 7.

30 || h Shall I cauſe *it* to return into his ſheath? I will judge thee in the place where thou waſt created, in the land of thy nativity.

|| Or, burning.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow againſt thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of || brutiſh men, & ſkilfull to deſtroy.

32 Thou ſhalt be for fewel to the fire; thy bloud ſhall be in the midſt of the land; thou ſhalt be no *more* remembred: for I the LORD have ſpoken *it*.

CHAP. XXII.

1 A catalogue of ſins in Jeruſalem. 13 God will burn them as droſs in his furnace. 23 The general corruption of prophets, prieſts, princes, and people.

MOreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Now thou, ſon of man, a wilt thou || judge, wilt thou judge b the † bloudy city? yea, thou ſhalt † ſhew her all her abominations.

† Heb. cauſe her to know.

3 Then ſay thou, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; The city ſheddeth bloud in the midſt of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols againſt her ſelf to defile her ſelf.

4 Thou art become guilty in thy bloud that thou haſt c ſhed, and haſt defiled thy ſelf in thine idols which thou haſt made; and thou haſt cauſed thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years: therefore have I † made thee a reproach unto the heathen, & a mocking to all countreys.

† Heb. gave thee.

5 *Thoſe that be* near, and *thoſe that be* far from thee, ſhall mock thee, *which art* † infamous, *and* much vexed.

† Or, diſcreet of ſtanding. † Heb. great of name.

6 Behold, the princes of Iſrael, every one were in thee to their † power to ſhed bloud.

7 In thee have they ſet light by father and mother: in the midſt of thee have they dealt by || oppreſſion with the ſtranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherleſs and the widow.

|| Or, reverenced.

8 Thou haſt deſpiſed mine holy things, and haſt profaned my ſabbaths.

† Or, ſlanderers. || Or, to ſhed bloud.

9 In thee are † men that carry tales to ſhed bloud: and in thee they || eat upon the mountains: in the midſt of thee they commit lewdneſs.

10 In thee have they i diſcovered their fathers nakedneſs: in thee have they k humbled her that was ſet apart for pollution.

|| Or, one hath committed abomination with his neighbours wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his ſiſter, his fathers daughter.

11 And || one hath committed abomination with his neighbours wife; and || another k hath || lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his l ſiſter, his fathers daughter.

12 In

12 In thee [m] have they taken gifts to shed blood; [n] thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

13 ¶ Behold therefore I have [o] smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong in the days that I shall deal with thee? [p] I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

15 And [q] I will scatter thee among the heathen, & disperse thee in the countreys, and [r] will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou ‖ shalt take thine inheritance in thy self in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, [s] the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead in the midst of the furnace; they are *even* the † dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold therefore, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 † *As* they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it*; so will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave *you there*, and melt you.

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land *that* is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 [t] *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they [u] have devoured souls; [x] they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have † violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no [y] difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her [z] princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, *and* to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 And [a] her prophets have daubed them with untempered *mortar*, [b] seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used ‖ oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger † wrongfully.

30 And [c] I sought for a man among them that should [d] make up the hedge and [e] stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it; but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them, I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: [f] their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *The whoredoms of Aholah and Aholibah.* 22 *Aholibah is to be plagued by her lovers.* 36 *The prophet reproveth the adulteries of them both,* 45 *and sheweth their judgements.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women the daughters of one mother.

3 And [a] they committed whoredoms in Egypt, they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them *were*, Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister: and [b] they were mine, and they bare sons and

[m] Chap. 22. 25. [n] Or, increased upon. [o] Heb. smote the hand. [p] 2 Kin. 21. 16. Jer. 28. 17. Chap. 5. 13. [q] Heb. dispersed them. [r] Heb. make to consume. [s] Heb. became to me. Or, dross. [t] Heb. were for dross. Ezek. 22. 18. Lev. 26. 16. Chap. 8. 6, 16. [u] Rev. 8. 8. [x] Lev. 6. 19. 20. 18. Or, rejected. [y] Lev. 18. 20. 20. 10. 1 Cor. 22. 22. Jer. 5. 8. ‖ Or, covered with. [z] Zeph. 3. 3. [a] Chap. 13. 10. [b] Chap. 21. 29. ‖ Or, deceit. † Heb. without right. [c] Jer. 5. 1. [d] Chap. 13. 5. [e] Psal. 106. 23. [f] Chap. 9. 10. & 11. 21. & 16. 43. [a] Lev. 17. 7. Josh. 24. 14. Chap. 20. 8. [b] Chap. 16. 8, 20.

daughters. Thus *were* their names; Samaria *is* Aholah; and Jeruſalem, Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot when ſhe was mine, and ſhe doted on her lovers, on [c] the Aſſyrians *her* neighbours,

6 *Which were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them deſirable young men, horſemen riding upon horſes.

7 Thus ſhe † committed her whoredoms with them, with all them *that were* the † choſen men of Aſſyria, and with all on whom ſhe doted: with all their idols ſhe defiled her ſelf.

8 Neither left ſhe her whoredoms *brought* from Egypt: for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruiſed the breaſts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the [d] Aſſyrians, upon whom ſhe doted.

10 Theſe [e] diſcovered her nakedneſs: they took her ſons and her daughters, and ſlew her with the ſword: and ſhe became † famous among women; for they had executed judgement upon her.

11 And [f] when her ſiſter Aholibah ſaw *this*, [g] ſhe † was more corrupt in her inordinate love then ſhe, and in her whoredoms † more then her ſiſter in *her* whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the [h] Aſſyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers, clothed moſt gorgeouſly, horſemen riding upon horſes, all of them deſirable young men.

13 Then I ſaw that ſhe was defiled, *that* they *took* both one way,

14 And *that* ſhe increaſed her whoredoms: for when ſhe ſaw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loyns, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea the land of their nativity:

16 [i] And † aſſoon as ſhe ſaw them with her eyes, ſhe doted upon them, and ſent meſſengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the † Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and ſhe was polluted with them, and [k] her mind was † alienated from them.

18 So ſhe diſcovered her whoredoms, and diſcovered her nakedneſs. Then [l] my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her ſiſter.

19 Yet ſhe multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein ſhe had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For ſhe doted upon their paramours, [m] whoſe fleſh *is as* the fleſh of aſſes, and whoſe iſſue *is like* the iſſue of horſes.

21 Thus thou calledſt to remembrance the lewdneſs of thy youth, in bruiſing thy teats by the Egyptians, for the paps of thy youth.

22 ¶ Therefore, O Aholibah, thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [n] Behold, I will raiſe up thy lovers againſt thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them againſt thee on every ſide;

23 The Babylonians, *and* all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Shoa, and Koa, *and* all the Aſſyrians with them; all of them deſirable young men, captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horſes.

24 And they ſhall come againſt thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an aſſembly of people, *which* ſhall ſet againſt thee buckler and ſhield and helmet round about: and I will ſet judgement before them, and they ſhall judge thee according to their judgements.

25 And I will ſet my jealouſie againſt thee, and they ſhall deal furiouſly with thee: they ſhall take away thy noſe and thine ears; and thy remnant ſhall fall by the ſword: they ſhall take thy ſons and thy daughters; and thy reſidue ſhall be devoured by the fire.

26 [o] They ſhall alſo ſtrip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy † fair jewels.

27 Thus [p] will I make thy lewdneſs to ceaſe from thee, and thy whoredom *brought* from the land of Egypt: ſo that thou ſhalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.

28 For

[c] 2 Kin. 15. 19.

† Heb. *bruised are the whoredoms of their virginity.* — Heb. *copy of the evil whore of whoredoms.*

[d] 2 Kin. 17. 3, 4. & 23.

[e] Chap. 16. 37.

† Heb. *a name.*

[f] Ver. 5. & Jer. 3. 11.

† Heb. *corrupted her inordinate love more &c.*

† Heb. *more then the whoredoms of her ſiſter.*

[g] 2 Kin. 16. 7. & Chap. 16. 28.

[h] 2 Kin. 22. 1. Chap. 16. 29.

† Heb. *at the ſight of her eyes.*

[i] Heb. *children of Babel.*

[k] Ver. 28. † Heb. *looſed.* Or, *ſeparated.* Jer. 6. 8.

[l] Chap. 16. 28.

[m] Chap. 16. 26.

[n] Chap. 16. 37.

[o] Chap. 16. 39.

† Heb. *ornaments of thy glorying.*

[p] Chap. 22. 15.

28 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand *of them* q whom thou hatest, into the hand *of them* r from whom thy mind is alienated.

29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and s shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, *and* because thou art polluted with their idols.

31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sisters cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision: it containeth much.

33 Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria.

34 Thou shalt t even drink it and suck *it* out, and thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou u hast forgotten me, and x cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 ¶ The LORD said moreover unto me, Son of man, wilt thou y ‖ judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

37 That they have committed adultery, and z bloud *is* in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and a have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through *the fire* to devour *them*.

38 Moreover, this they have done unto me: They have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and b have profaned my sabbaths.

39 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it: and lo, c thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men † to come from far, unto whom a messenger *was* sent; & lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thy self, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thy self with ornaments,

41 And sattest upon a † stately bed, and a table prepared before it, d whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oyl.

42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease *was* with her: and with the men of the † common sort *were* brought ‖ Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautifull crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I unto *her that was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit † whoredoms with her, and she *with them*?

44 Yet they went in unto her as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah the lewd women.

45 ¶ And the righteous men, they shall e judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed bloud; because they *are* adulteresses, and bloud *is* in their hands.

46 For thus saith the Lord GOD; f I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them † to be removed and spoiled.

47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and ‖ dispatch them with their swords: they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.

48 Thus g will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.

49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXIV.

1 *Under the parable of a boyling pot 6 is shewed the irrevocable destruction of Jerusalem.* 15 *By the sign of Ezekiel not mourning for the death of his wife* 19 *is shewed the calamity of the Jews to be beyond all sorrow.*

AGain in the ninth year, in the tenth moneth, in the tenth *day* of the

c 2 Kin. 21. 4.

† Heb. coming.

† Heb. honourable.

a Prov. 7. 17.

† Heb. multitude of men. ‖ Or, drunkards.

† Heb. her whoredoms.

e Chap. 16. 38.

f Chap. 16. 40.

† Heb. for a removing & spoil. ‖ Or, single them out.

g Chap. 22. 15.

moneth, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, Write thee the name of the day, *even* of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem [a] this same day.

3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; [b] Set on a pot, set *it* on, and also pour water into it.

4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill *it* with the choice bones.

5 Take the choice of the flock, and ‖ burn also the bones under it, *and* make it boyl well, and let them seeth the bones of it therein.

6 ¶ Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; [c] Wo to the bloudy city, to the pot whose scum *is* therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it: bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it.

7 For her bloud is in the midst of her: she set it upon the top of a rock; she [d] poured it not upon the ground to cover it with dust:

8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have set her bloud upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; [e] Wo to the bloudy city: I will even make the pile for fire great.

10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burnt.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and *that* the filthiness of it may be molten in it, *that* the scum of it may be consumed.

12 She hath wearied *her self* with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum *shall be* in the fire.

13 In thy filthiness *is* lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till [f] I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.

14 I the LORD have spoken *it*: it shall come to pass, and I will do *it*; I will not go back, [g] neither will I spare, neither will I repent. According to thy ways, and according to thy doings shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears † run down.

17 † Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not *thy* † lips, and eat not the bread of men.

18 So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

19 ¶ And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things are* to us, that thou doest *so?*

20 Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and † that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

22 And ye shall do as I have done: [h] ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.

23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but [i] ye shall pine away for your iniquities, and mourn one towards another.

24 Thus [k] Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do: and when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

25 Also thou son of man, *shall it* not *be* in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and † that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters;

26 *That* [l] he that escapeth in that day shall

[a] Jer. 52. 4.
[b] See Jer. 1. 13 Chap. 11. 3.
[c] Chap. 22. 3.
[d] Lev. 17. 13.
[e] Nah. 3. 1. Hab. 2. 12.
[f] Chap. 16. 42.
[g] Chap. 5. 11.
[h] Jer. 6. 6, 7.
[i] Lev. 6. 19. Chap. 33. 10.
[k] Chap. 12. 6.
[l] Chap. 24. 27.

shall come unto thee to cause *thee* to hear *it* with *thine* ears?

27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Gods vengeance for their insolency against the Jews, upon the Ammonites, 8 upon Moab and Seir, 12 upon Edom, 15 and upon the Philistines.

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face [a] against the Ammonites, and prophesie against them;

3 And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; [b] Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

4 Behold therefore, I will deliver thee to the † men of the east for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.

5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

6 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped *thine* † hands, and stamped with the † feet, and rejoyced in † heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

7 Behold therefore, I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for ‖ a spoil to the heathen, and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countreys: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

8 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; [c] Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah *is* like unto all the heathen;

9 Therefore behold, I will open the † side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the countrey Beth-jeshimoth, Baal meon, and Kiriathaim,

10 Unto the men of the east ‖ with the Ammonites, and will give them in possession, that the Ammonites [d] may not be remembred among the nations.

11 And I will execute judgements upon Moab; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; [e] Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah † by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and ‖ they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; [f] Because ỹ Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* ‖ for the old hatred;

16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the ‖ sea-coast.

17 And I will execute great † vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Tyrus for insulting against Jerusalem is threatned. 7 The power of Nebuchadrezzar against her. 15 The mourning and astonishment of the sea at her fall.

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the moneth, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, [a] because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, [b] Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people: she is

turned

‖ Or, *against the children of Ammon.*
[d] Chap. 21. 32.
[e] Psal. 137. 7. Jer. 49. 7, 8. Chap. 35. 2. Amos 1. 11. Obad. 11.
† Heb. *by revenging revengement.*
‖ Or, *they shall fall by the sword unto Dedan.*
[f] Jer. 25. 20 & 47. 2. Amos 1. 6.
‖ Or, *with perpetual hatred.*
‖ Or, *haven of the sea.*
† Heb. *vengeances.*
Isa. 23. Jer. 25. 22. & 47. 4. Amos 1. 9. Zech. 9. 2.
[b] Chap. 25. 3.

turned unto me: I ſhall be repleniſhed, *now* ſhe is laid waſte:

3 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* againſt thee, O Tyrus, & will cauſe many nations to come up againſt thee, as the ſea cauſeth his waves to come up.

4 And they ſhall deſtroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towres: I will alſo ſcrape her duſt from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

5 It ſhall be *a place for* the ſpreading of nets in the midſt of the ſea: for I have ſpoken *it*, ſaith the Lord GOD: and it ſhall become a ſpoil to the nations.

6 And her daughters which *are* in the field ſhall be ſlain by the ſword; and they ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 ¶ For thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horſes, and with chariots, and with horſemen, and companies, and much people.

8 He ſhall ſlay with the ſword thy daughters in the field: and he ſhall make a fort againſt thee, and caſt a mount againſt thee, and lift up the buckler againſt thee.

9 And he ſhall ſet engines of war againſt thy walls, and with his axes he ſhall break down thy towres.

10 By reaſon of the abundance of his horſes their duſt ſhall cover thee: thy walls ſhall ſhake at the noiſe of the horſemen, and of the wheels, & of the chariots, when he ſhall enter into thy gates, † as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

11 With the hoofs of his horſes ſhall he tread down all thy ſtreets: he ſhall ſlay thy people by the ſword, and thy ſtrong garriſons ſhall go down to the ground.

12 And they ſhall make a ſpoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandiſe; and they ſhall break down thy walls, and deſtroy † thy pleaſant houſes: and they ſhall lay thy ſtones, and thy timber, and thy duſt in the midſt of the water.

13 [c] And I will cauſe the noiſe of thy ſongs to ceaſe; and the ſound of thy harps ſhall be no more heard.

14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou ſhalt be *a place* to ſpread nets upon; thou ſhalt be built no more: for I the LORD have ſpoken *it*, ſaith the Lord GOD.

15 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the iſles ſhake at the ſound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the ſlaughter is made in the midſt of thee?

16 Then [d] all the princes of the ſea ſhall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments: they ſhall clothe themſelves with † trembling, they ſhall ſit upon the ground, and ſhall tremble at *every* moment, and be aſtoniſhed at thee.

17 And they ſhall take up a [e] lamentation for thee, and ſay to thee, How art thou deſtroyed, *that waſt* inhabited of ſeafaring men, the renowned city, which waſt ſtrong in the ſea, ſhe and her inhabitants, which cauſe their terrour *to be* on all that haunt it?

18 Now ſhall the iſles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the iſles that *are* in the ſea ſhall be troubled at thy departure.

19 For thus ſaith the Lord GOD; When I ſhall make thee a deſolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I ſhall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters ſhall cover thee;

20 When I ſhall bring thee down with them that deſcend into the pit, with the people of old time, and ſhall ſet thee in the low parts of the earth, in places deſolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I ſhall ſet glory in the land of the living:

21 [f] I will make thee † a terrour, and thou *ſhalt be* no *more*: though thou be ſought for, yet ſhalt thou never be found again, ſaith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 *The rich ſupply of Tyrus.* 26 *The great and irrecoverable fall thereof.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, ſaying,

2 Now thou ſon of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus;

3 And ſay unto Tyrus, O thou that art ſituate at the entry of the ſea, *which art a* mer-

|| Or, your ene. the engine of gods.

† Heb. according to the entrance of a city broken up

† Heb. pleaſures of thy merſure

[c] Iſa. 24 8. Jer. 7. 34 & 16. 9.

[d] Chap. 32. 10.

† Heb. trembling.

[e] Rev. 18. 9.

† Heb. the ſeas.

[f] Chap. 26. 20. & 28. 19.

† Heb. terrours.

merchant of the people for many isles, thus saith the Lord GOD; O Tyrus, thou hast said, [a] I *am* † of perfect beauty.

4 Thy borders *are* in the † midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.

5 They have † made all thy *ship*-boards of fir-trees of Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.

6 *Of* the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars: ‖ † the company of the Ashurites have made thy benches *of* ivory, *brought* out of the isles of Chittim.

7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail; ‖ blue & purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners: thy wise *men*, O Tyrus, *that* were in thee, were thy pilots.

9 The ancients of Gebal and the wise *men* thereof were in thee thy ‖ † calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.

10 They of Persia, and of Lud, and of Phut were in thine army thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

11 The men of Arvad with thine army *were* upon thy walls round about, and the Gammadims were in thy towres: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have made thy beauty perfect.

12 Tarshish *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all *kind of* riches; with silver, iron, tin and lead they traded in thy fairs.

13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they *were* thy merchants: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy ‖ market.

14 They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses, and horsemen, and mules.

15 The men of Dedan *were* thy merchants; many isles *were* the merchandise of thine hand: they brought thee *for* a present horns of ivory, and ebeny.

16 Syria *was* thy merchant by reason of the multitude of † the wares of thy making: they occupied in thy fairs with emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and † agate.

17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they *were* thy merchants: they traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oyl, and ‖ balm.

18 Damascus *was* thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the wine of Helbon, and white wooll.

19 Dan also and Javan ‖ going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia and calamus were in thy market.

20 Dedan *was* thy merchant in † precious clothes for chariots.

21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they † occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats: in these *were they* thy merchants.

22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants: they occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold.

23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, *and* Chilmad *were* thy merchants.

24 These *were* thy merchants in ‖ all sorts *of things*, in blue † clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords, and made of cedar among thy merchandise.

25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market; and thou wast replenished and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.

26 ¶ Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east-wind hath broken thee in the † midst of the seas.

27 Thy [b] riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war that *are* in thee, ‖ and in all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee, shall fall into the † midst of the seas in the day of thy ruine.

28 The ‖ suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea, shall come

[a] Chap. 28. 12. † Heb. perfect of beauty. † Heb. fir. ‖ Or, ashurites. † Heb. trim. † Rev. 18. 9. † Heb. the sea. ‖ Or, purple of Javan. ‖ Or, benches of ivory. † Heb. the sea. † Heb. agate. ‖ Or, resin. ‖ Or, Menuzal. † Heb. clothes of freedom. † Heb. were the merchants of thy hand. ‖ Or, excellent things. † Heb. foldings. † Heb. heart. [b] Rev. 18. 9. &c. ‖ Or, even with all. † Heb. heart. ‖ Or, waves.

come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land;

30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes.

31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, & they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart, *and* bitter wailing.

32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, *saying*, What *city is* like Tyrus, like the destroyed in the midst of the sea?

33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.

34 In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.

35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in *their* countenance.

36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee: [c] thou shalt be † a terrour, and † never *shalt be* any more.

† Chap. 26. 21. †† Heb. terrours. † Heb. shalt not be for ever.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 *Gods judgement upon the prince of Tyrus for his sacrilegious pride.* 11 *A lamentation of his great glory corrupted by sin.* 20 *The judgement of Zidon.* 24 *The restauration of Israel.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart *is* lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a god, I sit *in* the seat of God in the † midst of the seas; [a] yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

† Heb. heart. [a] Isa. 31. 3.

3 Behold, [b] thou *art* wiser then Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

[b] Zech. 9. 2.

4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5 † By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches

† Heb. By the greatness of thy wisdom.

6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God,

7 Behold therefore, I will bring strangers upon thee, [c] the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

[c] Chap. 30. 11. & 31. 12. & 32. 12.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.

9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God? but thou *shalt be* a man, and no God, in the hand of him that ‖ slayeth thee.

‖ Or, wounds.

10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised, by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

11 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God: every precious stone *was* thy covering, the ‖ sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the ‖ beryll, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ‖ emerald, & the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy ‖ tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

‖ Or, ruby. ‖ Or, chrysolite. ‖ Or, beryll. ‖ Or, chrysoprasus.

14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth: and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God: thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick: therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: [d] thou shalt be † a terrour, and never *shalt* thou *be* any more.

20 ¶ Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, set thy face [e] against Zidon, and prophesie against it,

22 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall have executed judgements in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence, and bloud into her streets; and the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

24 ¶ And there shall be no more [f] a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor *any* grieving thorn of all *that are* round about them that despised them; and they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

26 And they shall dwell || safely therein, and shall build houses, and [g] plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgements upon all those that || despise them round about them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 *The judgement of Pharaoh for his treachery to Israel.* 8 *The desolation of Egypt.* 13 *The restauration thereof after fourty years.* 17 *Egypt the reward of Nebuchadrezzar.* 21 *Israel shall be restored.*

IN the tenth year, in the tenth *moneth*, in the twelfth *day* of the moneth, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face [a] against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesie against him, and [b] against all Egypt.

3 Speak and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great [c] dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river *is* mine own, and I have made *it* for my self.

4 But [d] I will put hooks in thy chaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, & I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

5 And I will leave thee *thrown* into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the † open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I *am* the LORD, because they have been a [e] staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rent all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou breakest, and madest all their loyns to be at a stand.

8 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; *and* they shall know that I *am* the LORD: because he hath said, The river *is* mine, and I have made *it*.

10 Behold therefore, I *am* against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt † utterly waste *and* desolate, [f] from the towre of † Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

11 No

[a] Jer. 44. 30.
[b] Isa. † 9. 1. Jer. 25. 19. & 46. 2.
[c] Psal. † 4 13, 14 Isa. 27. 1. & 51. 9. Chap. 32. 2.
[d] Isa. 37. 29. Chap. 38. 4.
† Heb. face of the field.
[e] 2 Kin. 18. 21. Isa. 36. 6.
† Heb. wastes of waste.
[f] Chap. 30. 6.
† Heb. Seveneh.

11 § No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited fourty years.

12 [h] And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countreys *that are* desolate, and her cities among the cities *that are* laid waste shall be desolate fourty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countreys.

13 ¶ Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the [i] end of fourty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return *into* the land of Pathros, into the land of their || habitation; and they shall be there a † base kingdom.

15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt it self any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth *their* iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first *moneth*, in the first *day* of the moneth, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages nor his army for Tyrus, for ỹ service that he had served against it:

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and † take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt || *for* his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.

21 ¶ In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXX.

1 *The desolation of Egypt, and her helpers.* 20 *The arm of Babylon shall be strengthned to break the arm of Egypt.*

THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesie and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Howl ye, Wo worth the day.

3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great || pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

5 Ethiopia, and † Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the † men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down: [a] from the towre of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

7 [b] And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countreys *that are* desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted.

8 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and *when* all her helpers shall be † destroyed.

9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

11 He and his people with him, [c] the terrible of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and they shall draw their swords

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[h] Chap. 32. 13.

[i] Isa. 19. 23. Jer. 46. 26.

|| Or birth. † Heb. base.

† Heb. spoil her spoil, and prey her prey.

|| Or, for his hire.

|| Or, fear.

† Heb. Phut.

† Heb. confederate.

[a] Chap. 29. 10.

[b] Chap. 29. 12.

† Heb. Egypt.

[c] Chap. 28. 7.

swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain.

12 And [d] I will make the rivers † dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and † all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Noph, & there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt.

14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in ‖ Zoan, and will execute judgements in No.

15 And I will pour my fury upon ‖ Sin, the strength of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph *shall have* distresses daily.

17 The young men of ‖ Aven and of ‖ Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these *cities* shall go into captivity.

18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be ‖ darkned, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

19 Thus will I execute judgements in Egypt: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

20 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the moneth, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and lo, [f] it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and *that which was* broken: and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countreys.

24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break Pharaohs arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.

25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.

26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them among the countreys; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Relation unto Pharaoh* 3 *of the glory of Assyria,* 10 *and the fall thereof for pride.* 18 *The like destruction of Egypt.*

AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *moneth*, in the first *day* of the moneth, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; [a] Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

3 ¶ Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon † with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, & of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters ‖ made him great, the deep ‖ set him up on high with her rivers running round about his plants, and sent out her ‖ little rivers unto all the trees of the field.

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, ‖ when he shot forth.

6 [b] All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

8 The cedars in [c] the garden of God could

[d] Ver. 18.
† Heb. fair of branches.
‖ Or, nourished him up.
‖ Or, brought him up.
‖ Or, conduits.
‖ Or, when he sent them forth.
[a] Dan. 4. 12.
[c] Gen. 13. 8.

could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the cheſnut trees were not like his branches; not any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.

9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: ſo that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.

10 ¶ Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Becauſe thou haſt lifted up thy ſelf in height, and he hath ſhot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen: † he ſhall ſurely deal with him; I have driven him out for his wickedneſs.

† Heb. in doing he ſhall do unto him.

12 And ſtrangers, [d] the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land: and all the people of the earth are gone down from his ſhadow, and have left him.

d Chap. 28 7.

13 Upon his ruine ſhall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beaſts of the field ſhall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themſelves for their height, neither ſhoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees ‖ ſtand up in their height, all that drink water: for [e] they are all delivered unto death to the nether parts of the earth in the midſt of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

‖ Or, ſtand upon themſelves for their height.

e Pſal. 82 7.

15 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave, I cauſed a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I reſtrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were ſtayed: and I cauſed Lebanon to † mourn for him; and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

† Heb. be black.

16 I made the nations to ſhake at the ſound of his fall, when I caſt him down to hell with them that deſcend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice & beſt of Lebanon, all that drink water, ſhall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They alſo went down into hell with him unto *them that be* ſlain with the ſword; and *they that were* his arm, *that* dwelt under his ſhadow in the midſt of the heathen.

18 ¶ [f] To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatneſs among the trees of Eden? yet ſhalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou ſhalt lie in the midſt of the uncircumciſed with *them that be* ſlain by the ſword. This *is* Pharaoh, and all his multitude, ſaith the Lord GOD.

f Ver. 31.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 A lamentation for the fearfull fall of Egypt. 11 The ſword of Babylon ſhall deſtroy it. 17 It ſhall be brought down to hell among all the uncircumciſed nations.

AND it came to paſs in the twelfth year, in the twelfth moneth, in the firſt *day* of the moneth, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and ſay unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a ‖ whale in the ſeas: and thou cameſt forth with thy rivers, and troubledſt the waters with thy feet, and fouledſt their rivers.

‖ Or, dragon.

3 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [b] I will therefore ſpread out my net over thee, with a company of many people; and they ſhall bring thee up in my net.

b Chap. 12 13. & 17 20.

4 Then [c] will I leave thee upon the land, I will caſt thee forth upon the open field, and will cauſe all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beaſts of the whole earth with thee.

c Chap. 29 5.

5 And I will lay thy fleſh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will alſo water with thy bloud the land ‖ wherein thou ſwimmeſt, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers ſhall be full of thee.

‖ Or, with the which.

7 And when I ſhall ‖ put thee out, [d] I will cover the heaven, and make the ſtars thereof dark; I will cover the ſun with a cloud, and the moon ſhall not give her light.

‖ Or, cover.

d Iſa. 13 10. Ezek. 32 8. Joel 2 10. & 3 15. Amos 8 9.

8 All

8 All the† bright lights of heaven will I make † dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

9 I will also † vex the hearts of many people, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countreys which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and [e] they shall tremble at *every* moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause the multitude to fall, [f] the terrible of the nations all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters; [g] neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor ỹ hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oyl, saith the Lord GOD.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate, and the countrey shall be † destitute of that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I *am* the LORD.

16 This *is* the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her: the daughters of the nations shall lament her: they shall lament for her, *even* for Egypt and for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the moneth, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, *even* her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of *them that are* slain by the sword: ‖ she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

‖ Or, the sword is laid.

21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Asshur *is* there and all her company: his graves *are* about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword.

23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and their company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused ‖ terrour in the land of the living.

‖ Or, *did terrify*.

24 There *is* Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terrour in the land of the living; yet have they born their shame with them that go down to the pit.

25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terrour was caused in the land of the living, yet have they born their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of *them that be* slain.

26 There *is* Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves *are* round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terrour in the land of the living.

27 And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with † their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terrour of the mighty in the land of the living.

† Heb. *weapons of their war.*

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with *them that are* slain with the sword.

29 There *is* Edom, her kings and all her princes, which with their might are † laid

† Heb. given, or put.

† laid by *them that were* ſlain by the ſword: they ſhall lie with the uncircumciſed, and with them that go down to the pit.

30 There *be* the princes of the north all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the ſlain; with their terrour they are aſhamed of their might; and they lie uncircumciſed with *them that be* ſlain by the ſword, and bear their ſhame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh ſhall ſee them, and ſhall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army ſlain by the ſword, ſaith the Lord GOD.

32 For I have cauſed my terrour in the land of the living: and he ſhall be laid in the midſt of the uncircumciſed with *them that are* ſlain with the ſword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, ſaith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 *According to the duty of a watchman in warning the people.* 7 *Ezekiel is admoniſhed of his duty.* 10 *God ſheweth the juſtice of his ways towards the penitent, and towards revolters.* 17 *He maintaineth his juſtice.* 21 *Upon the news of the taking of Jeruſalem he propheſieth the deſolation of the land.* 30 *Gods judgement upon the mockers of the prophets.*

AGain the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, ſpeak to the children of thy people, and ſay unto them, † When I bring the ſword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coaſts, and ſet him for their watchman:

† Heb. A land, when I bring a ſword upon her.

3 If when he ſeeth the ſword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

† Heb. he that hearing heareth.

4 Then † whoſoever heareth the ſound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the ſword come, and take him away, his bloud ſhall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the ſound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his bloud ſhall be upon him. But he that taketh warning ſhall deliver his ſoul.

6 But if the watchman ſee the ſword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned: if the ſword come, and take *any* perſon from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at the watchmans hand.

7 ¶ [a] So thou, O ſon of man, I have ſet thee a watchman unto the houſe of Iſrael: therefore thou ſhalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

[a] Chap. 3. 17, &c.

8 When I ſay unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou ſhalt ſurely die; if thou doſt not ſpeak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* ſhall die in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheleſs, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he ſhall die in his iniquity, but thou haſt delivered thy ſoul.

10 ¶ Therefore, O thou ſon of man, ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ye ſpeak, ſaying, If our tranſgreſſions and our ſins *be* upon us, and we [b] pine away in them, how ſhould we then live?

[b] Chap. 24. 23.

11 Say unto them, [c] *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I have no pleaſure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way, and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for [d] why will ye die, O houſe of Iſrael?

[c] 2 Sam. 14. 14. Chap. 18. 23, 32.

[d] Chap. 18. 31.

12 Therefore, thou ſon of man, ſay unto the children of thy people, [e] The righteouſneſs of the righteous ſhall not deliver him in the day of his tranſgreſſion: as for the wickedneſs of the wicked, he ſhall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedneſs; neither ſhall the righteous be able to live for *his righteouſneſs* in the day that he ſinneth.

[e] Chap. 18. 24.

13 When I ſhall ſay to the righteous *that* he ſhall ſurely live; if he truſt to his own righteouſneſs, and commit iniquity, all his righteouſneſs ſhall not be remembred; but for his iniquity that he hath committed he ſhall die for it.

14 Again, when I ſay unto the wicked, Thou ſhalt ſurely die: if he turn from his ſin, & do † that which is lawfull and right;

15 If the wicked [f] reſtore the pledge, [g] give again that he had robbed, walk in the ſtatutes of life without committing iniquity; he ſhall ſurely live, he ſhall not die.

[f] Exod. 22. 1, 4. Lev. 6. 4, 5. Num. 5. 7.

[g] Lev. 25. 36, 37. Deut. 23. 19. Pſal. 15. 5.

16 None

16 None of his ſins that he hath committed ſhall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawfull and right, he ſhall ſurely live.

17 ¶ [h] Yet the children of thy people ſay, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteouſneſs, and committeth iniquity, he ſhall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedneſs, and doth that which is lawfull and right, he ſhall live thereby.

20 [i] Yet ye ſay, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye houſe of Iſrael, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 ¶ And it came to paſs in the twelfth year [k] of our captivity, in the tenth *moneth*, in the fifth *day* of the moneth, *that* one that had eſcaped out of Jeruſalem came unto me, ſaying, [l] The city is ſmitten.

22 Now [m] the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening afore he that was eſcaped came, and had opened my mouth untill he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and [n] I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit thoſe waſts of the land of Iſrael ſpeak, ſaying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [o] Ye eat with the bloud, and [p] lift up your eyes toward your idols, and ſhed bloud; and ſhall ye poſſeſs the land?

26 Ye ſtand upon your ſword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbours wife; and ſhall ye poſſeſs the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, ſurely they that are in the waſts ſhall fall by the ſword, and him that is in the open field [q] will I give to the beaſts †to be devoured, and they that *be* in the forts and in the caves ſhall die of the peſtilence.

28 For I will lay the land † moſt deſolate, and the [r] pomp of her ſtrength ſhall ceaſe: and the mountains of Iſrael ſhall be deſolate, that none ſhall paſs through.

29 Then ſhall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land moſt deſolate becauſe of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ Alſo, thou ſon of man, the children of thy people ſtill are talking againſt thee by the walls & in the doors of the houſes, and ſpeak one to another, every one to his brother, ſaying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And [s] they come unto thee † as the people cometh, and ‖ they [t] ſit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for [u] with their mouth they † ſhew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetouſneſs.

32 And lo, thou *art* unto them as a † very lovely ſong of one that hath a pleaſant voice, and can play well on an inſtrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to paſs (lo, it will come) then [x] ſhall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *A reproof of the ſhepherds.* 7 *Gods judgement againſt them.* 11 *His providence for his flock.* 20 *The kingdom of Chriſt.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

2 Son of man, propheſie againſt the [a] ſhepherds of Iſrael, propheſie, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD unto the ſhepherds; Wo *be* to the ſhepherds of Iſrael that do feed themſelves: ſhould not the ſhepherds feed the flocks?

3 [b] Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wooll, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 The diſeaſed have ye not ſtrengthned, neither have ye healed *that which was* ſick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again *that which was* driven away, neither have ye ſought *that which was* loſt; but with [c] force and

† Heb. deſolation and deſolation.
[r] Chap. 7. 24. and 24. 21. & 30. 6, 7.
[s] Chap. 14. 1, &c. & 20. 1, &c.
† Heb. according to the coming of the people.
‖ Or, my people ſit before thee.
[t] Chap. 8. 1.
[u] Iſ. 29. 13.
† Heb. make loves, or jeſts.
† Heb. ſong of loves.
[x] Chap. 2, 5.
[a] Jer. 23. 1.
[b] Zech. 11. 16.
[c] 1 Per. 5. 3.

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30 There *be* the princes of the north all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the ſlain; with their terrour they are aſhamed of their might; and they lie uncircumciſed with *them that be* ſlain by the ſword, and bear their ſhame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh ſhall ſee them, and ſhall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army ſlain by the ſword, ſaith the Lord GOD.

32 For I have cauſed my terrour in the land of the living: and he ſhall be laid in the midſt of the uncircumciſed with *them that are* ſlain with the ſword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, ſaith the Lord GOD.

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4 Then † whoſoever heareth the ſound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the ſword come, and take him away, his bloud ſhall be upon his own head.

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5 He heard the ſound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his bloud ſhall be upon him. But he that taketh warning ſhall deliver his ſoul.

6 But if the watchman ſee the ſword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned: if the ſword come, and take *any* perſon from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at the watchmans hand.

7 ¶ [a] So thou, O ſon of man, I have ſet thee a watchman unto the houſe of Iſrael: therefore thou ſhalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

[a] Chap. 3. 17, &c.

8 When I ſay unto the wicked, O wicked *man*, thou ſhalt ſurely die; if thou doſt not ſpeak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* ſhall die in his iniquity, but his bloud will I require at thine hand.

9 Nevertheleſs, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he ſhall die in his iniquity, but thou haſt delivered thy ſoul.

10 ¶ Therefore, O thou ſon of man, ſpeak unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ye ſpeak, ſaying, If our tranſgreſſions and our ſins *be* upon us, and we [b] pine away in them, how ſhould we then live?

[b] Chap. 24. 23.

11 Say unto them, [c] *As* I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I have no pleaſure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way, and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for [d] why will ye die, O houſe of Iſrael?

[c] 2 Sam. 14. 14. Chap. 18. 23, 32.

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12 Therefore, thou ſon of man, ſay unto the children of thy people, [e] The righteouſneſs of the righteous ſhall not deliver him in the day of his tranſgreſſion: as for the wickedneſs of the wicked, he ſhall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedneſs; neither ſhall the righteous be able to live for *his righteouſneſs* in the day that he ſinneth.

[e] Chap. 18. 20.

13 When I ſhall ſay to the righteous *that* he ſhall ſurely live; if he truſt to his own righteouſneſs, and commit iniquity, all his righteouſneſs ſhall not be remembred; but for his iniquity that he hath committed he ſhall die for it.

14 Again, when I ſay unto the wicked, Thou ſhalt ſurely die: if he turn from his ſin, & do † that which is lawfull and right;

† Heb. judgement.

15 [f] If the wicked reſtore the pledge, [g] give again that he had robbed, walk in the ſtatutes of life without committing iniquity; he ſhall ſurely live, he ſhall not die.

[f] Exod. 22. 1, 4. [g] Exod. 21. 36.

16 None

16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawfull and right, he shall surely live.

17 ¶ [h] Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.

18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousnes, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

19 But if the wicked turn from his wickednes, and doth that which is lawfull and right, he shall live thereby.

20 [i] Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth yeark of our captivity, in the tenth *moneth*, in the fifth *day* of the moneth, *that* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, [l] The city is smitten.

22 Now [m] the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening afore he that was escaped came, and had opened my mouth untill he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and [n] I was no more dumb.

23 Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, they that inhabit those wasts of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance.

25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; [o] Ye eat with the bloud, and [p] lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed bloud; and shall ye possess the land?

26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbours wife; and shall ye possess the land?

27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live, surely they that are in the wasts shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts †to be devoured, and they that *be* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will lay the land † most desolate, and the [r] pomp of her strength shall cease: and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 ¶ Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls & in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

31 And [s] they come unto thee † as the people cometh, and ‖ they [t] sit before thee *as* my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for [u] with their mouth they † shew much love, *but* their heart goeth after their covetousnes.

32 And lo, thou *art* unto them as a † very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass (lo, it will come) then [x] shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *A reproof of the shepherds.* 7 *Gods judgement against them.* 11 *His providence for his flock.* 20 *The kingdom of Christ.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, prophesie against the [a] shepherds of Israel, prophesie, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Wo *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves: should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

3 [b] Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wooll, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock.

4 The diseased have ye not strengthned, neither have ye healed *that which was* sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again *that which was* driven away, neither have ye sought *that which was* lost; but with [c] force

† Heb. desolation and desolation

[r] Chap. 7. 24. and 24. 21. & 30. 6, 7.

[s] Chap. 14. 1, &c. & 20. 1, &c.

† Heb. according to the coming of the people.

‖ Or, my people sit before thee.

[t] Chap. 8. 1.

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† Heb. make loves, or jests.

† Heb. song of loves.

[x] Chap. 2, 5.

[a] Jer. 23. 1.

[b] Zech. 11. 16.

[c] 1 Per. 5. 3.

and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

5 And they were scattered ‖ because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

‖ Or, without a shepherd. ver. 8.

6 My sheep wandred through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

7 ¶ Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

8 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock:

9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds: and I will require my flock at their hand, & cause them to cease from feeding ŷ flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more: for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.

11 ¶ For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

† Heb. *According to the time that he is among.*

12 † As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

[d] Chap. 28. 25.

13 And [d] I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countreys, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

16 [c] I will seek *that which was* lost, and bring again *that which was* driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen *that which was* sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgement.

[c] Mic. 4. 6.

17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, [f] I judge between † cattel and cattel, between the rams and the † he-goats.

[f] Chap. 20. 37, 38. Zech. 10. 3. Mat. 25. 32. † Heb. *small cattle.* † Heb. *goats.*

18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

19 And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have troden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them; Behold, I, *even* I will judge between the fat cattel and between the lean cattel.

21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between cattel and cattel.

23 And I will set up [g] one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant [h] David: he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

[g] Hos. 1. 11. Chap. 34. 24. John 10. 16. Heb. 13. 20. 1 Pet. 2. 25. 5. 4. Rev. 7. 17. [h] Jer. 30. 9.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them: I the LORD have spoken *it*.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and [i] will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

[i] Lev. 26. 6. Chap. 34. 28. Hos. 2. 18.

26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing: and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be [k] showres of blessing.

[k] Psal. 68. 9. Psal. 85. 12.

27 And [l] the tree of the field shall yeeld her fruit, and the earth shall yeeld her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and

and shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beasts of the land devour them; but [m] they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid.

29 And I will raise up for them a [n] plant ‖ of renown, and they shall be no more † consumed with hunger in the land, [o] neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them, and *that* they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people, saith the Lord GOD.

31 And ye my [p] flock the flock of my pasture *are* men, *and* I *am* your God, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XXXV.

The judgement of mount Seir for their hatred to Israel.

MOreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and [a] prophesie against it,

3 And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee † most desolate.

4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

5 Because thou hast had a ‖ perpetual hatred, and hast † shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the † force of the sword, in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their* iniquity *had* an end:

6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: [b] sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.

8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men*: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

9 [c] I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countreys shall be mine, and [d] we will possess it, ‖ whereas the LORD was there:

11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make my self known amongst them, when I have judged thee.

12 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD, *and that* I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to † consume.

13 Thus with your mouth ye have † boasted against me, and [e] have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*.

14 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoyceth, I will make thee desolate.

15 As thou didst rejoyce at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 *The land of Israel is comforted, both by the destruction of the heathen who spitefully used it,* 8 *and by the blessings of God promised unto it.* 16 *Israel was rejected for their sin,* 21 *and shall be restored without their desert.* 25 *The blessings of Christs kingdom.*

ALso, thou son of man, [a] prophesie unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:

2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because [b] the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:

3 Therefore prophesie and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; ‖ Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ‖ ye are

[m] Jer. 49. 18. Mal. 1. 3, 4.

[n] Ps. 83. 4, 12.

‖ Or, *though the LORD was there*

† Heb. *destruction.*

† Heb. *magnified.*

[e] 1 Sam. 2. 3.

[a] Chap. 6. 2.

[b] Chap. 25. 3. & 26. 2.

† Heb. *Because for because.*

‖ Or, *ye are made to come upon the lip of the tongue.*

are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an infamy of the people:

4 Therefore ye mountains of Iſrael, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus ſaith the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the || rivers and to the valleys, to the deſolate waſts, and to the cities *that are* forſaken, which became a prey and deriſion to the reſidue of the heathen that *are* round about;

|| Or, bottoms, or dales.

5 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; [c] Surely in the fire of my jealouſie have I ſpoken againſt the reſidue of the heathen, and againſt all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their poſſeſſion, with the joy of all *their* heart, with deſpitefull minds, to caſt it out for a prey.

[c] Chap. 38. 19.

6 Propheſie therefore concerning the land of Iſrael, and ſay unto the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have ſpoken in my jealouſie and in my fury, becauſe ye have born the ſhame of the heathen.

7 Therefore thus ſaith the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they ſhall bear their ſhame.

8 ¶ But ye, O mountains of Iſrael, ye ſhall ſhoot forth your branches, and yeeld your fruit to my people of Iſrael: for they are at hand to come.

9 For behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye ſhall be tilled and ſown.

10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the houſe of Iſrael, *even* all of it: and the cities ſhall be inhabited, and the waſts ſhall be builded.

11 And I will multiply upon you man and beaſt; and they ſhall increaſe and bring fruit: and I will ſettle you after your old eſtates, and will do better *unto you* then at your beginnings: and ye ſhall know that I *am* the LORD.

12 Yea, I will cauſe men to walk upon you, *even* my people Iſrael; and they ſhall poſſeſs thee, & thou ſhalt be their inheritance, and thou ſhalt no more henceforth bereave them *of men*.

13 Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; Becauſe they ſay unto you, Thou *land* devoureſt up men, and haſt bereaved thy nations;

14 Therefore thou ſhalt devour men no more, neither || bereave thy nations any more, ſaith the Lord GOD.

|| Or, cauſe to fall.

15 [d] Neither will I cauſe *men* to hear in thee the ſhame of the heathen any more, neither ſhalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither ſhalt thou cauſe thy nations to fall any more, ſaith the Lord GOD.

[d] Chap. 36. 30.

16 ¶ Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

17 Son of man, when the houſe of Iſrael dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanneſs of a removed woman:

18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the bloud that they had ſhed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it:

19 And I ſcattered them among the heathen, and they were diſperſed through the countreys: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

20 And [e] when they entred unto the heathen whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they ſaid to them, Theſe *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

[e] Rom. 2. 24.

21 ¶ But I had pity for mine holy name, which the houſe of Iſrael had profaned among the heathen whither they went.

22 Therefore ſay unto the houſe of Iſrael, Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your ſakes, O houſe of Iſrael, but for mine holy names ſake, which ye have profaned among ẏ heathen whither ye went.

23 And I will ſanctifie my great name *which was* profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midſt of them, and the heathen ſhall know that I *am* the LORD, ſaith the Lord GOD, when I ſhall be ſanctified in you before || their eyes.

|| Or, in their ſight. [f] Chap. 36.

24 For [f] I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all coun-

countreys, and will bring you into your own land.

25 ¶ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you.

26 A [g] new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do *them*.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I [h] will call for the corn, and will increase it, & [i] lay no famine upon you.

30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

31 Then [k] shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and [l] shall lothe your selves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 [m] Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD; be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

33 Thus saith the Lord GOD; in the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *y u* to dwell in the cities, and the wasts shall be builded.

34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

35 And they shall say, This land, *that* was desolate, is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, *and* plant *that that* was desolate: [o] I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

38 As the † holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *By the resurrection of dry bones* 11 *the dead hope of Israel is revived.* 15 *By the uniting of two sticks* 18 *is shewed the incorporation of Israel into Judah.* 20 *The promises of Christs kingdom.*

THE [a] hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of a valley which *was* full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophesie upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD:

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live.

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you; and ye shall live, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together bone to his bone.

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them.

9 Then said he unto me, Prophesie unto the || wind, prophesie, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, ẏ they may live.

[o] Chap. 17. 24. & 22. 14. & 37. 14.

† Heb. *flock of holy things.*

[a] Chap. 1. 3.

|| Or, *chamber.*

|| Or, *breath.*

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet an exceeding great army.

11 ¶ Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts.

12 Therefore prophesie and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, [b] O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

[b] 37. 12, 19.

13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

15 ¶ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

[a] See Numb. 17. 2.

16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah and for the children of Israel his companions. Then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions.

17 And joyn them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

18 ¶ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these?

19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

20 ¶ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.

22 And [c] I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and [d] one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all.

[c] Isa. 11. 13. Jer. 3. 18. Hos. 1. 11.

[d] John 10. 16.

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And [e] David my servant *shall be* king over them; and [f] they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgements, and observe my statutes, and do them.

[e] Isa. 40. 11. Jer. 30. 9. Hos. 3. 5.

[f] Chap. 34. 23. Hos. 2. 2. John 10. 16.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they & their children, and their childrens children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever.

26 Moreover, [g] I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and [h] will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

[g] Isa. 54. 10. Chap. 34. 25. Heb. 13. 20.

[h] 2 Cor. 6. 16.

27 [i] My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be [k] their God, and they shall be my people.

[i] John 1. 14. Rev. 21. 3.

[k] Heb. 8. 10.

28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctifie Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 *The army,* 8 *and malice of Gog.* 14 *Gods judgement against him.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against [a] Gog, the land of Magog, [b] y chief prince of Meshech & Tubal, and prophesie against him,

[a] Rev. 20. 8.

[b] or, prince of the chief.

3 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Be-

Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

4 And [b] I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy chaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, [c] all of them clothed with all sorts *of armour, even* a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and ‖ Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands; *and* many people with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thy self, thou and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 ¶ After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass *that* at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought.

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will [e] go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

12 † To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places *that are now* inhabited, and upon the people *that are* gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattel and goods, that dwell in the † midst of the land.

13 Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattel and goods, to take a great spoil?

14 ¶ Therefore, son of man, prophesie and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know *it?*

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north-parts, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army.

16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall be in ỹ latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time † by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years, that I would bring thee against them?

† Heb. by the hands.

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, *that* my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For [e] in my jealousie *and* in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

[e] Chap. 36. 5, 6.

20 So that [f] the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that *are* upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the ‖ steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

[f] Hos. 4. 3.

‖ Or, towres, or stairs.

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every mans sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with bloud, and [g] I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that *are* with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.

[g] Psal. 11. 6.

23 Thus [h] will I magnifie my self, and

[h] Chap. 5. 13. 37. 28.

sanctifie my self, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 Gods judgement upon Gog. 8 Israels victory. 11 Gogs burial in Hamon-gog. 17 The feast of the fowls. 23 Israel having been plagued for their sins, shall be gathered again with eternal favour.

THerefore, thou son of man, prophesie against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the † north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel.

3 And I will smite thy bowe out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou and all thy bands, and the people that *is* with thee: ‖ I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every † sort, and *to* the beasts of the field † to be devoured.

5 Thou shalt fall upon the †open field: for I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD.

6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelesly in the isles: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will not let *them* pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the holy one in Israel.

8 ¶ Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD: this *is* the day whereof I have spoken.

9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows & the arrows, and the ‖ hand staves and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years:

10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

11 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the Valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the ‖ noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog, and all his multitude: and they shall call *it* the Valley of ‖ Hamon gog.

12 And seven moneths shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.

13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them*: & it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

14 And they shall sever out † men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth to cleanse it: after the end of seven moneths shall they search.

15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a mans bone, then shall he † set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon gog.

16 And also the name of the city *shall be* ‖ Hamonah: thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 ¶ And thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak † unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of y field; ᵇ Assemble your selves, and come, gather your selves on every side to my ‖ sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink bloud.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the bloud of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of † goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink bloud till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

21 And I will set my glory among the hea-

‖ Or, smite thee with six plagues, or, by the fire here with an host of six nations, as chap. 38. 4.
† Heb. sides of the north.
* Chap. 38. 22.
† Heb. wing.
† Heb. to devouring.
‖ Or, face of the field.
‖ Or, cast about.
‖ Or, javelins.
‖ Or, make a fire of them.
‖ Or, in multitude.
Thus is, The multitude of Gog.
† Heb. men of continuance.
† Heb. build.
Thus is, The multitude.
† Heb. to the fowl of every wing.
ᵇ Isa. 34. 6. & 56. 16. Jer. 12. 9. Zeph. 1. 7. Rev. 19. 17.
‖ Or, sacrifice.
† Heb. goats.

heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgement that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

22 So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.

23 ¶ And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

24 According to their uncleanness & according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;

26 After that they have born their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.

27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies lands, and [c]am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;

28 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, † which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have [d] poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XL.

1 *The time, manner, and end of the vision.* 6 *The description of the east-gate of the temple,* 20 *the north-gate,* 24 *the south-gate,* 32 *the east-gate,* 35 *the north-gate.* 39 *Eight tables.* 44 *The chambers.* 48 *The porch of the house.*

IN the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the moneth, in the fourteenth year after that [a] the city was smitten, in the self same day [b] the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, † by which *was* as the frame of a city on the south.

3 And he brought me thither, and behold, *there was* a man whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and [e] a measuring-reed: and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me, [d] Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee: for to the intent that I might shew *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.

5 And behold, a wall on the outside of the house round about: and in the mans hand a measuring-reed of six cubits *long*, by the cubit, and an hand-breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

6 ¶ Then came he unto the gate † which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold of the *gate*, *which was* one reed broad.

7 And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad: and between the little chambers *were* five cubits: and the threshold of the gate, by the porch of the gate within, *was* one reed.

8 He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed.

9 Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits: and the porch of the gate *was* inward.

10 And the little chambers of the gate east-ward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

11 And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits.

12 The † space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space

[a] Or, *in which.*
[b] Rev. 11. 1. & 21. 15.
[c] Chap. 44. 5.
† Heb. *whose face shews the way toward the east.*
† Heb. *limit or bound.*

space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.

13 He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five and twenty cubits, door against door.

14 He made also posts, of threescore cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the gate.

15 And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits.

† Heb. *closed.*

16 And *there were* † narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the ‖ arches: and windows *were* round about inward: and upon *each* post *were* palm trees.

‖ Or, galleries, or porches.

‖ Or, within.

17 Then brought he me into the outward court, and lo, *there were* chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement.

18 And the pavement by the side of the gates over against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement.

19 Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court ‖ without, an hundred cubits east-ward and north-ward.

‖ Or, *from without.*

20 ¶ And the gate of the outward court † that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the breadth thereof.

† Heb. *whose face was*

21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side, and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the ‖ arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

‖ Or, *galleries, or porches.*

22 And their windows, & their arches, and their palm trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh towards the east; & they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.

23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over against the gate toward the north, & toward the east: and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.

24 ¶ After that he brought me toward the south, and behold, a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof, and the arches thereof according to these measures.

25 And *there were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

26 And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side upon the posts thereof.

27 And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.

28 And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured y south gate according to these measures;

29 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it, and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

30 And the arches round about *were* five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits † broad.

† Heb. *breadth.*

31 And the arches thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

32 ¶ And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures.

33 And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein, and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad.

34 And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; & palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof on this side, & on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

35 ¶ And he brought me to the north-gate, and measured *it* according to these measures;

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36 The little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

37 And the posts thereof *were* toward the utter court; and palm trees *were* upon the posts thereof on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.

38 And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

39 ¶ And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon ẏ burnt offering, & the sin-offering, & the trespass offering.

40 And at the side without, ‖ as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables.

41 Four tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*.

42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the sacrifice.

43 And within *were* ‖ hooks, an hand broad, fastned round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.

44 ¶ And without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east-gate, *having* the prospect toward the north.

45 And he said unto me, This chamber whose prospect *is* towards the south *is* for the priests ‖ the keepers of the ‖ charge of the house.

46 And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests [i] the keepers of the charge of the altar. These *are* the sons of [k] Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.

47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, four-square; and the altar *that was* before the house.

48 ¶ And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

49 The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits: *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.

CHAP. XLI.

The measures, parts, chambers, and ornaments of the temple.

AFterward he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle.

2 And the breadth of the ‖ door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, fourty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door, seven cubits.

4 So [a] he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits before the temple. And he said unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.

5 After he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.

6 And the side-chambers *were* three, † one over another, and ‖ thirty in order: and they entred into the wall which *was* of the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might † have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

7 And † [b] *there was* an enlarging and a winding about still upward to the side-cham-

‖ Or, entrance.

[a] 1 Kin. 6. 20.

† Heb. *side-chamber over side-chamber.*

‖ Or, *three and thirty times or four.*

† Heb. *be holden.*

‖ Heb. *it was made broader & went round.*

[b] 1 K. 6. 8.

chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *chamber* to the highest by the midst.

8 I saw also the height of the house round about: the foundations of the side-chambers *were* [c] a full reed of six great cubits.

9 The thickness of the wall which *was* for the side-chamber without, *was* five cubits: and *that* which *was* left *was* the place of the side-chambers that *were* within.

10 And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty cubits round about the house on every side.

11 And the doors of the side-chambers *were* toward the *place that was* left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place *that was* left *was* five cubits round about.

12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place, at the end toward the west, *was* seventy cubits broad: and the wall of the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an hundred cubits long.

14 Also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building over against the separate place which *was* behind it, and the ‖ galleries thereof on the one side, and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the inner temple, and the porches of the court.

16 The door-posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door † cieled with wood round about, ‖ and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were* covered;

17 To that above the door, even unto the inner house and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by † measure.

18 And *it was* made with cherubims and palm trees, so that a palm tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub: and [d] *every* cherub had two faces;

19 So that the face of a man *was* toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the house round about.

20 From the ground unto above the door *were* cherubims and palm trees made, and *on* the wall of the temple.

21 The † posts of the temple *were* squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary; the appearance *of the one* as the appearance *of the other*.

22 The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits: and the corners thereof, and the length thereof, and the walls thereof *were* of wood. And he said unto me, This *is* [e] the table that *is* before the LORD.

23 And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors.

24 And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*.

25 And *there were* made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm-trees, like as *were* made upon the walls: and *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch without.

26 And *there were* narrow windows and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and *upon* the side-chambers of the house, and thick planks.

CHAP. XLII.

1 *The chambers for the priests.* 13 *The use thereof.* 19 *The measures of the outward court.*

THen he brought me forth into the utter court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was* over against the separate place, and which *was* before the building toward the north.

2 Before the length of an hundred cubits,

[c] Chap. 40. 5.

‖ Or, *several walks, or walks with pillars.*

† Heb. *ceiling of wood.*

‖ Or, *and the ground unto the windows.*

† Heb. *measure.*

[d] Chap. 1. 10.

† Heb. *posts.*

[e] Mal. 1. 7, 12.

bits *was* the north-door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits.

3 Over against the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and over against the pavement which *was* for the utter court, *was* gallery against gallery in three *stories*.

4 And before the chambers *was* a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

5 Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for the galleries || were higher then these, || then the lower and then the middlemost of the building.

6 For they *were* in three *stories*, but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the building* was straitned more then the lowest and the middlemost from the ground.

7 And the wall that *was* without over against the chambers, towards the utter court on the forepart of the chambers, the length thereof *was* fifty cubits.

8 For the length of the chambers that *were* in the utter court *was* fifty cubits: and lo, before the temple *were* an hundred cubits.

9 And || from under these chambers *was* || the entry on the east-side, || as one goeth into them from the utter court.

10 The chambers *were* in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, over against the separate place, and over against the building.

11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the chambers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their fashions, and according to their doors.

12 And according to the doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entreth into them.

13 ¶ Then said he unto me, The north-chambers *and* the south-chambers which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD [a] shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and [b] the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering: for the place *is* holy.

14 When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the utter court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and shall approach to *those things* which *are* for the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east, and measured it round about.

16 He measured the east-† side with the measuring-reed, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

17 He measured the north-side five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about.

18 He measured the south side five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 ¶ He turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed.

20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, [c] five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

CHAP. XLIII.

1 *The returning of the glory of God into the temple.* 7 *The sin of Israel hindred Gods presence.* 10 *The prophet exhorteth them to repentance, and observation of the law of the house.* 13 *The measures,* 18 *and the ordinances of the altar.*

AFterward he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that looketh toward the east.

2 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and [a] his voice *was* like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

3 And *it was* [b] according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw || when I came [c] to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell upon my face.

4 And

[b] Lev. 2. 3, 10. & 6. 17, 25, 29. & 7. 1.

† Heb. wind.

[c] Chap. 45. 2.

[a] Chap. 1. 24. Rev. 1. 15. & 14. 2. & 19. 1, 6.

[b] Chap. 1. 4. and 8. 4.

|| Or, when I came to prophesie that the city should be destroyed Sec ch. 9. 2, 5.

[c] Or see 1. 10.

4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect *is* toward the east.

5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court, and behold [d] the glory of the LORD filled the house.

[d] 1 K. 8. 10, 11.

6 And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and [e] the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.

[e] 1 Chr. 28. 2.

8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

‖ Or, *for there was but a wall between me and them.*

9 Now let them put away their whoredom and the carcases of their kings far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 ¶ Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.

‖ Or, *sum, or number.*

11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, shew them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof: and write *it* in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

12 This *is* the law of the house; Upon the top of the mountain, the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the house.

13 ¶ And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits. [f] The cubit *is* a cubit and an hand breadth: Even the † bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the † edge thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher place of the altar.

[f] Chap. 40. 5. & 41. 8.

† Heb. *bosom.*

† Heb. *lip.*

14 And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit.

15 So † the altar *shall be* four cubits; and from † the altar and upward *shall be* four horns.

† Heb. *Ariel, that is, The mountain of God.*

16 And the altar *shall be* twelve *cubits* long, twelve broad, square in the four squares thereof.

17 And the settle *shall be* fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof: and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit: and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about: and his stairs shall look toward the east.

18 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; These *are* the ordinances of the altar, in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock [g] for a sin offering.

[g] Exod. 29. 36, Lev. 8. 14, 15.

20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put *it* on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about. Thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house without the sanctuary.

22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse *it* with the bullock.

23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing *it*, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests [h] shall cast salt upon them,

[h] Lev. 2. 13.

them, and they shall offer them up *for* a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

26 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purifie it; and they shall † consecrate themselves.

27 And when these days are expired, it shall be *that* upon the eighth day and *so* forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your ‖ peace-offerings: and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 *The east-gate assigned onely to the prince.* 4 *The priests reproved for polluting of the sanctuary.* 9 *Idolaters uncapable of the priests office.* 15 *The sons of Zadok are accepted thereto.* 17 *Ordinances for the priests.*

THen he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut.

2 Then said the LORD unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it: because the LORD the God of Israel hath entred in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 *It is* for the prince: the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD: he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 ¶ Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face.

5 And the LORD said unto me, [b] Son of man, † mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof: and mark well the entring-in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,

7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* † strangers uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the bloud, and they have broken my covenant, because of all your abominations.

8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my ‖ charge in my sanctuary for your selves.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger uncircumcised in heart nor uncircumcised in flesh shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.

10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols, they shall even bear their iniquity.

11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministring to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering, and the sacrifice for the people, & they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

12 Because they ministred unto them before their idols, and † caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lift up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.

13 And they shall not come near unto me to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things in the most holy *place:* but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house for all ỹ service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 ¶ But the priests the Levites, [d] the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the bloud, saith the Lord GOD.

16 They

† Heb. *children of a stranger.* Lev. 22. 25.

‖ Or, *ward*, or, *ordinance:* so v. 14, & 16.

† Heb. *were for a stumbling-block of iniquity unto*, &c.

[d] Chap. 40. 46. & 43. 19.

16 They ſhall enter into my ſanctuary, and they ſhall come near to my table to miniſter unto me, and they ſhall keep my charge

17 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, [r] they ſhall be clothed with linen garments; and no wooll ſhall come upon them, whiles they miniſter in the gates of the inner court, and within.

18 They ſhall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and ſhall have linen breeches upon their loyns: they ſhall not gird *themſelves* ‖ † with any thing that cauſeth ſweat.

19 And when they go forth into the utter court, *even* into the utter court to the people, [t] they ſhall put off their garments wherein they miniſtred, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they ſhall put on other garments; and they ſhall [s] not ſanctifie the people with their garments.

20 [h] Neither ſhall they ſhave their heads, nor ſuffer their locks to grow long: they ſhall onely poll their heads.

21 [i] Neither ſhall any prieſt drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

22 [k] Neither ſhall they take for their wives a widow, or her that is † put away: but they ſhall take maidens of the ſeed of the houſe of Iſrael, or a widow † that had a prieſt before.

23 And [l] they ſhall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cauſe them to diſcern between the unclean and the clean.

24 And [m] in controverſie they ſhall ſtand in judgement, *and* they ſhall judge it according to my judgements: and they ſhall keep my laws and my ſtatutes in all mine aſſemblies; and they ſhall hallow my ſabbaths.

25 And [n] they ſhall come at no dead perſon to defile themſelves: but for father or for mother, or for ſon or for daughter, for brother, or for ſiſter that hath had no husband, they may defile themſelves.

26 And [o] after he is cleanſed, they ſhall reckon unto him ſeven days.

27 And in the day that he goeth into the ſanctuary, unto the inner court, to miniſter in the ſanctuary, he ſhall offer his ſin offering, ſaith the Lord GOD.

28 And it ſhall be unto them for an inheritance: I [p] *am* their inheritance. And ye ſhall give them no poſſeſſion in Iſrael: I *am* their poſſeſſion.

29 They ſhall eat the meat-offering, and the ſin-offering, and the treſpaſs-offering; and every ‖ dedicate thing in Iſrael ſhall be theirs.

30 And the ‖ [q] firſt of all the firſt-fruits of all *things*, and every oblation of all of every ſort of your oblations ſhall be the prieſts: ye [r] ſhall alſo give unto the prieſt the firſt of your dough, that he may cauſe the bleſſing to reſt in thine houſe.

31 [t] The prieſts ſhall not eat of any thing that is dead of it ſelf, or torn, whether it be fowl or beaſt.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *The portion of Land for the ſanctuary, 6 for the city, 7 and for the prince. 9 Ordinances for the prince.*

MOreover, when ye † ſhall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye ſhall [a] offer an oblation unto the LORD, † an holy portion of the land: the length *ſhall be* the length of five and twenty thouſand *reeds*, and the breadth *ſhall be* ten thouſand. This *ſhall be* holy in all the borders thereof round about.

2 Of this there ſhall be for the ſanctuary [b] five hundred *in length*, with five hundred *in breadth*, ſquare round about; & fifty cubits round about for the ‖ ſuburbs thereof.

3 And of this meaſure ſhalt thou meaſure the length of five and twenty thouſand, & the breadth of ten thouſand: and in it ſhall be the ſanctuary *and* the moſt holy *place*.

4 The holy *portion* of the land ſhall be for the prieſts the miniſters of the ſanctuary, which ſhall come near to miniſter unto the LORD: and it ſhall be a place for their houſes, and an holy place for the ſanctuary.

5 And the five and twenty thouſand of length and the ten thouſand of breadth ſhall alſo the Levites the miniſters of the houſe have for themſelves, for a poſſeſſion for twenty chambers.

6 ¶ And

[r] Exod. 28. 39, 40, 42. & 39. 28.

‖ Or, in ſweating places. † Heb. in, or, with ſweat. [t] Chap. 42. 14.

[s] Chap. 46. 20.

[h] Lev. 21. 5.

[i] Lev. 10. 9.

[k] Levit. 21. 7, 13. † Heb. thruſt forth. † Heb. from a prieſt.

[l] Lev. 10. 10, 11. ch. 22, 26. Mal. 2. 7.

[m] Deut. 17. 8. 2 Chr. 19. 10.

[n] Levit. 21. 1, 11.

[o] Num. 6. 10. & 19. 11.

[p] Num. 18. 20. Deut. 10. 9. & 12. 12. Joſh. 13. 33. ‖ Or, devoted.

[q] Exod. 22. 29. & 23. 19. Num. 18. 12. [r] Num. 15. 20. Neh. 10. 37. [t] Exod. 22. 31. Lev. 22. 8.

† Heb. a portion of land. [a] Chap. 48. 8. † Heb. holineſs.

[b] Chap. 42. 20. ‖ Or, land about it.

6 ¶ And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad and five and twenty thousand long over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.

7 ¶ And *a portion shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy *portion* and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy *portion* and before the possession of the city, from the west-side westward, and from the east-side east-ward: and the length *shall be* over against one of the portions, from the west-border unto the east-border.

8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and [c] my princes shall no more oppress my people; and *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgement and justice, take away your † exactions from the people, saith the Lord GOD.

10 [d] Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.

11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.

12 And [e] the shekel *shall be* twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels shall be your maneh.

13 This *is* the oblation that ye shall offer, the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley.

14 Concerning the ordinance of oyl, the bath of oyl, *ye shall offer* the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is* an homer of ten baths; for ten baths *are* an homer:

15 And one || lamb out of the flock out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for || peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.

16 All the people of the land † shall *give* this oblation || for the prince in Israel.

|| Or, with.

17 And it shall be the princes part *to give* burnt-offerings and meat-offerings and drink-offerings in the feasts and in the new-moons and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering and the meat-offering and the burnt-offering and the || peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.

|| Or, thank-offerings.

18 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first *moneth*, in the first *day* of the moneth, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and [f] cleanse the sanctuary.

[f] Lev. 16. 16.

19 And the priest shall take of the bloud of the sin-offering, and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.

20 And so thou shalt do the seventh *day* of the moneth for every one that erreth, and for *him that is* simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.

21 [g] In the first *moneth*, in the fourteenth day of the moneth, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

[g] Exod. 12. 3. Lev. 23. 5. Num. 9. 3. & 28. 17. Deut. 16. 1.

22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock *for* a sin-offering.

23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the LORD, seven bullocks, and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin-offering.

24 And he shall prepare a meat-offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oyl for an ephah.

25 [h] In the seventh *moneth*, in the fifteenth day of the moneth, shall he do the like in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meat-offering, and according to the oyl.

[h] Lev. 23. 33. Num. 29. 12. Deut. 16. 13.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 *Ordinances for the prince in his worship,* 9 *and for the people.* 16 *An order for the princes inheritance.* 19 *The courts for boyling and baking.*

THus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh

toward the east shall be shut the six working-days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new-moon it shall be opened.

2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut untill the evening.

3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new-moons.

4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath-day, *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

5 And the meat-offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat-offering for the lambs † as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oyl to an ephah.

† Heb. the gift of his hand.

6 And in the day of the new-moon *it shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram: they shall be without blemish.

7 And he shall prepare a meat-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram; and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oyl to an ephah.

8 And when ý prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 ¶ But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entreth in by the way of the north-gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south-gate; and he that entreth by the way of the south-gate shall go forth by the way of the north-gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over against it.

10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go forth, shall go forth.

11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat-offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oyl to an ephah.

12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace-offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings as he did on the sabbath-day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth, *one* shall shut the gate.

13 [a] Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt-offering unto the LORD *of* a lamb † of the first year without blemish: thou shalt prepare it † every morning.

[a] Exod. 29. 38. Num. 28. 3.
† Heb. a son of his year.
† Heb. morning by morning.

14 And thou shalt prepare a meat-offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oyl, to temper with the fine flour; a meat-offering continually, by a perpetual ordinance, unto the LORD.

15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat-offering, and the oyl, every morning, *for* a continual burnt-offering.

16 ¶ Thus saith the Lord GOD; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons, it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.

17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty; after, it shall return to the prince: but his inheritance shall be his sons for them.

18 Moreover, [b] the prince shall not take of the peoples inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

[b] Chap. 45. 8.

19 ¶ After, he brought me through the entry which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests which looked toward the north: & behold, there *was* a place on the two sides west-ward.

20 Then said he unto me, This *is* the place where the priests shall boyl the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meat-offering; that they

they bear *them* not out into the utter court, [c] to ſanctifie the people.

21 Then he brought me forth into the utter court, and cauſed me to paſs by the four corners of the court; and behold, † in every corner of the court *there was* a court.

22 In the four corners of the court *there were* courts || joyned of fourty *cubits* long, and thirty broad: theſe four † corners *were* of one meaſure.

23 And *there was* a row *of building* round about in them, round about them four, and *it was* made with boyling-places under the rows round about.

24 Then ſaid he unto me, Theſe *are* the places of them that boyl, where the miniſters of the houſe ſhall boyl the ſacrifice of the people.

CHAP. XLVII.

1 *The viſion of the holy waters.* 6 *The virtue of them.* 13 *The borders of the land.* 22 *The diviſion of it by lot.*

AFterward he brought me again unto the door of the houſe; and behold, waters iſſued out from under the threſhold of the houſe eaſt-ward: for the forefront of the houſe *ſtood* toward the eaſt, and the waters came down from under from the right ſide of the houſe, at the ſouth ſide of the altar.

2 Then brought he me out of the way of the gate north-ward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eaſt-ward; and behold, there ran out waters on the right ſide.

3 And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eaſt-ward, he meaſured a thouſand cubits, and he brought me through the waters: the † waters *were* to the ankles.

4 Again he meaſured a thouſand, and brought me through the waters: the waters *were* to the knees. Again he meaſured a thouſand, and brought me through: the waters *were* to the loyns.

5 Afterward he meaſured a thouſand; *and it was* a river that I could not paſs over: for the waters were riſen, † waters to ſwim in, a river that could not be paſſed over.

6 ¶ And he ſaid unto me, Son of man, haſt thou ſeen *this*? Then he brought me, and cauſed me to return to the brink of the river.

7 Now when I had returned, behold, [a] at the † bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one ſide and on the other.

8 Then ſaid he unto me, Theſe waters iſſue out toward the eaſt-countrey, and go down into the ||deſert, and go into the ſea: *which being* brought forth into the ſea, the waters ſhall be healed.

9 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth whitherſoever the † rivers ſhall come, ſhall live: and there ſhall be a very great multitude of fiſh, becauſe theſe waters ſhall come thither: for they ſhall be healed, and every thing ſhall live whither the river cometh.

10 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* the fiſhers ſhall ſtand upon it, from En-gedi even unto En eglaim; they ſhall be a *place* to ſpread forth nets: their fiſh ſhall be according to their kinds as the fiſh of [b] the great ſea, exceeding many.

11 But the miry places thereof and the mariſhes thereof || ſhall not be healed; they ſhall be given to ſalt.

12 And by the river upon ŷ bank thereof on this ſide and on that ſide ſhall † grow all trees for meat, [c] whoſe leaf ſhall not fade, neither ſhall the fruit thereof be conſumed: it ſhall bring forth || new fruit according to his moneths, becauſe their waters they iſſued out of the ſanctuary: and the fruit thereof ſhall be for meat, and [d] the leaf thereof || for medicine.

13 ¶ Thus ſaith the Lord GOD; This *ſhall be* the border whereby ye ſhall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Iſrael: Joſeph *ſhall have two* portions.

14 And ye ſhall inherit it, one as well as another; *concerning* the which I || [e] lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land ſhall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this *ſhall be* the border of ŷ land toward the north ſide. From the great ſea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;

16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which *is*

[c] Chap. 42. 13. & 44. 19. & 46. 20.

[a] Exod. 29. 38. Numb. 28. 3.

† Heb. a ſon of his year.

‖ Heb. morning by morning.

[b] Chap. 45. 8.

[a] Rev. 22. 2.

† Heb. lip.

‖ Or, plain.

† Heb. two rivers.

[b] Num. 34. 6.

‖ Or, and that which ſhall not be healed.

† Heb. come up.

[c] Job 8. 16. Pſa. 1. 3. Jer. 17. 8

‖ Or, principal.

[d] Rev. 22. 2.

‖ Or, for bruiſes & ſores.

[e] Or, ſware.

[c] Gen. 27. 7. & 17. 8. & 26. 3. & 28. 13.

between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; || Hazar-hatticon, which *is* by the coast of Hauran.

|| Or, the middle village.

17 And the border from the sea shall be [f] Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north north-ward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.

[f] Chap. 48. 1.

18 And the east side ye shall measure † from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And *this is* the east side.

† Heb. *from between.*

19 And the south-side south-ward from Tamar, *even* to the waters of || strife *in* Kadesh, the || river, to the great sea. And *this is* the south-side || south-ward.

|| Or, *Meribah.* || Or, *valley.*

20 The west-side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over against Hamath. This *is* the west-side.

|| Or, toward Teman.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.

22 ¶ And it shall come to pass *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel: they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

23 And it shall come to pass *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give *him* his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1, 23 The portions of the twelve tribes, 8 of the sanctuary, 15 of the city and suburbs, 21 and of the prince, 30 The dimensions and gates of the city.

NOw these *are* the names of the tribes. [a] From the north-end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus north-ward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east *and* west; † a *portion* for Dan.

[a] Chap. 47. 17.

† Heb. one portion.

2 And by ỹ border of Dan, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Asher.

3 And by the border of Asher, from the east-side even unto the west-side, a *portion* for Naphtali.

4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Manasseh.

5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east-side unto the west side, a *portion* for Judah.

6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east-side even unto the west-side, a *portion* for Reuben.

7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east-side unto the west-side, a *portion* for Judah.

8 ¶ And by the border of Judah, from the east-side unto the west-side, shall be [b] the offering which ye shall offer of five and twenty thousand *reeds in* breadth, and *in* length as one of the *other* parts, from the east-side unto the west-side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.

[b] Chap. 45. 1.

9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD *shall be* of five and twenty thousand in length and of ten thousand in breadth.

10 And for them, *even* for the priests, shall be *this* holy oblation, toward the north five and twenty thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.

11 [c] || *It shall be* for the priests *that are* sanctified, of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my || charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.

[c] Chap. 44. 15. || Or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests.

12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.

|| Or, ward, or ordinance.

13 And over against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five and twenty thousand in length and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five and twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.

14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.

15 ¶ And the five thousand *that are* left in the breadth over against the five and twenty

twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.

16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.

17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

18 And the residue in length over against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand east ward, and ten thousand west-ward: and it shall be over against the oblation of the holy *portion*: and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.

19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.

20 All the oblation *shall be* five and twenty thousand, by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.

21 ¶ And the residue *shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city over against the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east-border, and west-ward over against the five and twenty thousand toward the west-border, over against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.

22 Moreover, from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst *of that* which is the princes, between ỹ border of Judah & the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the east-side unto the west-side, Benjamin *shall have* † a *portion*. † Heb. one portion.

24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon *shall have* a *portion*.

25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east-side unto the west side, Issachar a *portion*.

26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a *portion*.

27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east-side unto the west-side, Gad a *portion*.

28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side south ward, the border shall be even from [d] Tamar *unto* the waters of †strife *in* Kadesh, *and* to the river toward the great sea. [d] Chap. 47.19. † Heb. Meribath-kadesh.

29 This *is* the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these *are* their portions, saith the Lord GOD.

30 ¶ And these *are* the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates north ward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi. [e] Rev. 21.12, &c.

32 And at the east-side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand *measures*: and the name of the city from that day *shall be*, † The LORD *is* there. † Heb. Jehovah-shammah

The book of DANIEL.

CHAP. I.

1 *Jehoiakims captivity.* 3 *Aſhpenaz taketh Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah.* 8 *They refuſing the kings portion, do proſper with pulſe and water.* 17 *Their excellency in wiſdom.*

IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah [a] came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jeruſalem, and beſieged it.

[a] 2 Kin. 24. 1. 2 Chr. 36. 6.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the veſſels of the houſe of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the houſe of his god; and he brought the veſſels into the treaſure houſe of his god.

3 ¶ And the king ſpake unto Aſhpenaz the maſter of his eunuchs, that he ſhould bring *certain* of the children of Iſrael, and of the kings ſeed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom *was* no blemiſh, but well-favoured, and skilfull in all wiſdom, and cunning in knowledge, and underſtanding ſcience, and ſuch as *had* ability in them to ſtand in the kings palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily proviſion of the kings meat, and of † the wine which he drank: ſo nouriſhing them three years, that at the end thereof they might ſtand before the king.

† Heb. *the wine of his drink.*

6 Now among theſe were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteſhazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Miſhael, of Meſhach; and to Azariah, of Abed nego.

8 ¶ But Daniel purpoſed in his heart that he would not defile himſelf with the portion of the kings meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requeſted of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himſelf.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs ſaid unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why ſhould he ſee your faces † worſe liking then the children which *are* of your ‖ ſort? then ſhall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king.

† Heb. *ſadder.* ‖ Or, *brow, or countenance.*

11 Then ſaid Daniel to ‖ Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had ſet over Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah,

‖ Or, *the ſteward.*

12 Prove thy ſervants, I beſeech thee, ten days; and let them give us † pulſe † to eat, and water to drink.

† Heb. *of pulſe.* † Heb. *that we may eat, &c.*

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the kings meat: and as thou ſeeſt, deal with thy ſervants.

14 So he conſented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in fleſh then all the children which did eat the portion of the kings meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they ſhould drink; and gave them pulſe.

17 ¶ As for theſe four children, God gave them [b] knowledge and skill in all learning and wiſdom: and ‖ Daniel had underſtanding in all viſions and dreams.

[b] Acts 7. 22. ‖ Or, *he made Daniel underſtand.*

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had ſaid he ſhould bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them: and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Miſhael, and Azariah: therefore ſtood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of † wiſdom *and* underſtanding that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better then all the magicians *and* aſtrologers that *were* in all his realm.

† Heb. *wiſdom of underſtanding.*

21 And Daniel continued *even* unto the firſt year of king [c] Cyrus.

[c] Chap. 6. 28.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

1 Nebuchadnezzar forgetting his dream, requireth it of the Chaldeans by promises and threatnings. 10 They acknowledging their inability, are judged to die. 14 Daniel obtaining some respite, findeth the dream. 19 He blesseth God. 24 He staying the decree, is brought to the king. 31 The dream. 36 The interpretation. 46 Daniels advancement.

AND in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

2 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came, and stood before the king.

3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.

4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, [a] O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be [b] † cut in pieces, and [c] your houses shall be made a dunghill.

6 But if ye shew the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and || rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream and the interpretation thereof.

7 They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it.

8 The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would † gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me.

9 But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof.

10 ¶ The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the kings matter; therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

11 And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

12 For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise-*men* of Babylon.

13 And the decree went forth that the wise-*men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

14 ¶ Then Daniel † answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the || † captain of the kings guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise-*men* of Babylon:

15 He answered and said to Arioch the kings captain, Why *is* the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.

16 Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation.

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah his companions;

18 That they would desire mercies † of the God of heaven concerning this secret; || that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise-*men* of Babylon.

19 ¶ Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night-vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

20 Daniel answered and said, [d] Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: [e] he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

22 [f] He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what *is* in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known

† Chald. returned. || Or, chief marshal. † Chald. chief of the executioners, or slaughter-men.

† Chald. from before God. || Or, that they should not destroy Daniel, &c.

[a] Dan. 7. 28. [b] Ezra 6. 11. || Or, he made Daniel understand. [c] Chap. 3. 29. 6. 24. [d] Psal. 113. 2. 115. 18. [e] Job 12. 18. [f] Job 12. 22.

unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the kings matter.

24 ¶ Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise-*men* of Babylon: he went, and said thus unto him, Destroy not the wise-*men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, † I have found a man of the † captives of Judah that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

† Chal. That I have found.
† Chald. children of the captivity of Judah.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

27 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise-*men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers shew unto the king:

28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and † maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

† Chald. hath made known.

29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts † came into *thy mind* upon thy bed what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known unto thee what shall come to pass.

† Chald. came up.

30 § But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more then any living, but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

§ So Gen. 41. 16. Act. 3. 12.

31 ¶ Thou, O king, † sawest, and behold, a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; & the form thereof *was* terrible.

† Cha'd. wast seeing.

32 [b] This images head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his || thighs of brass,

[b] Chap. 2. 3.

|| Or, sides.

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out || without hands, which smote the image upon his feet, *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

|| Or, which was not in hands, as ver. 45.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold broken to pieces together, and became [i] like the chaff of the summer-threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

[i] Hos. 13. 3.

36 ¶ This *is* the dream: & we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 [k] Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings; for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

[k] Ezra 7. 12. Jer. 27. 6, 7. & 28. 14. Ezek. 26. 7. Hab. 1. 10.

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou *art* this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferiour to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces, and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes part of potters clay and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly || broken.

Or, brittle.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixt with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave † one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

† Chald. this with this.

44 And in † the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up [l] a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the † kingdom shall not be left to other people,

[l] Ch. 11. their days. Chap. 2. 34. & 8. 25. & 9. 14, 27. Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33.
† Chald. kingdom thereof.

but

but it ſhall break in pieces and conſume all theſe kingdoms, and it ſhall ſtand for ever:

45 Foraſmuch as thou ſaweſt that [m] the ſtone was cut out of the mountain ‖ without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the braſs, the clay, the ſilver, and the gold. The great God hath made known to the king what ſhall come to paſs † hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof ſure.

46 ¶ Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and [n] worſhipped Daniel, and commanded that they ſhould offer an oblation and ſweet odours unto him.

47 The king anſwered unto Daniel, and ſaid, Of a truth *it is* that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of ſecrets, ſeeing thou couldſt reveal this ſecret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and [o] chief of the governours over all the wiſe *men* of Babylon.

49 Then Daniel requeſted of the king, and he ſet Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *ſat* in the gate of the king.

CHAP. III.

1 Nebuchadnezzar dedicateth a golden image in Dura. 8 Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego are accuſed for not worſhipping the image. 13 They being threatned, make a good confeſſion. 19 God delivereth them out of the furnace. 26 Nebuchadnezzar ſeeing the miracle, bleſſeth God.

NEbuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold whoſe height *was* threeſcore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof ſix cubits: he ſet it up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king ſent to gather together the princes, the governours, and the captains, the judges, the treaſurers, the counſellers, the ſheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up.

3 Then the princes, the governours, and captains, the judges, the treaſurers, the counſellers, the ſheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up. And they ſtood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had ſet up.

4 Then an herauld cried † aloud, To you † it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

5 *That* at what time ye hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, ‖ † dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick, ye fall down and worſhip the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath ſet up.

6 And whoſo falleth not down and worſhippeth, ſhall the ſame hour be caſt into the midſt of a burning fiery furnace.

7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, and all kinds of muſick, all the people, the nations, and the languages fell down *and* worſhipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had ſet up.

8 ¶ Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, & accuſed the Jews.

9 They ſpake and ſaid to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

10 Thou, O king, haſt made a decree that every man that ſhall hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick, ſhall fall down and worſhip the golden image:

11 And whoſo falleth not down and worſhippeth, *that* he ſhould be caſt into the midſt of a burning fiery furnace.

12 There are certain Jews whom thou haſt ſet over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego; theſe men, O king, have † not regarded thee: they ſerve not thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image which thou haſt ſet up.

13 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego. Then they brought theſe men before the king.

14 Nebuchadnezzar ſpake & ſaid unto them, *Is it* ‖ true, O Shadrach, Meſhach & Abed-nego? do not ye ſerve my gods, nor worſhip

[m] Or, which was not in hands as ver. 45.
Hoſ. 13. 3.
[n] Ezra 7. 12. Jer. 10. 6, 7. Ezek. 26. 7. Hab. 1. 10.
[o] Or, prince.
† Chald. this unto you it is.
† Chald. their days. Chap. 4. 3, 34. 5. 26. 6. 25. 7. 14, 27. Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33.
† Chald. kingdoms thereof.
† Chald. with might.
† Chald. they command.
‖ Or, ſinging.
† Chald. ſymphony.
† Chald. ſet no regard upon thee.
‖ Or, of purpoſe, as Exod. 21. 13.

ſhip the golden image which I have ſet up?

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the ſound of the cornet, flute, harp, ſackbut, pſaltery, & dulcimer, and all kinds of muſick ye fall down & worſhip the image which I have made, *well*: but if ye worſhip not, ye ſhall be caſt the ſame hour into the midſt of a burning fiery furnace: & who *is* ỳ God ỳ ſhall deliver you out of my hands?

16 Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego anſwered and ſaid to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, [a] we *are* not carefull to anſwer thee in this matter.

17 If it be ſo, our God, whom we ſerve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, ỳ we will not ſerve thy gods, nor worſhip the golden image wch thou haſt ſet up.

19 ¶ Then was Nebuchadnezzar † full of fury, and the form of his viſage was changed againſt Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego: *therefore* he ſpake, and commanded that they ſhould heat the furnace one ſeven times more then it was wont to be heat.

20 And he commanded the † moſt mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meſhach & Abed-nego, *and* to caſt *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then theſe men were bound in their ‖ coats, their hoſen, and their † hats, and their *other* garments, and were caſt into the midſt of the burning fiery furnace.

22 Therefore becauſe the kings † commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the ‖ flame of the fire ſlew thoſe men that took up Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego.

23 And theſe three men, Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midſt of the burning fiery furnace.

24 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was aſtonied and roſe up in haſte, *and* ſpake and ſaid unto his ‖ counſellers, Did not we caſt three men bound into the midſt of the fire? They anſwered and ſaid unto the king, True, O king.

25 He anſwered and ſaid, Lo, I ſee four men looſe walking in the midſt of the fire, and † they have no hurt: and the form of the fourth is like the ſon of God.

26 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the † mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* ſpake and ſaid, Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego, ye ſervants of the moſt high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego came forth of the midſt of the fire.

27 And the princes, governours and captains, and the kings counſellers being gathered together, ſaw theſe men, upon whoſe bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head ſinged, neither were their coats changed, nor the ſmell of fire had paſſed on them.

28 *Then* Nebuchadnezzar ſpake, & ſaid, Bleſſed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego, who hath ſent his angel, & delivered his ſervants, ỳ truſted in him, & have changed the kings word, and yeelded their bodies, that they might not ſerve nor worſhip any god except their own God.

29 Therefore † I make a decree, That every people, nation and language which ſpeak † any thing amiſs againſt the God of Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego, ſhall be [b] † cut in pieces, and their houſes ſhall be made a dunghill: becauſe there is no other God that can deliver after this ſort.

30 Then the king † promoted Shadrach, Meſhach and Abed-nego in the province of Babylon.

CHAP. IV.

1 Nebuchadnezzar confeſſeth Gods kingdom, 4 maketh relation of his dream, which the magicians could not interpret. 8 Daniel heareth the dream, 19 and interpreteth it. 28 The ſtory of the event.

NEbuchadnezzar the king unto all people, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

2 † I thought it good to ſhew the ſigns and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

3 How great *are* his ſigns! and how mighty *are* his wonders! his kingdom *is* [a] an everlaſting kingdom, and his dominion *is* from generation to generation.

4 ¶

[a] Mic. 4.9.

¶ Chald. filled.

† Chald. mighty of ſtrength.

‖ Or, mantles.

† Chald. word.

‖ Or, ſparks.

‖ Or, ſurveyours.

† Chald. there is no ſtarr in them.

† Chald. doors.

† Chald. a decree is made.

† Chald. cruell.

† Chald. make you.

† Chald. made a proſer.

† Chald. It was good ſeem you before me.

[a] Chap. 2. 44.

4 ¶ I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:
5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.
6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.
7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.
8 ¶ But at the last Daniel came in before me, [b] whose name *was* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my God, and in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, *saying*,
9 O Belteshazzar, [c] master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee, & no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.
10 Thus *were* the visions of mine head in my bed; [d] I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great.
11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, & the sight thereof to the end of all ỹ earth.
12 The leaves thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all: [e] the beasts of ỹ field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.
13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and [f] an holy one came down from heaven.
14 He cried † aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches.
15 Nevertheless, leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass in the tender grass of the field: and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass of the earth.
16 Let his heart be changed from mans, and let a beasts heart be given unto him: and let seven times pass over him.
17 This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.
18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods *is* in thee.
19 ¶ Then Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonied for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation thereof trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered, and said, My lord, [g] the dream *be* to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. [g] See Je. 29 7
20 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;
21 Whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation:
22 It *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth.
23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass in the tender grass of the field; & let it be wet with the dew of heaven, & *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him;
24 This *is* the interpretation, O king, and this *is* the decree of the most High, which

which is come upon my lord the king:

25 That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and [i] giveth it to whomsoever he will.

26 And whereas they commanded to leave ỹ stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.

27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be ‖ a lengthning of thy tranquillity.

28 ¶ All *this* came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At ỹ end of twelve moneths he walked ‖ in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 While ỹ word *was* in ỹ kings mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And[k] they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, untill thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles *feathers*, and his nails like birds *claws*.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lift up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, [l] whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation.

35 And[m] all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, [n] What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honor & brightness returned unto me, & my counsellers & my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extoll and honour the King of heaven, all whose works *are* truth, and his ways judgement: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

CHAP. V.

1 *Belshazzars impious feast.* 5 *A hand-writing, unknown to the magicians, troubleth the king.* 10 *At the commendation of the queen, Daniel is brought.* 17 *He reproving the king of pride and idolatry,* 25 *readeth and interpreteth the writing.* 30 *The monarchy is translated to the Medes.*

BElshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2 Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had † taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines might drink therein.

3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines drank in them.

4 They drunk wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 ¶ In the same hour came forth fingers of a mans hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the kings palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the kings † countenance † was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the ‖ joynts of his loyns were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

7 The

[i] Chap. 4. 25. &c.

[i] Jer. 27. 5.

‖ Or, an healing of mine error.

‖ Or, upon.

[k] Ver. 25.

[l] Chap. 4. 34. & 6. 26. Mic. 4. 7. Luke 1. 33.

[m] Isa. 40. 15, 17.

[n] Job 9. 12. Isa. 45. 9.

† Chald. brought forth.

† Chald. brightnesses.

† Chald. changed in.

‖ Or, girdles. † Chald. bindings or knots.

7 The king cried † aloud to bring in the aſtrologers, the Chaldeans, and the ſoothſayers. *And* the king ſpake and ſaid to the wiſe *men* of Babylon, Whoſoever ſhall read this writing, and ſhew me the interpretation thereof, ſhall be clothed with || ſcarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his neck, and ſhall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

8 Then came in all the kings wiſe *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

9 Then was king Belſhazzar greatly troubled, and his † countenance was changed in him, and his lords were aſtonied.

10 ¶ *Now* the queen, by reaſon of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet-houſe: *and* the queen ſpake and ſaid, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.

11 [a] There is a man in thy kingdom [b] in whom *is* the ſpirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy || father light and underſtanding and wiſdom like the wiſdom of the gods was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy || father, ỹ king, *I ſay*, thy father, made [c] maſter of the magicians, aſtrologers, Chaldeans, *and* ſoothſayers;

12 Foraſmuch as an excellent ſpirit, and knowledge, and underſtanding, || interpreting of dreams, and ſhewing of hard ſentences, & || diſſolving of † doubts were found in the ſame Daniel, [d] whom the king named Belteſhazzar. Now let Daniel be called, & he will ſhew the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. *And* the king ſpake and ſaid unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel which *art* of the children of ỹ captivity of Judah, whom the king my || father brought out of Jewry?

14 I have even heard of thee that the ſpirit of the gods *is* in thee, and *that* light and underſtanding and excellent wiſdom is found in thee.

15 And now the wiſe *men*, the aſtrologers, have been brought in before me, that they ſhould read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not ſhew the interpretation of the thing.

16 And I have heard of thee that thou canſt make † interpretations, and diſſolve doubts: now if thou canſt read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou ſhalt be clothed with ſcarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and ſhalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 ¶ Then Daniel anſwered and ſaid before the king, Let thy gifts be to thy ſelf, and give thy || rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O thou king, the moſt high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majeſty, and glory, and honour.

19 And for the majeſty that he gave him, all people, nations and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he ſlew, and whom he would he kept alive, and whom he would he ſet up, and whom he would he put down.

20 But [e] when his heart was liſted up, and his mind hardned || in pride, he was † depoſed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

21 And [f] he was driven from the ſons of men, & || his heart was made like the beaſts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild aſſes: they fed him with graſs like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the moſt high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomſoever he will.

22 And thou his ſon, O Belſhazzar, haſt not humbled thine heart, though thou knewеſt all this;

23 But haſt lifted up thy ſelf againſt the Lord of heaven, and they have brought the veſſels of his houſe before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines have drunk wine in them, and thou haſt praiſed the gods of ſilver and gold, of braſs, iron, wood, and ſtone, which ſee not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whoſe hand thy breath *is*, and whoſe *are* all thy ways, haſt thou not glorified.

24 Then

† Chald. interpret.

|| Or, *fee*, as Chap. 2. 6.

[e] Chap. 4. 30. || Or, *to deal proudly.* † Chald. *made to come down.*

[f] Chap. 4. 32. || Or, *he made his heart equal, &c.*

24 Then was the part of the hand ſent from him, and this writing was written.

25 ¶ And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing; MENE; God hath numbred thy kingdom, and finiſhed it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Perſians.

29 Then commanded Belſhazzar, and they clothed Daniel with ſcarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he ſhould be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 ¶ In that night was Belſhazzar the † Chald. he as the ſon of, &c. king of the Chaldeans ſlain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, † *being* ‖ about threeſcore and two year old. ‖ Or, now.

CHAP. VI.

1 Daniel is made chief of the preſidents. 4 They conſpiring againſt him, obtain an idolatrous decree. 10 Daniel accuſed of the breach thereof, is caſt into the lions den. 18 Daniel is ſaved, 24 his adverſaries devoured, 25 and God magnified by a decree.

IT pleaſed Darius to ſet over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which ſhould be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over theſe, three preſidents; of whom Daniel *was* firſt: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king ſhould have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the preſidents and princes, becauſe an excellent ſpirit *was* in him: and the king thought to ſet him over the whole realm.

4 ¶ Then the preſidents and princes ſought to find occaſion againſt Daniel concerning the kingdom: but they could find none occaſion nor fault; foraſmuch as he *was* faithfull, neither was there any errour or fault found in him.

5 Then ſaid theſe men, We ſhall not find any occaſion againſt this Daniel, except we find *it* againſt him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then theſe preſidents and princes ‖ aſſembled together to the king, and ſaid thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. ‖ Or, came tumultuouſly.

7 All the preſidents of the kingdom, the governours, and the princes, the counſellers and the captains have conſulted together to eſtabliſh a royal ſtatute, and to make a firm ‖ decree, that whoſoever ſhall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, ſave of thee, O king, he ſhall be caſt into the den of lions. ‖ Or, decreed.

8 Now, O king, eſtabliſh the decree, and ſign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the [a] law of the Medes and Perſians, which † altereth not. [a] Eſth. 1. 19. & 8. 8. † Chald. paſſeth not.

9 Wherefore king Darius ſigned the writing and the decree.

10 ¶ Now when Daniel knew that the writing was ſigned, he went into his houſe; and his windows being open in his chamber [b] toward Jeruſalem, he kneeled upon his knees [c] three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. [b] 1 Kin. 8. 44, 48. Dan. 9. 3. [c] Pſal. 55. 17.

11 Then theſe men aſſembled, and found Daniel praying and making ſupplication before his God.

12 Then they came near, and ſpake before the king concerning the kings decree; Haſt thou not ſigned a decree that every man that ſhall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, ſave of thee, O king, ſhall be caſt into the den of lions? The king anſwered, and ſaid, The thing *is* true, according to the law of the Medes and Perſians, which altereth not.

13 Then anſwered they and ſaid before the king, That Daniel which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou haſt ſigned, but maketh his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard *theſe* words, [d] was ſore diſpleaſed with himſelf, and ſet *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the ſun to deliver him. [d] So Mark 6. 26.

15 Then theſe men aſſembled unto the king, & ſaid unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Perſians *is*, that

that no decree nor ſtatute which the king eſtabliſheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and caſt *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king ſpake and ſaid unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou ſerveſt continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a ſtone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king ſealed it with his own ſignet and with the ſignet of his lords; that the purpoſe might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 ¶ Then the king went to his palace, and paſſed the night faſting: neither were || inſtruments of muſick brought before him, and his ſleep went from him.

19 Then the king aroſe very early in the morning, and went in haſte unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel. *And* the king ſpake and ſaid to Daniel, O Daniel, ſervant of the living God, is thy God whom thou ſerveſt continually able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 Then ſaid Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath ſent his angel, and hath ſhut the lions mouths, that they have not hurt me: foraſmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and alſo before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they ſhould take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, becauſe he beleeved in his God.

24 ¶ And the king commanded, and they brought thoſe men which had accuſed Daniel, and they caſt *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the maſtery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 ¶ Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations & languages that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and ſtedfaſt for ever, and his kingdom *that* which ſhall not be deſtroyed, and his dominion *ſhall be even* unto the end.

27 He delivereth and reſcueth, and he worketh ſigns and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the † power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel proſpered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Perſian.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Daniels viſion of four beaſts, 9 of Gods kingdom.*
15 *The interpretation thereof.*

IN the firſt year of Belſhazzar king of Babylon Daniel † had a dream, and viſions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream, *and* told the ſum of the || matters.

2 Daniel ſpake, and ſaid, I ſaw in my viſion by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven ſtrove upon the great ſea.

3 And four great beaſts came up from the ſea, divers one from another.

4 The firſt *was* like a lion, and had eagles wings: *and* I beheld till the wings thereof were pluckt, || and it was lifted up from the earth, and made ſtand upon the feet as a man, and a mans heart was given to it.

5 And behold, another beaſt, a ſecond like to a bear, and || it raiſed up it ſelf on one ſide, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they ſaid thus unto it, Ariſe, devour much fleſh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo, another like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl: the beaſt had alſo four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I ſaw in the night-viſions, and behold, a fourth beaſt, dreadfull and terrible, and ſtrong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and ſtamped the reſidue with the feet of it: and it *was* divers from all the beaſts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I conſidered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the firſt

first horns pluckt up by the roots: and behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, & a mouth speaking great things.

9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wooll: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: [b] thousand thousands ministred unto him, & ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgement was set, & the [c] books were opened.

11 I beheld then, because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet † their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night-visions, and behold, one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve him: [d] his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 ¶ I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my † body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things:

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the † most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was divers from † all the others, exceeding dreadfull, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout then his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn [e] made war with the saints, & prevailed against them;

22 Untill the Ancient of days came, and judgement was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be divers from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And [f] the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them, and he shall be divers from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And [g] he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand, untill a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgement shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And the [h] kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of ỹ saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all ‖ dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Daniel's vision of the ram and he-goat. 13 The two thousand three hundred days of sacrifice. 15 Gabriel comforteth Daniel, and interpreteth the vision.

IN the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even

[b] 1 Kin. 22. 19. Psal. 68. 17. Rev. 5. 11.
[c] Rev. 20. 12
† Chald. and prolonging of life was given them
[d] Chap. 2. 44. Mic. 4. 7. Luk. 1. 33.
† Chald. flesh.
† Chald. highnesses, that is, things, or places.
† Chald. from all those.
[e] Rev. 11. 7. 13. 7.
[f] Ver. 7, 8.
[g] Chap. 7. 24, 25. 11. 36. Mac. 1. 46.
[h] Luke 1. 33.
‖ Or, rulers.
Ver. 1 Chap. 7. 27. & 10.

even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first.

2 And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass when I saw that I *was* at Shushan *in* the palace which *is* in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns *were* high, but one *was* higher then the † other, and the higher came up last.

4 I saw the ram pushing west-ward, and north-ward, and south-ward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* that could deliver out of his hand, but [a] he did according to his will, and became great.

5 And as I was considering, behold, an he-goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and || touched not the ground: and the goat *had* † a notable horn between his eyes.

6 And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns, and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

8 Therefore the he-goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones [b] toward the four winds of heaven.

9 And out of one of them [c] came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great toward the south, and toward the east and toward the [d] pleasant *land*.

10 And it waxed great *even* || to the host of heaven; and [e] it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even || to the prince of the host, and || by him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.

12 And || an host was given *him* against the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground, and it practised, and prospered.

13 ¶ Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto || † that certain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision *concerning* the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression || of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred † days: then shall the sanctuary be † cleansed.

15 ¶ And it came to pass when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a mans voice between *the banks of* Ulai, which called, and said, [g] Gabriel, make this *man* to understand the vision.

17 So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end *shall be* the vision.

18 Now [h] as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and † set me upright.

19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end *shall be*.

20 The ram which thou sawest having two horns, *are* the kings of Media and Persia.

21 And the rough goat *is* the king of Grecia: and the great horn that *is* between his eyes, is the first king.

22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressours are † come to the full, a king of fierce countenance,

|| Or, *the host was given over for the transgression against the daily sacrifice.*

|| *the number-er of secrets, or the wonderfull numberer*

† Heb. *Palmoni.*

|| Or, *making desolate.*

† Heb. *evening, morning.*

† Heb. *justified.*

[g] Chap. 9. 21. Luke 1. 26.

[h] Chap. 10 9. Luke 9. 32.

† Heb. *made me stand upon my standing.*

† Heb. *accomplished.*

and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty, and the † holy people.

† Heb. people of the holy ones.

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnifie *himself* in his heart, and by ‖ peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes: but [i] he shall be broken without hand.

‖ Or, prosperity.

[i] 2 Mac. 9. 9.

26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore [k] shut thou up the vision; for it *shall be* for many days.

[k] Chap. 12. 4.

27 And [l] I Daniel fainted and was sick *certain* days: afterward I rose up and did the kings business: and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood *it*.

[l] Chap. 7. 28. & 10. 8, 16.

CHAP. IX.

1 Daniel considering the time of the captivity, 3 maketh confession of sins, 16 and prayeth for the restauration of Jerusalem. 20 Gabriel informeth him of the seventy weeks.

IN the first year of [a] Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, ‖ which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

[a] Chap. 5. 31. & 6. 28.

‖ Or, *in which he*, &c.

2 In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years whereof the word of the LORD came to [b] Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

[b] Jer. 25. 12. & 29. 10.

3 ¶ And I set my face unto the Lord God to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O [c] Lord, the great and dreadfull God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

[c] Deut. 7. 9. Neh. 1. 5. & 9. 32.

5 [d] We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgements.

[d] Ps. 106. 6. Isa. 64. 5, 6. Jer. 3. 25.

6 Neither have we hearkned unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness ‖ *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are* near, and *that are* far off, through all the countreys whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

‖ Or, *belonged*, &c.

8 O Lord, [e] to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

[e] Ezra 9. 7.

9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him.

10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing that they might not obey thy voice: therefore [f] the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that *is* written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.

[f] Jer. 26. 14, &c. Deut. 28. & 29. 20, &c. & 30. 7, 19, &c. Lam. 2. 17. [h] Lam. 1. 12. & 2. 13.

12 And [g] he hath confirmed his words which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for [h] under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

[g] Jer. 44. 25, 26.

13 As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet † made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.

† Heb. *intreated we not the face of the*, &c.

14 Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.

15 And now, O Lord our God, [i] that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast † gotten thee [k] renown as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

[i] Exod. 6. 1, 6. 32. 11. † Heb. *made a name*. [k] Exod. 9. 16.

16 ¶ O Lord, according to all thy righteousnesses,

teouſneſs, I beſeech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jeruſalem, thy holy mountain: becauſe for our ſins and for the iniquities of our fathers Jeruſalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us.

17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy ſervant, and his ſupplications, and cauſe thy face to ſhine upon thy ſanctuary *that is* deſolate, for the Lords ſake.

18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our deſolations, and the city † which is called by thy name: for we do not † preſent our ſupplications before thee for our righteouſneſſes, but for thy great mercies.

19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken, and do; defer not, for thine own ſake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

20 ¶ And whiles I was ſpeaking, and praying, and confeſſing my ſin and the ſin of my people Iſrael, and preſenting my ſupplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;

21 Yea, whiles I *was* ſpeaking in prayer, even the man [m] Gabriel, whom I had ſeen in the viſion at the beginning, being cauſed to fly † ſwiftly, [n] touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and ſaid, O Daniel, I am now come forth to † give thee ſkill and underſtanding.

23 At the beginning of thy ſupplications the † commandment came forth, and I am come to ſhew *thee*: for thou *art* † greatly beloved: therefore underſtand the matter, and conſider the viſion.

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, to ‖ finiſh the tranſgreſſion, & to ‖ make an end of ſins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlaſting righteouſneſs, and to ſeal up the viſion and † propheſie, and to anoint the moſt Holy.

25 Know therefore and underſtand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to reſtore and to build Jeruſalem unto the Meſſiah the prince, *ſhall be* ſeven weeks; and threeſcore and two weeks the ſtreet ſhall † be built again, and the ‖ wall, even † in troublous times.

26 And after threeſcore and two weeks ſhall Meſſiah be cut off, ‖ but not for himſelf: and the people of the prince that ſhall come ſhall deſtroy the city and the ſanctuary; and the end thereof *ſhall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war ‖ deſolations are determined.

27 And he ſhall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midſt of the week he ſhall cauſe the ſacrifice and the oblation to ceaſe, and ‖ for the overſpreading of [o] abominations, he ſhall make *it* deſolate, even untill the conſummation, and that determined, ſhall be poured upon the deſolate.

CHAP. X.

1 Daniel having humbled himſelf, ſeeth a viſion. 10 Being troubled with fear, he is comforted by the angel.

IN the third year of Cyrus king of Perſia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whoſe name was called Belteſhazzar; and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* † long: and he underſtood the thing, and had underſtanding of the viſion.

2 In thoſe days I Daniel was mourning three † full weeks.

3 I ate no † pleaſant bread, neither came fleſh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint my ſelf at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

4 And in the four and twentieth day of the firſt moneth, as I was by the ſide of the great river, which *is* [a] Hiddekel;

5 Then I lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, † a certain man clothed in linen, whoſe loyns *were* [b] girded with fine gold of Uphaz.

6 His body alſo *was* like the beryll, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to poliſhed braſs, and [c] the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

7 And I Daniel alone ſaw the viſion:

† Heb. return and be built.
‖ Or, breach, or ditch.
† Heb. in ſtrait of times.
‖ Or, and ſhall have nothing.
‖ Or, ſhall be cut off by deſolations.
‖ Or, with the abominable armies
° Mat. 24. 15. Mark. 13. 14. Luke 21. 20.
† Heb. great.
† Heb. weeks of days.
† Heb. bread of deſires.
[a] Gen. 2. 14.
† Heb. one man.
[c] Rev. 1. 13, 14, 15.
[c] Ezek. 1. 24.

for [d] the men that were with me ſaw not the viſion; but a great quaking fell upon them, ſo that they fled to hide themſelves.

8 Therefore I was left alone, and ſaw this great viſion, and there remained no ſtrength in me: for my || [e] comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no ſtrength.

9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then [f] was I in a deep ſleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

10 ¶ And behold, [g] an hand touched me, which † ſet me upon my knees, and *upon* the palms of my hands.

11 And he ſaid unto me, O Daniel, [h] † a man greatly beloved, underſtand the words that I ſpeak unto thee, and † ſtand upright: for unto thee am I now ſent. And when he had ſpoken this word unto me, I ſtood trembling.

12 Then ſaid he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the firſt day that thou didſt ſet thine heart to underſtand, and to chaſten thy ſelf before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Perſia withſtood me one and twenty days: but lo, Michael || one of the chief princes came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Perſia.

14 Now I am come to make thee underſtand what ſhall befall thy people in the latter days: for [i] yet the viſion *is* for *many* days.

15 And when he had ſpoken ſuch words unto me, I ſet my face toward the ground, and I became dumb.

16 And behold, *one* like the ſimilitude of the ſons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and ſpake, and ſaid unto him that ſtood before me, O my lord, by the viſion my ſorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no ſtrength.

17 For how can || the ſervant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, ſtraightway there remained no ſtrength in me, neither is there breath left in me.

18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance of a man, and he ſtrengthned me,

19 And ſaid, [k] O man greatly beloved, fear not; peace *be* unto thee, be ſtrong, yea, be ſtrong. And when he had ſpoken unto me, I was ſtrengthned, and ſaid, Let my lord ſpeak: for thou haſt ſtrengthned me.

20 Then ſaid he, Knoweſt thou wherefore I come unto thee? And now will I return to fight with the prince of Perſia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia ſhall come.

21 But I will ſhew thee *that which is* noted in the ſcripture of truth: and *there is* none that † holdeth with me in theſe things but Michael your prince.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The overthrow of Perſia by the king of Grecia.* 5 *Leagues and conflicts between the kings of the ſouth and of the north.* 30 *The invaſion and tyranny of the Romanes.*

ALſo I in the firſt year of [a] Darius the Mede, *even* I, ſtood to confirm and to ſtrengthen him.

2 And now will I ſhew thee the truth. Behold, there ſhall ſtand up yet three kings in Perſia, and the fourth ſhall be far richer then *they* all: and by his ſtrength through his riches he ſhall ſtir up all againſt the realm of Grecia.

3 And [b] a mighty king ſhall ſtand up, that ſhall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

4 And when he ſhall ſtand up, his kingdom ſhall be broken, and ſhall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his poſterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom ſhall be pluckt up, even for others beſides thoſe.

5 ¶ And the king of the ſouth ſhall be ſtrong, and *one* of his princes: and he ſhall be ſtrong above him, and have dominion; his dominion *ſhall be* a great dominion.

6 And in the end of years they ſhall † joyn themſelves together: for the kings daughter of the ſouth ſhall come to the king of the

a Acts 9. 7.
|| Or, vigour.
e Chap. 7. 28.
f Chap. 8. 18.
g Chap. 9. 21. Rev. 1. 17.
† Heb. moved.
h Chap. 9. 23.
† Heb. a man of deſires.
† Heb. ſtand upon thy ſtanding.
|| Or, the firſt.
i Hab. 2. 3.
|| Or, this ſervant of my lord.
k Ver. 11.
† Heb. ſtrengthneth himſelf.
a Chap. 5. 31.
b Chap. 8. 4.
† Heb. aſſociate themſelves.

the north to make † an agreement: but ſhe ſhall not retain the power of the arm; neither ſhall he ſtand, nor his arm: but ſhe ſhall be given up, and they that brought her, and ‖ he that begat her, and he that ſtrengthned her in *theſe* times.

7 But out of a branch of her roots ſhall *one* ſtand up in his eſtate, which ſhall come with an army, and ſhall enter into the fortreſs of the king of the north, and ſhall deal againſt them, and ſhall prevail;

8 And ſhall alſo carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, *and* with † their precious veſſels of ſilver and of gold: and he ſhall continue *mo* years then the king of the north.

9 So the king of the ſouth ſhall come into *his* kingdom, and ſhall return into his own land.

10 But his ſons ‖ ſhall be ſtirred up, and ſhall aſſemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* ſhall certainly come, and overflow, and paſs through: then ſhall he return, and be ſtirred up *even* to his fortreſs.

11 And the king of the ſouth ſhall be moved with choler, and ſhall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the north: and he ſhall ſet forth a great multitude; but the multitude ſhall be given into his hand.

12 *And* when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart ſhall be lifted up, and he ſhall caſt down *many* ten thouſands; but he ſhall not be ſtrengthned *by it*.

13 For the king of the north ſhall return, and ſhall ſet forth a multitude greater then the former, and ſhall certainly come † after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

14 And in thoſe times there ſhall many ſtand up againſt the king of the ſouth: alſo the † robbers of thy people ſhall exalt themſelves to eſtabliſh the viſion; but they ſhall fall.

15 So the king of the north ſhall come, and caſt up a mount, and take the † moſt fenced cities: and the arms of the ſouth ſhall not withſtand, neither † his choſen people, neither *ſhall there be any* ſtrength to withſtand.

16 But he that cometh againſt him ſhall do according to his own will, and none ſhall ſtand before him: and he ſhall ſtand in [c]the ‖† glorious land, which by his hand ſhall be conſumed.

17 He ſhall alſo ſet his face to enter with the ſtrength of his whole kingdom, and ‖ upright ones with him; thus ſhall he do: and he ſhall give him the daughter of women, † corrupting her: but ſhe ſhall not ſtand *on his ſide*, neither be for him.

18 After this ſhall he turn his face unto the iſles, and ſhall take many: but a prince † for his own behalf ſhall cauſe † the reproach offered by him to ceaſe; without his own reproach he ſhall cauſe *it* to turn upon him.

19 Then he ſhall turn his face towards the fort of his own land: but he ſhall ſtumble, and fall, and not be found.

20 Then ſhall ſtand up in his eſtate † a raiſer of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he ſhall be deſtroyed, neither in † anger, nor in battel.

21 And in his eſtate ſhall ſtand up a vile perſon, to whom they ſhall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he ſhall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

22 And with the arms of a flood ſhall they be overflown from before him, and ſhall be broken; yea, alſo the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league *made* with him he ſhall work deceitfully: for he ſhall come up, and ſhall become ſtrong with a ſmall people.

24 He ſhall enter ‖ peaceably even upon the fatteſt places of the province: and he ſhall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers fathers; he ſhall ſcatter among them the prey and ſpoil, and riches: *yea*, and he ſhall † forecaſt his devices againſt the ſtrong holds, even for a time.

25 And he ſhall ſtir up his power and his courage againſt the king of the ſouth with a great army: and the king of the

† Chap. 8. 9.
‖ Or, goodly land.
† Heb. land of ornament
Or, each uprigheneſs: or equalities.
† Heb. to corrupt her.
† He. for him.
† Heb. his reproach.
† Heb. one that cauſeth an exactor to paſs over.
† Heb. angers.
‖ Or, into the peaceable and fat, &c.
† Heb. think his thoughts.

south shall be stirred up to battel with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings † hearts *shall be* to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end *shall be* at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart *shall be* against the holy covenant: and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.

29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 ¶ For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do, he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake ỹ holy covenant.

31 And arms shall stand on his part, and [d] they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that || maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he || corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil *many* days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And *some* of them of understanding shall fall to [e] try || them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it is* yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will, and he shall exalt himself, and magnifie himself above every god, and [f] shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

37 Neither shall he regard the god of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnifie himself above all.

38 But in his estate shall he honour the God of || † forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not, shall he honour with gold and silver, and with precious stones, and † pleasant things.

39 Thus shall he do in the † most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge *and* increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for † gain.

40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countreys, and shall overflow and pass over.

41 He shall enter also into the || † glorious land, and many *countreys* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

42 He shall † stretch forth his hand also upon the countreys: and the land of Egypt shall not escape;

43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: & the Libyans and the Ethiopians *shall be* at his steps.

44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the || † glorious holy mountain: yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAP. XII.

1 Michael shall deliver Israel from their troubles. 5 Daniel is informed of the times.

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for

[a] Heb. *hearts, hearts.*

[d] 1 Chap. 8. 11. & 12. 11. 1 Macc. 1. 39. 4

[e] Chap. 11. 35. 12. 10. Or, *to try them.*

[f] Chap. 7. 8 & 8. 25.

Or, *mauzzim*, or, *as for the almighty God, in his seat he shall honour, yea, he shall honour a God*, &c.

† Heb. *things desired.*

† Heb. *fortresses of munitions.*

† Heb. *a price.*

|| Or, *goodly land.*

† Heb. *land of delight*, or, *ornament.*

† Heb. *send forth.*

|| Or, *goodly.*

† Heb. *mountain of delight of holiness.*

for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one *that shall be* found written in [a] the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, [b] some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be || wise shall [c] shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

4 [d] But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 ¶ Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the † bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And *one* said to the man clothed in [e] linen, which *was* || upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?

7 And [f] I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever, that *it shall be* for a time, times, and || an half: and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not. Then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for [g] the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 [h] Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time *that* [i] the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and [k] the abomination that || maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed *is* he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end *be*: || for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

a Ezek. 13. 9. Psal. 69. 28. Isa. 4. 3. Dan. 12. 1. Mal. 3. 16. Rev. 3. 5. & 13. 8. & 17. 8. & 20. 12. & 21. 27.

|| Or, wise men.

b Dan. 12. 2. John 5. 29.

c Matt. 13. 43. Phil. 2. 15.

|| Heb. Maskim, or, as for the almighty God, in his fear he shall honour, &c. he shall honour a God, &c.

d Dan. 8. 26. & 12. 9.

|| Or, many shall run to and fro.

e Chap. 12. 6.

|| Heb. from above.

f Chap. 12. 7.

† Heb. banks.

|| Heb. from above.

g Chap. 8. 26. & 12. 9.

h Chap. 11. 35. Zech. 13. 9.

i Chap. 8. 11.

k Chap. 11. 31.

|| Heb. to set up the abomination, &c.

|| Or, after whom.

|| Or, and thou, &c.

HOSEA.

CHAP. I.

1 *Hosea, to shew Gods judgement for spiritual whoredom taketh Gomer,* 4 *and hath by her Jezreel,* 6 *Lo-ruhamah,* 8 *and Lo-ammi.* 10 *The restauration of Judah and Israel.*

THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz *and* Hezekiah kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel.

2 The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, [a] Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD.

3 So he went, and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

4 And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel: for yet a little *while* and I will † avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

5 And it shall come to pass at that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

6 ¶ And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And *God* said unto him, Call her name || Lo-ruhamah: for † I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; || but I will utterly take them away.

a Chap. 3. 1.

|| Or, part.

† Heb. visit.

|| That is, Not having obtained mercy.

† Heb. I will not add any more to.

|| Or, that I should altogether pardon them.

7 But I will have mercy upon the houſe of Judah, and will ſave them by the LORD their God, & [b] will not ſave them by bowe, nor by ſword, nor by battel, by horſes, nor by horſemen.

8 ¶ Now when ſhe had weaned Lo-ruhamah, ſhe conceived, and bare a ſon.

9 Then ſaid *God*, Call his name ‖ Lo-ammi: for ye *are* not my people, and I will not be your *God*.

10 ¶ Yet [c] the number of the children of Iſrael ſhall be as the ſand of the ſea, which cannot be meaſured nor numbred: [d] and it ſhall come to paſs *that* ‖ in the place where it was ſaid unto them, Ye *are* not my people, *there* it ſhall be ſaid unto them, *Ye are* the ſons of the living God.

11 [e] Then ſhall the children of Judah and the children of Iſrael be gathered together, and appoint themſelves one head, and they ſhall come up out of the land: for great *ſhall be* the day of Jezreel.

CHAP. II.

1 *The idolatry of the people.* 6 *Gods judgements againſt them.* 14 *His promiſes of reconciliation with them.*

SAy ye unto your brethren, ‖ Ammi; and to your ſiſter, ‖ Ruhamah.

2 Plead with your mother, plead: for [a] ſhe *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her huſband: let her therefore put away her [b] whoredoms out of her ſight, and her adulteries from between her breaſts;

3 Leſt I ſtrip her naked, and ſet her as in the day that ſhe was [c] born, and make her as a wilderneſs, and ſet her like a dry land, and ſlay her with thirſt.

4 And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they *be* the children of whoredoms.

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: ſhe that conceived them hath done ſhamefully: for ſhe ſaid, I will go after my lovers, [d] that give *me* my bread and my water, my wooll and my flax, mine oyl and my † drink.

6 ¶ Therefore behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and † make a wall, that ſhe ſhall not find her paths.

7 And ſhe ſhall follow after her lovers, but ſhe ſhall not overtake them; and ſhe ſhall ſeek them, but ſhall not find *them*: then ſhall ſhe ſay, I will go and return to my firſt huſband; for then *was it* better with me then now.

8 For ſhe did not know that I gave her corn and † wine and oyl, and multiplied her ſilver and gold, ‖ *which* they prepared for Baal.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the ſeaſon thereof, and will ‖ recover my wooll and my flax *given* to cover her nakedneſs.

10 And now [e] will I diſcover her † lewdneſs in the ſight of her lovers, and none ſhall deliver her out of mine hand.

11 I will alſo cauſe all her mirth to ceaſe, her feaſt-days, her new-moons, and her ſabbaths, and all her ſolemn feaſts.

12 And I will † deſtroy her vines and her fig-trees, whereof ſhe hath ſaid, Theſe *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me: and [f] I will make them a foreſt, and the beaſts of the field ſhall eat them.

13 And I will viſit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein ſhe burnt incenſe to them, and ſhe decked her ſelf with her ear-rings and her jewels, and ſhe went after her lovers, and forgat me, ſaith the LORD.

14 ¶ Therefore behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderneſs, and ſpeak ‖ † comfortably unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and ſhe ſhall ſing there as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when ſhe came up out of the land of Egypt.

16 And it ſhall be at that day, ſaith the LORD, *that* thou ſhalt call me ‖ Iſhi; and ſhalt call me no more ‖ Baali.

17 For [g] I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they ſhall no more be remembred by their name.

18 And in that day will I make a [h] covenant for them with the beaſts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and *with* the creeping things of the ground: and

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[b] Zech. 4. 6. & 9. 10.

‖ That is, *Not my people.*

[c] Gen. 32. 12.

[d] Rom. 9. 25, 26. 1 Pet. 2. 10.

‖ Or, *in ſtead of that.*

[e] Iſa. 11. 13. Jer. 3. 18. Ezek. 34. 23. & 37. 16, 22.

‖ That is, *My people.*

‖ That is, *Having obtained mercy.*

[a] Iſa. 50. 1.

[b] Ezek. 16. 25.

[c] Ezek. 16. 4.

[d] Jer. 44. 17.

† Heb. *drinke.*

† Heb. *wall a wall.*

† Heb. *new wine.*

‖ Or, *wherewith they made Baal.*

‖ Or, *take away.*

[e] Ezek. 16. 37. & 23. 29.

† Heb. *folly, or villany.*

† Heb. *make deſolate.*

[f] Pſal. 80. 12, 13. Iſa. 5. 5.

‖ Or, *friendly.*

† Heb. *to her heart.*

‖ That is, *My huſband.*

‖ That is, *My lord.*

[g] Exod. 23. 13. Joſh. 23. 7. Pſal. 16. 4. Zech. 13. 2.

[h] Job 5. 23. Iſa. 11. 6. Ezek. 34. 25.

and [i] I will break the bowe and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in loving kindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and [k] thou shalt know the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day; [l] I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens; and they shall hear the earth;

22 And the earth shall hear the corn and the wine and the oyl; and they shall hear Jezreel.

23 And I will sowe her unto me in the earth, and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and [m] I will say to *them which were* not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

CHAP. III.

1 *By the expiation of an adultress 4 is shewed the desolation of Israel before their restauration.*

THen said the LORD unto me, [a] Go yet, love a woman beloved of *her* friend, yet an adultress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and love flagons of † wine.

2 So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and *for* an homer of barley, and an † half homer of barley:

3 And I said unto her, Thou shalt [b] abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be for *another* man: so *will* I also *be* for thee.

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days [c] without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without † an image, and without an ephod, and *without* teraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and [d] David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the [e] latter days.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Gods judgements against the sins of the people, 6 and of the priest, 12 and against their idolatry. 25 Judah is exhorted to take warning by Israels calamity.*

HEar the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for [a] the LORD hath a controversie with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, & committing adultery, they break out, and † bloud toucheth bloud.

3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people *are* as they that strive with the priest.

5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will † destroy thy mother.

6 ¶ My people are † destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: *therefore* [b] will I change their glory into shame.

8 They eat up the sin of my people, and they † set their heart on their iniquity.

9 And [c] there shall be like people, like priest: and I will † punish them for their ways, and † reward them their doings.

10 For [d] they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

11 Whoredom, and wine, and new wine take away the heart.

12 ¶ My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for [e] the spirit of whoredoms hath caused *them* to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

13 [f] They

† Heb. new wine. ‖ Or, wherewith they made Baal. ‖ Or, make afraid.

[c] Ezek. 16. 37. & 23. 29. † Heb. folly, or villany.

† Heb. make desolate.

[e] Psal. 81. 12, 13. Isa. 5, 5.

‖ Or, friendly. † Heb. to her heart.

‖ That is, My husband. ‖ That is, My lord. [a] Exod. 23. 13. Josh. 23. 7. Psal. 16. 4. Zech. 13. 2. [b] Job 5. 23. Isa. 11. 6. Ezek. 34. 25.

[a] Isa. 1. 18. & 3. 13. Jer. 25. 31. Chap. 12. 2. Mic. 6. 2.

† Heb. bloods.

† Heb. cut off.

† Heb. cut off.

[b] Phil. 3. 19.

† Heb. lift up their soul to their iniquity. [a] Isa. 24. 2.

† Heb. lift up. ‖ Heb. cause to return. [d] Levit. 26. 26. Mic. 6. 14. Hag. 1. 6.

[e] Chap. 5. 4.

13 [f] They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks, and poplars, and elms, because the shadow thereof *is* good: therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your spouses shall commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your spouses when they commit adultery: for themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots: therefore the people *that* doth not understand shall fall.

15 ¶ Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* let not Judah offend: and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to [g] Bethaven; [h] nor swear, The LORD liveth.

16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

17 Ephraim *is* joyned to idols: let him alone.

18 Their drink † is sowre: they have committed whoredom continually: [i] her † rulers *with* shame do love, Give ye.

19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAP. V.

1 Gods judgements against the priests, the people, and the princes of Israel for their manifold sins, 15 until they repent.

HEar ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king: for judgement *is* toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

2 And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, ‖ though I *have been* † a rebuker of them all.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, *and* Israel is defiled.

4 † They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for [a] the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

5 And [b] the pride of Israel doth testifie to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6 [c] They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *him*: he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a moneth devour them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, *and* the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud *at* Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that [d] remove the bound: *therefore* I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11 Ephraim *is* oppressed *and* broken in judgement, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12 Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as ‖ rottenness.

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then went Ephraim [e] to the Assyrian, and sent ‖ to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For [f] I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear, and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.

15 ¶ I will go *and* return to my place, † till [g] they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

CHAP. VI.

1 An exhortation to repentance. 4 A complaint of their untowardness and iniquity.

COme, and let us return unto the LORD: for [a] he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2 [b] After two days will he revive us, in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared

[f] Heb. 1. 29. & 57. 5. [7]. Ezek. 6. 13. & 20. 28.

‖ Or, Shall I go, &c.

‖ Or, be punished.

[g] 1 Kin. 12. 29. [h] Zech. 1. 5.

† Heb. is gone. [i] Mic. 7. 3.

† Heb. strength.

§ Or, and, &c. † Heb. a corrector,

† Heb. They will not give. ‖ Or, Their doings will not suffer them.

[a] Chap. 4. 12. [b] Chap. 7. 10.

prepared as the morning; and [c] he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

4 ¶ [d] O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness *is* [e] as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.

5 Therefore have I hewed *them* by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgements *are as* the light *that* goeth forth.

6 For I desired [f] mercy, and [g] not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God, more then burnt offerings.

7 But they like men [h] have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

8 Gilead *is* a city of them that work iniquity, *and is* polluted with bloud.

9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way † by consent: for they commit lewdness.

10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel: there *is* the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.

11 Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee, when I returned the captivity of my people.

CHAP. VII.

1 *A reproof of manifold sins.* 11 *Gods wrath against the people for their hypocrisie.*

WHen I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the † wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falshood; and the thief cometh in, *and* the troop of robbers † spoileth without.

2 And they † consider not in their hearts *that* I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and ŷ princes with their lies.

4 They *are* all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, [i] who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, untill it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine: he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have [j] made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges; all their kings are fallen: [a] *there is* none among them that calleth unto me.

8 Ephraim, he [b] hath mixed himself among the people: Ephraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are † here and there upon him, yet he knoweth *it* not.

10 And the [c] pride of Israel testifieth to his face, & they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 ¶ Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven: I will chastise them as their congregation hath heard.

13 Wo unto them; for they have fled from me: † destruction unto them; because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, *and* they rebell against me.

15 Though I [k] have bound *and* strengthned their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 They return, *but* not to the most High: they are [d] like a deceitfull bowe: their princes shall fall by the sword for the [e] rage of their tongue. This *shall be* their derision in the land of Egypt.

CHAP. VIII.

1, 12 *Destruction is threatned for their impiety,* 5 *and idolatry.*

† Heb. *the roof of thy mouth.*

SEt the trumpet to † thy mouth. *He shall come* [a] as an eagle against ŷ house of the LORD, because [b] they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

2 Israel

[c] Prov. 28. 1. Jer. 11. 8. Mic. 3. 4. John 34.
[d] Hos. 6. 4.
[e] Psal. 78. 36.
[f] Mic. 6. 8. Matth. 9. 13. 12. 7.
[g] 1 Sam. 15. 22. Psal. 40. 6. 51. 16. Jer. 7. 22. Mic. 6. 6. Matth. 9. 13. 12. 7. Heb. 10. 5.
[h] Hos. 6. 7.
[i] Psal. 78. 31. Jer. 9. 2.
[j] Or, applied.
[a] Isa. 64. 7.
[b] Psal. 106. 35.
† Heb. *grey hairs are sprinkled.*
[c] Chap. 5. 5.
† Heb. *spoil.*
[k] Or, chastned.
[d] Psal. 78. 57.
[e] Psal. 73. 9.
[a] Deut. 28. 49. Jer. 4. 13. Hab. 1. 8. Ch. 6. 7.
[b] Chap. 6. 7.

2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

3 Israel hath cast off *the thing that is* good: the enemy shall pursue him.

4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew *it* not: [e] of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.

5 ¶ Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast *thee* off: mine anger is kindled against them: how long *will it be* ere they attain to innocency?

6 For from Israel *was* it also, the workman made it; therefore it *is* not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.

7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no || stalk: the bud shall yeeld no meal: if so be it yeeld, the strangers shall swallow it up.

8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the gentiles as a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim [a] hath hired † lovers.

10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now [c] will I gather them, and they shall || sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim [f] hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.

12 I have written to him the great things of my law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing.

13 They sacrifice flesh *for* the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat *it*; *but* the LORD accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: [g] they shall return to Egypt.

14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

CHAP. IX.

The distress and captivity of Israel for their sins and idolatry.

REjoice not, O Israel, for joy, as *other* people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a [a] reward || upon every corn-floor.

2 The floor and the || wine-press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her.

3 They shall not dwell in the LORDS land; but [b] Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and [c] they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria.

4 They shall not offer wine-*offerings* to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices *shall be* unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.

5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD?

6 For lo, they are gone because of † destruction: Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: † the pleasant *places* for their silver, [d] nettles shall possess them: thorns *shall be* in their tabernacles.

7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come; Israel shall know *it*: the prophet *is a* fool, the † spiritual man *is* mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.

8 The watchman of Ephraim *was* with my God: *but* the prophet *is* a snare of a fowler in all his ways, *and* hatred || in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted *themselves* as [f] in the days of Gibeah: *therefore* he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig-tree at her first time: *but* they went to [g] Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and *their* abominations were according as they loved.

11 *As for* Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.

12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them *that there shall* not *be* a man *left*: yea, wo also to them when I depart from them.

13 Ephraim,

[e] Chap. 4. 8.

|| Or, *standing-corn.*

[a] Isa. 59. 6. Ezek. 16. 33, 34.
† Heb. *loves.*
[c] Chap. 10. 10.
|| Or, *begin.*
[f] Chap. 12. 11.

|| Or, *In the sacrifices of mine offerings they, &c.*
[g] Chap. 9. 3. & 11. 5.

Jer. 44. 17.
Or, *as, &c.*
Or, *wine-fat.*

[e] Chap. 8. 13. Ezek. 4. 13. Dan. 1.

† Heb. *soul.*
Or, *their soul.*
[d] Isa. 34. 13. & 35. 7.

Or, *the man of the spirit.*
† Mic. 7. 1. Zeph. 3. 4.
Or, *against.*
Judges 19. 18. Chap. 10. 9.

[g] Num. 25. 3. 106. 28.

13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, *is* planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.

14 Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them [h] † a miscarrying womb, and dry breasts.

15 All their wickedness [i] *is* in Gilgal: for there I hated them: for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house, I will love them no more: [k] all their princes *are* revolters.

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay *even* the †beloved *fruit* of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAP. X.

Israel is reproved and threatned for their impiety and idolatry.

ISrael *is* [a] ‖ an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit [b] he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly † images.

2 ‖ Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall † break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

3 For now they shall say, [c] We have no king, because we feared not the LORD; what then should a king do to us?

4 They have spoken words, swearing falsly in making a covenant: thus judgement springeth up [d] as hemlock in the furrows of the field.

5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and ‖ the priests thereof *that* rejoyced on it, for [e] the glory thereof, because it is departed from it.

6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria *for* a present to [f] king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

7 *As for* Samaria, her king is cut off as the fome upon † the water.

8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed; [g] the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars: [h] and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from [i] the days of Gibeah: there they stood: the battel in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.

10 *It is* in my desire that I should chastise them: and [k] the people shall be gathered against them, when ‖ they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.

11 And Ephraim *is as* an heifer *that is* taught, *and* loveth to tread out *the corn*; but I passed over upon † her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sowe to your selves in righteousness, reap in mercy; [l] break up your fallow ground: for *it is* time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

13 [m] Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity, ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled [n] Beth-arbel in the day of battel: [o] the mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children.

15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of † your great wickedness: in a morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.

CHAP. XI.

1 *The ingratitude of Israel unto God for his benefits.*
5 *Their judgement.* 8 *Gods mercy toward them.*

WHen Israel *was* a child, then I loved him, and [a] called [b] my son out of Egypt.

2 *As* they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burnt incense to graven images.

3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that † take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.

5 ¶ [c] He

[h] Isa. 2. 19 Luk. 23. 30. Rev. 6. 16. & 9 6 [i] Chap. 9. 9.

[k] Chap. 8. 10. ‖ Or, *I shall bind them for their two transgressions, or in their two habitations.*

† Heb. *the beauty of her neck.* [l] Jer. 4. 3.

[m] Job 4. Prov. 22. 8. Gal. 6. 7.

[n] 2 Kin. 18. 34. & 19. 13. [o] Chap. 13. 16.

† Heb. *the evil of your evil.*

[a] Mat. 2. 15. [b] Exod. 4. 22, 23.

† Heb. *lift up.*

5 ¶ [c] He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.

6 And the sword shall abide on his cities, and shall consume his branches, and devour *them*, because of [d] their own counsels.

7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me: though they called them to the most High, † none at all would exalt *him*.

8 [e] How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? *how* shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as [f] Admah? *how* shall I set thee as Zeboim? [g] mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I *am* God, and not man; the holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD: [h] he shall roar like a lion: when he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.

11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt, and [i] as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithfull with the || saints.

CHAP. XII.

1 *A reproof of Ephraim, Judah, and Jacob.* 3 *By former favours God exhorteth to repentance.* 7 *Ephraims sins provoke God.*

EPhraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east-wind: he daily increaseth lies and desolation: and [a] they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, *and* [b] oyl is carried into Egypt.

2 The LORD hath also a controversie with Judah, and will † punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

3 ¶ [c] He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he † [d] had power with God:

4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: [e] he found him *in* Beth-el, and there he spake with us.

5 Even the LORD God of hosts; [f] the LORD *is* his memorial.

6 Therefore [g] turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgement, and wait on thy God continually.

7 ¶ *He is* || a merchant, the balances of deceit *are* in his hand: he loveth to || oppress.

8 And Ephraim said, [h] Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: || *in* all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me, † that *were* sin.

9 And [i] I *that am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feast.

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes † by the ministery of the prophets.

11 *Is there* [k] iniquity in Gilead? surely they are vanity: they sacrifice bullocks in [l] Gilgal; yea, their altars *are* as heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 And Jacob [m] fled into the country of Syria, and Israel [n] served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*.

13 [o] And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved.

14 Ephraim provoked *him* to anger † most bitterly: therefore shall he leave his † bloud upon him, and his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *Ephraims glory, by reason of idolatry, vanisheth.* 5 *Gods anger for their unkindness.* 9 *A promise of Gods mercy.* 15 *A judgement for rebellion.*

WHen Ephraim spake, trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died.

2 And now they † sin more and more, and [a] have made them molten images of their silver, *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, Let || the men that sacrifice [b] kiss the calves.

3 There-

[c] See Chap. 9. 3.

[d] Chap. 10. 6.

† Heb. together they exalted not.

[e] Chap. 6. 4.

[f] Gen. 14. 8. & 19. 24. Deut. 29. 23. Amos 4. 11.

[g] Ch. 6. 3. & 5. Jer. 31. 20.

[h] Joel 3. 16. Am. 1. 2.

[i] Isa. 60. 8.

|| Or, most holy.

[a] Chap. 5. 13. & 7. 11.

[b] Isa. 30. 6. & 57. 9.

† Heb. visit upon.

[c] Gen. 25. 26.

† Heb. was a prince, or behaved himself princely.

[d] Gen 32. 24, &c.

† Gen. 28. 12. & 35. 9. & 46. Exod. 3. 15.

[g] Chap. 14. 1.

|| Or, Canaan.

[k] Or, deceiver.

[l] Zech. 11. 5.

|| Or, all my labours (in office) not: he shall have no (testimony) of iniquity in (whom is) sin.

† Heb. which.

[m] Chap. 12. 12.

† Heb. by the hand.

[n] Chap. 12. 12.

[o] Exod. 12. 50, 51. & 13. 3.

† Heb. with his reproach.

† Heb. his bloods.

3 Therefore they shall be [c] as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, [d] as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet [e] I *am* the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no God but me: for [f] *there is* no Saviour beside me.

5 ¶ I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of † great drought.

6 [h] According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore [i] have they forgotten me.

7 Therefore [k] I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe *them*.

8 I will meet them [l] as a bear *that is* bereaved *of her whelps*, and will rent the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the † wild beast shall tear them.

9 ¶ O Israel, thou hast destroyed thy self; but in me † *is* thine help.

10 I will be thy King: [m] where *is any other* that may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes?

11 I gave thee a [n] king in mine anger, and took *him* away in my wrath.

12 [o] The iniquity of Ephraim *is* bound up; his sin *is* hid.

13 [p] The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he *is* an unwise son; for he should not stay † long in *the place of* the breaking forth of children.

14 [q] I will ransom them from † the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: [r] O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 ¶ Though he be fruitfull among *his* brethren, [s] an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all † pleasant vessels.

† Heb. vessels of desire.

16 Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: [t] their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ript up.

[t] 2 Kir. 8. 12. Chap. 10. 14. Nah. 3. 10.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *A promise of Gods blessing.*

O Israel, [a] return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

[a] Chap. 12. 6.

2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and ‖ receive *us* graciously: so will we render [b] the calves of our lips.

‖ Or, give good. [b] Heb. 13. 15.

3 Asshur shall not save us; [c] we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are* our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

[c] Psal. 33. 17. Isa. 31. 1.

4 ¶ I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall ‖ grow as the lily, and † cast forth his roots as Lebanon.

‖ Or, blossom. † Heb. strike.

6 His branches shall † spread, and [d] his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon.

† Heb. go. [d] Psal. 52. 8. Cant. 4. 11. Eccl. 50. 10.

7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive *as* the corn, and ‖ grow as the vine: the ‖ scent thereof *shall be* as the wine of Lebanon.

‖ Or, blossom. ‖ Or, memorial.

8 Ephraim *shall say*, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him*, and observed him: I *am* like a green fir tree; from me *is* thy fruit found.

9 [e] Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressours shall fall therein.

[e] Psal. 107. 43. Jer. 9. 12. Dan. 12. 10. Eccl. 39. 27.

JOEL.

CHAP. I.

1 *Joel declaring sundry judgements of God, exhorteth to observe them, 8 and to mourn. 14 He prescribeth a fast for complaint.*

THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation.

† Heb. *The residue of the palmer-worm.*

4 † That which the palmer-worm hath left, hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left, hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left, hath the caterpiller eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek-teeth of a great lion.

† Heb. *laid my fig-tree for a barking.*

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and † barked my fig-tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away: the branches thereof are made white.

8 ¶ Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meat-offering and the drink-offering is cut off from the house of the LORD: the priests the LORDS ministers mourn.

|| Or, *ashamed.*

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is || dried up, the oyl languisheth.

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vine-dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth, the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree, *even* all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird your selves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God.

14 ¶ [a] Sanctifie ye a fast, call [b] a || solemn assembly, gather the elders, *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD;

15 [c] Alas for the day! for [d] the day of the LORD *is* at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, *yea*, [e] joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The † seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down: for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts groan? the herds of cattel are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the || pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field [f] cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAP. II.

1 *He sheweth unto Zion the terribleness of Gods judgement. 12 He exhorteth to repentance, 15 prescribeth a fast, 18 promiseth a blessing thereon, 21 He comforteth Zion with present 28 and future blessings.*

BLOW ye the || trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for [a] the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

2 [b] A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day

a day of clouds and of thick darkneſs, as the morning ſpread upon the mountains: [c] a great people and a ſtrong: [d] there hath not been ever the like, neither ſhall be any more after it, *even* to the years † of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as [e] the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a deſolate wilderneſs; yea, and nothing ſhall eſcape them.

4 [f] The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horſes; and as horſemen, ſo ſhall they run.

5 [g] Like the noiſe of chariots on the tops of mountains ſhall they leap, like the noiſe of a flame of fire that devoureth the ſtubble, as a ſtrong people ſet in battel aray.

6 Before their face the people ſhall be much pained: all faces ſhall gather † blackneſs.

7 They ſhall run like mighty men, they ſhall climb the wall like men of war; and they ſhall march every one on his ways, and they ſhall not break their ranks.

8 Neither ſhall one thruſt another, they ſhall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the || ſword, they ſhall not be wounded.

9 They ſhall run to and fro in the city; they ſhall run upon the wall, they ſhall climb up upon the houſes; they ſhall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth ſhall quake before them, the heavens ſhall tremble; [h] the ſun and the moon ſhall be dark, and the ſtars ſhall withdraw their ſhining.

11 And the LORD ſhall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* ſtrong that executeth his word: for the [i] day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 ¶ Therefore alſo now, ſaith the LORD, [k] Turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with faſting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

13 And [l] rent your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for [m] he *is* gracious and merciful!, ſlow to anger, and of great kindneſs, and repenteth him of the evil.

14 [n] Who knoweth *if* he will return and repent, and leave a bleſſing behind him, *even* [o] a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the LORD your God?

15 ¶ [p] Blow the trumpet in Zion, [q] ſanctifie a faſt, call a ſolemn aſſembly.

16 Gather the people, ſanctifie the congregation, aſſemble the elders: gather the children, and thoſe that ſuck the breaſts: [r] let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her cloſet.

17 Let the prieſts, the miniſters of the LORD, weep [s] between the porch and the altar, and let them ſay, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen ſhould || rule over them: [t] wherefore ſhould they ſay among the people, Where *is* their God?

18 ¶ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the LORD will anſwer, and ſay unto his people, Behold, I will ſend you corn, and wine, and oyl, and ye ſhall be ſatisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

20 But [u] I will remove far off from you the northern *army*, and will drive him into a land barren and deſolate, with his face toward the eaſt-ſea, and his hinder part toward the utmoſt ſea: and his ſtink ſhall come up, and his ill ſavour ſhall come up, becauſe he hath † done great things.

21 ¶ Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoyce: for the LORD will do great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beaſts of the field: for [x] the paſtures of the wilderneſs do ſpring, for the tree beareth her fruit, [y] the fig-tree and the vine do yeeld their ſtrength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoyce in the LORD your God: for he hath given you || the former rain † moderately, and he [z] will cauſe to come down for you [z] the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the firſt *moneth*.

24 And the floors ſhall be full of wheat,

[a] Joſh. 14.12. [b] 2 Sam. 12.22. Amos 5.15. Jon. 3.9. Zeph. 2.3. [c] Chap. 1.9. [p] Num. 10.3. [q] Chap. 1.14. [r] 1 Cor. 7.5. [s] Ezek. 8.16. Matth. 23.35. || Or, *uſe a ſword againſt them.* [t] Pſal. 42.10. & 79.10. & 115.2. Mic. 7.10. [u] See Exod. 10.19. † Heb. *magnified to do.* [x] Zech. 8.12. || Or, *a teacher of righteouſneſs.* † Heb. *according to righteouſneſs.* [y] Levit. 26.4. Deut. 11.14. [z] Jam. 5.7.

wheat, and the fats ſhall overflow with wine and oyl.

25 And I will reſtore to you the years ỳ [a] the locuſt hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpiller, and the palmer-worm, my great army, which I ſent among you.

26 And ye ſhall eat in plenty, and be ſatisfied, and praiſe the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrouſly with you: and my people ſhall never be aſhamed.

27 [b] And ye ſhall know that I *am* in the midſt of Iſrael, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none elſe: and my people ſhall never be aſhamed.

28 ¶ [c] And it ſhall come to paſs afterward *that* [d] I will pour out my ſpirit upon all fleſh, and your ſons and your daughters ſhall propheſie, your old men ſhall dream dreams, your young men ſhall ſee viſions:

29 And alſo upon the ſervants and upon the hand-maids in thoſe days will I pour out my ſpirit.

30 And [e] I will ſhew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, bloud and fire and pillars of ſmoke.

31 [f] The ſun ſhall be turned into darkneſs, and the moon into bloud, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

32 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* [g] whoſoever ſhall call on the name of the LORD ſhall be delivered: for [h] in mount Zion and in Jeruſalem ſhall be deliverance, as the LORD hath ſaid, and in the remnant whom the LORD ſhall call.

CHAP. III.

1 Gods judgements againſt the enemies of his people. 9 God will be known in his judgement. 18 His bleſſing upon the church.

FOr behold, in thoſe days and in that time, when I ſhall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jeruſalem,

2 I will alſo gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoſhaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Iſrael, whom they have ſcattered among the nations, and parted my land.

3 And they have caſt lots for my people; and have given a boy for a harlot, and ſold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre and Zidon, and all the coaſts of Paleſtine? will ye render me a recompenſe? and if ye recompenſe me, ſwiftly *and* ſpeedily will I return your recompenſe upon your own head.

5 Becauſe ye have taken my ſilver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly † pleaſant things:

6 The children alſo of Judah and the children of Jeruſalem have ye ſold unto the † Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border:

7 Behold, I will raiſe them out of the place whither ye have ſold them, and will return your recompenſe upon your own head:

8 And I will ſell your ſons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they ſhall ſell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off: for the LORD hath ſpoken *it*.

9 ¶ Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: † prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.

10 [a] Beat your plow ſhares into ſwords, and your ‖ pruning-hooks into ſpears: [b] let the weak ſay, I *am* ſtrong.

11 Aſſemble your ſelves, and come all ye heathen, & gather your ſelves together round about: thither ‖ cauſe thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoſhaphat: for there will I ſit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 [c] Put ye in the ſickle, for the harveſt is ripe: come, get you down; for the preſs is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedneſs *is* great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of ‖ deciſion: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of deciſion.

15 The [d] ſun & the moon ſhall be darkned, and the ſtars ſhall withdraw their ſhining.

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[a] Chap. 2. 4.

[b] Chap. 3. 17.

[c] Iſa. 44. 3. Ezek. 39. 29. Acts 2. 17.

[d] Zech. 12. 10.

[e] Matth. 24. 29. Mar. 13. 24. Luk. 21. 25.

[f] v. 10. Chap. 3. 15.

[g] Rom. 10. 13.

[h] Obad. 17.

† Heb. deſirable.

† Heb. ſons of the Grecians.

† Heb. ſanctifie.

[a] Iſa. 2. 4. Mic. 4. 3.

‖ Or, ſickles.

[b] Zech. 12. 8.

‖ Or, the LORD ſhall bring down.

[c] Rev. 14. 15, 19.

‖ Or, concuſſion or threſhing.

[d] Chap. 2. 10, 31.

16 The LORD also shall [c] roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and [d] the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the † hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So [e] shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be † holy, and [h] there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 ¶ And [i] it shall come to pass in that day *that* the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall † flow with waters, and [k] a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

19 [l] Egypt shall be a desolation, & [m] Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence *against* the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall ‖ dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed: ‖ for [n] the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

† Heb. go.
[c] Ezek. 47. 1. Zech. 14. 8. Rev. 22. 1.
[d] Isa. 13. 13.
‖ Or, abide.
‖ Or, even I the LORD that dwelleth in Zion.
[n] Rev. 21. 3.

AMOS.

CHAP. I.

1 Amos sheweth Gods judgement upon Syria, 6 upon the Philistines, 9 upon Tyrus, 11 upon Edom, 13 upon Ammon.

THE words of Amos, [a] who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel [b] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the [c] earthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD will [d] roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD; for three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not ‖ turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have [e] threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:

4 But [g] I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

5 I will break also the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from ‖ the plain of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from ‖ the house of Eden: and the people of Syria [h] shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of [i] Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they ‖ carried away captive ỹ whole captivity, to deliver *them* up to Edom:

7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn mine hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.

9 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of [l] Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembred not the † brotherly covenant:

10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of [l] Edom, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because he did pursue his brother with ỹ sword, and † did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and kept his wrath for ever:

12 But [m] I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

[a] 2 Chr. 26. 18. Isa. 14. 29. Jer. 47. 4, 5. Ezek. 25. 15. Zeph. 2. 4.
‖ Or, carried them away with an entire captivity.
[b] Isa. 2. 1.
Jer. 47. 4. Ezek. 26. & 27. & 28. Joel 3. 4, 5.
† Heb. covenant of brethren.
[l] Isa. 21. 11. & 34. 5. Jer. 49. 7. Ezek. 25. 12. Joel 3. 19. Obad. 1. Mal. 1. 3.
† Heb. corrupted his compassions.
[m] Obad. 8, 10.

13 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of [a] the children of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have [b] ript up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border:

14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battel, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

15 And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

CHAP. II.

1 Gods wrath against Moab, 4 Judah, 6 and Israel. 9 God complaineth of his peoples unthankfulness.

THus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of [a] Moab, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because [b] he burnt the bones of the king of Edom into lime:

2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth: and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, *and* with the sound of the trumpet:

3 And I will cut off [c] the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because they have despised the law of the LORD, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 ¶ Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof; because [d] they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes.

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the *same* ‖ maid, to profane my holy name.

8 And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes [e] laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of ‖ the condemned *in* the house of their god.

9 ¶ Yet [f] destroyed I the Amorite before them, [g] whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.

10 Also [h] I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and led you fourty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.

11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for [i] Nazarites. *Is it* not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and [k] commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesie not.

13 Behold, ‖ I am pressed under you as a cart is pressed *that is* full of sheaves.

14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver † himself;

15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bowe, and *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*, neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself:

16 And *he that is* † couragious among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 The necessity of Gods judgement against Israel. 9 The publication of it, with the causes thereof.

HEar this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

2 You onely have I known of all the families of the earth: [a] therefore I will † punish you for all your iniquities.

3 Can two walk together except they be agreed?

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he hath no prey? will a young lion † cry out of his den if he have taken nothing?

5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where no gin *is* for him? shall *one* take

[a] Jer. 49.1. Ezek. 25.2. Zeph. 2.9.
‖ Or, divided the pregnant.

[a] Isa. 15. Jer. 48. Ezek. 25.8. Zeph. 2.8.
[b] 2 Kin. 3.27.

[c] Num. 24.17.

[d] Chap. 8.6.

‖ Or, young woman.

[e] Exod. 22.26.
‖ Or, such as have fined, or mulcted.

[f] Num. 21.24. Deut. 2.31. Josh. 24.8.
[g] Num. 13.28, 32, 33.
[h] Exod. 12.31.

[i] Num. 6.2.

[k] Isa. 30.10. Jer. 11. 21. Chap. 7.12, 13. Mic. 2.6.
‖ Or, I will press you as a cart is pressed.
† Heb. in his soul, or life.
† Heb. strengthening of his power.

[a] See Matth. 11.22. Luk. 12. 47. Rom. 2. 9. 1 Pet. 4. 17.
† Heb. visit upon.
† Heb. give forth his voice.

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take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all?

6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not ‖ be afraid? [b] shall there be evil in a city, ‖ and the LORD hath not done *it*?

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but [c] he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, [d] who can but prophesie?

9 ¶ Publish in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble your selves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the ‖ oppressed in the midst thereof.

10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up violence and ‖ robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd † taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria, in the corner of a bed, and *in* Damascus *in* a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testifie in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD the God of hosts,

14 That in the day that I shall ‖ visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite [e] the winter-house with the summer-house: and [f] the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

CHAP. IV.

1 He reproveth Israel for oppression, 4 for idolatry, 6 and for their incorrigiblenes.

HEar this word, ye kine of Bashan, that *are* in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness that lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away [a] with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks.

3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every *cow at that which is* before her, and ‖ ye shall cast *them* into the palace, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Come to Beth-el, and transgress; [b] at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, *and* your tithes after † three years:

5 And † [c] offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim *and* publish the free offerings: for † this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

6 ¶ And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

7 And also I have withholden the rain from you, when *there were* yet three moneths to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

8 So two *or* three cities wandred unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

9 [d] I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive trees increased, [e] the palmer-worm devoured *them*: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence ‖ after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, † and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

11 I have overthrown *some* of you as God overthrew [f] Sodom and Gomorrah, and [g] ye were as a firebrand pluckt out of *the* burning:

[a] Exod. 22. 26. ‖ Or, *such as have fi. n d, or mulcted.* [b] Num. 11. 24. Deut. 2. 31. Josh. 24. 8. [c] Num. 3. 28, 32, 33. [d] Ezek. 12. 3. Nah. 3. 2. [a] Isa. 10. 10. Jer. 11. 21. Chap. 3. 12, 13. Mic. 2. 6. ‖ Or, *I will press your place as a cart is full of sheaves* [or rather] *is pressed.* Chap. 9. 1, &c. † Heb. *his soul.* [b] Isa. 30. 28. † Heb. *the ring of your lower lip.*

[a] See Matth. 11. 22. Luk. 12. 47. Rom. 2. 9. 1 Pet. 4. 17. † Heb. *visit upon.* † Heb. *give forth his voice.*

[a] Jer. 16. 16. Hab. 1. 15. ‖ Or, *ye shall cast away the things of the palace.* [b] Hos. 4. 15. & 12. 11. † Heb. *three years of days.* † Heb. *offer by burning.* [c] Lev. 7. 13. † Heb. *so ye love.*

[d] Deut. 28. 22. Hagg. 2. 17. ‖ Or, *the multitude of your gardens, &c. did the palmer-worm, &c.* [e] Joel 1. 4. & 2. 25. † Or, *in the way.* † Heb. *with the captivity of your horses.* † Gen. 19. 24, 25. Isa. 13. 19. Jer. 49. 18. [f] Zech. 3. 2.

burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

13 For lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the ‖ wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, [h] that maketh the morning darkness, and [i] treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD the God of hosts *is* his name.

‖ Or, spirit.
[h] Chap. 5. 8.
[i] Deut. 32. 13. & 33. 29.

CHAP. V.

1 *A lamentation for Israel.* 4 *An exhortation to repentance.* 21 *God rejecteth their hypocritical service.*

HEar ye this word which I take up against you, *even* a lamentation, O house of Israel.

2 The virgin of Israel is fallen, she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land, *there is* none to raise her up.

3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth [y] an hundred shall leave ten to the house of Israel.

4 ¶ For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live.

5 But seek not [a] Beth el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth el shall come to nought.

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour *it*, and *there be* none to quench *it* in Beth el.

7 Ye who [b] turn judgement to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 *Seek him* that maketh the [c] seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and [d] maketh the day dark with night, that [e] calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name:

9 That strengthneth the † spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading *is* upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat; [f] ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted † pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take ‖ a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.

13 Therefore [g] the prudent shall keep silence in that time: for it *is* an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD the God of hosts shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 [h] Hate the evil, and love the good, & [i] establish judgement in the gate: [k] it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord saith thus; Wailing *shall be* in all streets; and they shall say in all the high ways, Alas! Alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilfull of lamentation, to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing: for [k] I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

18 [l] Wo unto you that desire the day of the LORD: to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.

19 [m] As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, & leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 ¶ [n] I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not ‖ smell in your solemn assemblies.

22 Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, I will not accept *them*: neither will I regard the ‖ peace offerings of your fat beasts.

23 Take thou away from me the noise of

[a] Chap. 4. 4.
[b] Chap. 6. 12.
[c] Job 9. 9. and 38. 31.
[d] Chap. 4. 13.
[e] Chap. 9. 6.
† Heb. *Spoil.*
[f] Deut. 28. 38, 39. Zeph. 1. 13. Hag. 1. 6.
† Heb. *vineyards of desire.*
‖ Or, a ransom.
[g] Chap. 6. 10.
[h] Psal. 34. 14. & 97. 10. Rom. 12. 9.
[i] Ex. 23. 6. Prov. 22. 22.
[k] Joel 2. 14.
[l] Isa. 5. 19. Jer. 17. 15. & 30. 7. Joel 2. 2. Zeph. 1. 15. 2 Pet. 3. 10.
[m] Jer. 48. 44.
[n] Isa. 1. 11. Jer. 6. 20.
‖ Or, *smell your holy-days.*
‖ Or, *thank-offerings.*

of thy songs: for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.

24 But let judgement † run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 [o] Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness fourty years, O house of Israel?

26 But ye have born ‖ the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to your selves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name *is* the God of hosts.

CHAP. VI.

1 The wantonness of Israel 7 shall be plagued with desolation, 12 and their incorrigibleness.

WO [a] to them *that* ‖ *are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, *which are* named [b] ‖ chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came.

2 [c] Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hemath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: *be they* better then these kingdoms? or their border greater then your border?

3 Ye that [d] put far away the [e] evil day, & cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and ‖ stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

5 [g] That ‖ chant to the sound of the viol, *and* invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6 That drink ‖ wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the † affliction of Joseph.

7 ¶ Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 [h] The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city, with † all that is therein.

9 And it shall come to pass, if there remainten men in one house, that they shall die.

10 And a mans uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that *is* by the sides of the house, *Is there* yet *any* with thee? And he shall say, No. Then shall he say, [i] Hold thy tongue: for ‖ we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.

11 For behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with ‖ breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 ¶ Shall horses run upon the rock? will *one* plow *there* with oxen? for [k] ye have turned judgement into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock.

13 Ye which rejoyce in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 But behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entring in of Hemath unto the ‖ river of the wilderness.

CHAP. VII.

1 The judgements of the grasshoppers, 4 and of the fire, are diverted by the prayer of Amos. 7 By the wall of a plumb line is signified the rejection of Israel. 10 Amaziah complaineth of Amos. 14 Amos sheweth his calling, 16 and Amaziahs judgement.

THus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: And behold, he formed ‖ grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and lo, *it was* the latter growth after the kings mowings.

2 And it came to pass *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee: ‖ by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

3 [a] The LORD repented for this. It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 ¶ Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: And behold, the Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and did eat up a part.

5 Then said I, O Lord GOD, cease, I

[o] Deut. 28.38, 39. Zeph. 1.13. Hagg. 1.6.
† Heb. ornaments of desire.
‖ Or, a tent. [p] Chap. 6.10.
[a] Psal. 52.14, & 97.10. Rom. 12.9. [b] Ex. 35. 30. Joel 2. 14.
[c] Esa. 10.9.
[d] Isa. 56.12. [e] Jer. 17. 5. & 30.7. Joel 2.2. Zeph. 1.15. [f] Jer. 6.4. [g] Jer. 48.33.
[h] Isa. 2.11. Jer. 6.20.
‖ Or, *smell your holy-days.*
† Or, *thankofferings.*
[i] Chap. 5.13. & 8.3.
‖ Or, *they will not, or have not.*
‖ Or, *dropping-s.*
[k] Hos. 10.4. Chap. 5.7.
‖ Or, *valley.*
‖ Or, *green worms.*
‖ Or, *who of (or, for) Jacob shall stand?*
[a] Jon. 3.10.

beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he *is* small.

6 The LORD repented for this. This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

7 ¶ Thus he shewed me: And behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, [b] I will set a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel: [c] I will not again pass by them any more.

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and [d] I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 ¶ Then Amaziah [e] the priest of Bethel sent to [f] Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesie there:

13 But [g] prophesie not again any more at Beth-el: for it *is* the kings ‖ chappel, and it *is* the † kings court.

14 ¶ Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I [h] a prophets son; but I *was* [i] an herdman, and a gatherer of ‖ sycomore-fruit:

15 And the LORD took me † as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesie unto my people Israel.

16 ¶ Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD; Thou sayest, Prophesie not against Israel, and [k] drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.

17 [l] Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

[b] See 2 King. 21.13. Isa.34. 11. Lam. 2.8.
[c] Chap. 8.2.
[d] 2 King. 15.10.
[e] 1 King. 12.33.
[f] 2 King. 14.23.
[g] Chap. 2.12.
‖ Or, sanctuary.
† Heb. house of the kingdom.
[h] 2 King. 20.35.
[i] Chap. 1.1.
‖ Or, wild figs.
† Heb. from behind.
[k] Ezek. 21.2.
[l] See Jer. 18. 22. & 19. 21, 25.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *By a basket of summer-fruit is shewed the propinquity of Israels end.* 4 *Oppression is reproved.* 11 *A famine of the word threatned.*

THUS hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: And behold, a basket of summer-fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer-fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel: [a] I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall † be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth † [b] with silence.

4 ¶ Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, When will the ‖ new-moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may † set forth wheat, [c] making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and † falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may [d] buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; *yea*, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by [e] the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and [f] every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, & all your songs into lamentation; and [g] I will bring up sackcloth upon all loyns, and baldness upon every head; and [h] I will make it as the mourning of an onely *son*, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 ¶ Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, not a thirst for

[a] Chap. 7. 8.
† Heb. howl.
† Heb. be silent.
[b] Chap. 6.10.
‖ Or, month.
† Heb. open. Vid. 6.10
† Heb. perverting the balances of deceit. Hos. 12.7.
[c] Chap. 2. 6.
[d] Chap. 8. 6.
[e] Chap. 6. 8.
[f] Chap. 9. 5.
[g] Isa. 15. 3. Jer. 4. 8. Ezek. 7. 18.
[h] Jer. 6.26. Zech. 12.10.

for water, but [i] of hearing the words of the LORD.

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

14 They that [k] swear by [l] the sin of Samaria, and say, Thy god, O Dan, liveth; and, The manner of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

CHAP. IX.

1 *The certainty of the desolation.* 11 *The restoring of the tabernacle of David.*

I Saw the Lord standing upon the altar: And he said, Smite the ‖ lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and ‖ cut them in the head all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: [a] he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 [b] Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; [c] though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, [d] thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and [e] I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and [f] all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.

6 *It is* he that buildeth his ‖ † [g] stories in the heaven, & hath founded his ‖ troop in the earth; he that [h] calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD *is* his name.

7 *Are* ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and [i] the Philistines from Caphtor? and the Assyrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinfull kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

9 For lo, I will command, and I will † sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sive, yet shall not the least † grain fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, [k] which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

11 ¶ [l] In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and † close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruines, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 [m] That they may possess the remnant of [n] Edom, and of all the heathen, † which are called by my name, saith the LORD, that doeth this.

13 Behold, [o] the days come, saith the LORD, that the plow-man shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that † soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop ‖ [p] sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and [q] they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

[a] Chap. 7. 8.
[b] Amos 9. 2.
[c] Jer. 49. 16. Obad. 4.
[d] Chap. 8. 3.
[e] Chap. 9. 5.
[f] Isa. 19. 1. Jer. 47. 2. Ezek. 30. 18.
[g] Jer. 51. 53. Amos 9. 6. Zech. 12. 10.
[h] Chap. 5. 8.
[i] Jer. 47. 4.
[k] Chap. 6. 3.
[l] Act. 15. 16, 17.
[m] Obad. 19.
[n] Num. 24. 18.
[o] Lev. 26. 5.
[p] Joel 3. 18. Isa. 55. 12.
[q] Jer. 32. 41. Ezek. 36. 36.

† Heb. *cause to move.*
† Heb. *stone.*
† Heb. *hedge, or wall.*
† Heb. *upon whom my name is called.*
† Heb. *draweth for h.*
‖ Or, *new wine.*

OBA-

OBADIAH.

1 *The destruction of Edom,* 3 *for their pride,* 10 *and for their wrong unto Jacob.* 17 *The salvation and victory of Jacob.*

THE vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord GOD [a] concerning Edom; [b] We have heard a rumor from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battel.

2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised.

3 ¶ The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

4 [c] Though thou exalt *thy self* as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.

5 [d] If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night; how art thou cut off! would they not have stolen till they had enough? if the grape gatherers came to thee, [e] would they not leave *some* grapes?

6 How are *the things* of Esau searched out! *how* are his hid things sought up!

7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border: the men †that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee; †*they that eat* thy bread have laid a wound under thee: *there is* none understanding ‖ in him.

8 [f] Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

10 ¶ For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and [h] thou shalt be cut off for ever.

11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in *the* day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entred into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou *wast* as one of them.

12 But ‖ thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldst thou have rejoyced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have † spoken proudly in the day of distress.

13 Thou shouldest not have entred into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction in *the* day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their ‖ substance in the day of their calamity.

14 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the cross way, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldest thou have ‖ delivered up those of his that did remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of the LORD *is* near upon all the heathen: [i] as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, *so* shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall ‖ swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

17 ¶ But upon mount Zion [k] shall be ‖ deliverance, and ‖ there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

18 And the house of Jacob [l] shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau: for the LORD hath spoken *it*.

19 And *they of* the south [m] shall possess the mount of Esau; and *they of* the plain, the

[a] Isa. 21. 11. & 34. 5. Ezek. 25. 12. Joel 3. 19. Mal. 1. 3.
[b] Jer. 49. 14, &c.
[c] Jer. 49. 16. Am. 9. 2.
[d] Jer. 49. 9.
[e] Deut. 24. 21. Isa. 17. 6. & 24. 13.
‖ Or, gleanings
† Heb. of thy peace.
† Heb. the men of thy bread.
‖ Or, of it.
[f] Isa. 29. 14. Jer. 49. 7.
[g] Gen. 27. 41. Psal. 137. 7. Ezek. 25. 12. & 35. 5. Am. 1. 11.
[h] Ezek. 35. 9. Mal. 1. 4.
‖ Or, in the day that the strangers
‖ Or, in the day
‖ Or, in the day
† Heb. magnified thy mouth.
‖ Or, substance.
‖ Or, remnant.
[i] Ezek. 35. 15.
‖ Or, swallow up.
[k] Amos 9. 8.
‖ Or, they that escape.
‖ Or, is shall be holy. Zech. 12. 6.
[l] Amos 9. 12.

the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.

20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem ‖ which *is* in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south.

21 And [n] saviours shall come upon mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau: and the [o] kingdom shall be the LORDS.

‖ Or, shall possess that which is in Sepharad. [n] 1 Tim. 4. 16. Jam. 5. 20. [o] Luk. 1. 33.

JONAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Jonah sent to Nineveh, fleeth to Tarshish. 4 He is bewrayed by a tempest, 11 thrown into the sea, 17 and swallowed by a fish.

NOw the word of the LORD came unto [a] ‖ Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh that [b] great city, and cry against it; for [c] their wickedness is come up before me.

3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to [d] Joppa: and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 ¶ But the LORD † sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship † was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and [e] cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the ship master came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, [f] if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, & let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us: what *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou?

9 And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew: and I fear the LORD the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then were the men † exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD; because he had told them.

11 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea † may be calm unto us? (For the sea ‖ † wrought, and was tempestuous)

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men † rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this mans life, and lay not upon us innocent bloud: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea † ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and † offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and † made vows.

17 ¶ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And [g] Jonah was in the † belly of the fish three days and three nights.

[a] Ezek. 35. 9. Mal. 1. 4. ‖ Or, the son of Amittai. Or, arise, go to. Heb. magnified to speak. Or, is come. Or, went. Or, sent out. Ezek. 35. 15. Or, sunk. Or, they cast. Or, I shall be holy. Zech. 12. 6. [g] Amos 9. 12. † Heb. with great fear. † Heb. may be silent from us. ‖ Or, grew more & more tempestuous. † Heb. went. † Heb. digged. † Heb. flood. † Heb. sacrificed. † Heb. vowed. [g] Mat. 12. 40 & 16 4. Luk. 11. 30. † Heb. bowels.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

1 *The prayer of Jonah.* 10 *He is delivered from the fish.*

THen Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fishes belly,

2 And said, [a] I cried || by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of || hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the † midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: [b] all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, [c] I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

5 [d] The waters compassed me about *even* to the soul, the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapt about my head.

6 I went down to the † bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from || corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembred the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that [e] observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of [f] thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. [g] Salvation *is* of the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

CHAP. III.

1 *Jonah sent again, preacheth to the Ninevites.* 5 *Upon their repentance,* 10 *God repenteth.*

AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an † exceeding great city of three days journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a days journey, and he cried, and said, Yet fourty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 ¶ So [a] the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and [b] sat in ashes.

7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed, and † published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his † nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing; let them not feed, nor drink water.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from [c] the violence that *is* in their hands.

9 [d] Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 ¶ And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them, and he did *it* not.

CHAP. IV.

1 *Jonah repining at Gods mercy,* 4 *is reproved by the type of a gourd.*

BUt it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my countrey? Therefore I [a] fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a [b] gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 [c] Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me: for [d] *it is* better for me to die then to live.

4 ¶ Then said the LORD, || Doest thou well to be angry?

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east-side of the city, and there made

[a] Pſal. 120. 1. || Or, out of mine affliction. || Or, the grave † Heb. heart. [b] Pſ. 42. 7. [c] Pſal. 31. 22.

[d] Pſal. 69. 1.

† Heb. cuttings off.

|| Or, the pit.

[e] Pſal. 31. 6.

[f] Pſa. 50. 14, 23. and 116. 17. Hoſ. 14. 2. Heb. 13. 15. [g] Pſa. 3. 8.

† Heb. of God.

[a] Mat. 12. 41. Luk. 11. 32.

[b] Job 2. 8.

† Hebr. ſaid. † Heb. great men.

[c] Iſa. 59. 6.

[d] Joel 2. 14.

[a] Chap. 1. 3. [b] Exod. 34. 6. Pſal. 86. 5. Joel 2. 13. [c] 1 Kin. 19. 4. [d] v. 8.

|| Or, Art thou greatly angry?

made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a ‖† gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah † was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass when the sun did arise, that God prepared a ‖ vehement east-wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, [c] *It is* better for me to die then to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, ‖ Doest thou well to be angry for ỹ gourd? And he said, ‖ I do well to be angry *even* unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast ‖ had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow: which † came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh that great city, wherein are more then fixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, and *also* much cattel?

[c] v. 3.

‖ Or, Art thou greatly angry?

‖ Or, I am greatly angry.

‖ Or, spared.

† Heb was the son of the night.

MICAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Micah sheweth the wrath of God against Jacob for idolatry. 10 He exhorteth to mourning.

THE word of the LORD that came to [a] Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah kings of Judah, [b] which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 † Hear, all ye people; [c] hearken, O earth, and † all that therein is: and let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

3 For behold, [d] the LORD cometh forth out of his [e] place, and will come down and tread upon the [f] high places of the earth.

4 And [g] the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft; as wax before the fire, *and* as the waters *that are* poured down † a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob *is* all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What *is* the transgression of Jacob? *is it* not Samaria? And what *are* the high places of Judah? *are they* not Jerusalem?

6 Therefore [h] I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, *and* as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burnt with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered *it* of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

8 Therefore [i] I will wail and howl, [k] I will go stript and naked: I will make a wailing ‖ like the dragons, & mourning as ỹ † owls.

9 For ‖ her wound *is* incurable: for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, *even* to Jerusalem.

10 ¶ [m] Declare ye *it* not at Gath, weep ye not at all: in the house of ‖ Aphrah [n] roll thy self in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, ‖ thou † inhabitant of Saphir, having thy [o] shame naked: the inhabitant of ‖ Zaanan came not forth in ỹ mourning of ‖ Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of Maroth ‖ waited carefully for good; but [p] evil came down from ỹ LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.

13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she *is* the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents ‖ to

[a] Jer. 26. 18.
[b] 2 Kin. 15. 32. & 16. 1. & 18. 1. & 19. 1. & 20. 1. 2 Chron. 27. 1. & 28. 1. & 29. 1. & 32. 1. Isa. 1. 1. & 2. 1. & 7. 1. & 36. 1. & 37. 1. & 38. 1.
[c] Deut. 32. 1. Isa. 1. 2. Jer. 6. 18. & 22. 29. Hos. 4. 1. & 5. 1.
[d] Isa. 26. 21. Mic. 3. 12. Hab. 3. 3. Zech. 14. 3.
[e] Isa. 63. 15. Hos. 5. 15.
[f] Deut. 32. 13. Job 9. 8. Psal. 18. 33. Hab. 3. 19.
[g] Judg. 5. 4. Psal. 68. 8. & 97. 5. Isa. 64. 1. Jer. 4. 24. Nah. 1. 5. Hab. 3. 6. Rev. 6. 14. & 16. 20.
[h] 2 Kin. 17. 6. & 18. 11. Jer. 9. 11. & 26. 18. Ezek. 6. 6.
[i] Isa. 15. 2. & 16. 7. Jer. 48. 20. & 49. 3.
[k] Isa. 20. 2. & 32. 11. Jer. 4. 8. & 49. 3. Ezek. 26. 16. Joel 1. 13.
‖ Or, like the dragons, & like the owls.
[l] Isa. 13. 22. & 34. 13. & 35. 7. & 43. 20. Jer. 9. 11. & 10. 22. & 49. 33. & 51. 37. Mal. 1. 3.
‖ Or, grievously sick of her wounds.
[m] 2 Sam. 1. 20.
‖ Or, dust.
[n] Jer. 6. 26.
‖ Or, thou that dwellest fairly
† Heb. inhabitress.
[o] Isa. 20. 4. & 47. 2, 3. Jer. 13. 22
‖ Or, the country of flocks.
‖ Or, a place near.
‖ Or, was grieved.
[p] Amos 3. 6.

|| to Moreſheth-gath: the houſes of || Achzib *ſhall be* a lie to the kings of Iſrael.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareſhah: || he ſhall come unto Adullam the glory of Iſrael.

16 Make thee [q] bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldneſs as the eagle: for they are gone into captivity from thee.

CHAP. II.

1 *Againſt oppreſſion.* 4 *A lamentation.* 7 *A reproof of injuſtice and idolatry.* 12 *A promiſe of reſtoring Jacob.*

WO to them [a] that deviſe iniquity and [b] work evil upon their beds: when the morning is light, they practiſe it, becauſe it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they [c] covet fields, and take *them* by violence; and houſes, and take *them* away: ſo they || oppreſs a man and his houſe, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus ſaith the LORD; Behold, againſt this family do I deviſe an evil, from which ye ſhall not remove your necks; neither ſhall ye go haughtily: for this time *is* evil.

4 ¶ In that day ſhall *one* take up a parable againſt you, and lament with a †dolefull lamentation, and ſay, We be utterly ſpoiled: [d] he hath changed ŷ portion of my people: how hath he removed *it* from me? || turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou ſhalt have none that ſhall [e] caſt a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD.

6 || † [f] Propheſie ye not, *ſay they to them that* propheſie: they ſhall not propheſie to them, *that* they ſhall not take ſhame.

7 ¶ O *thou that art* named the houſe of Jacob, is ŷ ſpirit of the LORD ||ſtraitned? *are* theſe his doings? do not my words do good to him that walketh †uprightly?

8 Even † of late my people is riſen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe † with the garment from them that paſs by ſecurely, as men averſe from war.

9 The || women of my people have ye caſt out from their pleaſant houſes; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.

10 Ariſe ye, and depart; for this *is* not *your* reſt: becauſe it is polluted, it ſhall deſtroy *you* even with a ſore deſtruction.

11 If a man || walking in the ſpirit and falſhood do lie, *ſaying*, I will propheſie unto thee of wine and of ſtrong drink, he ſhall even be the prophet of this people.

12 ¶ I will ſurely aſſemble, O Jacob, all of thee: I will ſurely gather ŷ remnant of Iſrael, I will put them together as the ſheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midſt of their fold: they ſhall make great noiſe by reaſon of *the multitude of* men.

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have paſſed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king ſhall paſs before them, and the LORD on the head of them.

CHAP. III.

1 *The cruelty of the princes.* 5 *The falſhood of the prophets.* 8 *The ſecurity of them both.*

AND I ſaid, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the houſe of Iſrael; *Is it* not for you to know judgement?

2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their ſkin from off them, and their fleſh from off their bones;

3 Who alſo [a] eat the fleſh of my people, and flay their ſkin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces as for the pot, and [b] as fleſh within the caldron.

4 Then [c] ſhall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themſelves ill in their doings.

5 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD [d] concerning the prophets that make my people err, that [e] bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and [f] he that putteth not into their mouthes, they even prepare war againſt him:

6 [g] Therefore night *ſhall be* unto you, † ŷ ye ſhall not have a viſion; and it ſhall be dark unto you, † that ye ſhall not divine; and the ſun ſhall go down over the prophets, and ŷ day ſhall be dark over them.

7 Then ſhall the ſeers be aſhamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they ſhall all

|| Or, *for.* ‖ That is, a lie. || Or, *the glory of Iſrael ſhall come, &c.* [q] Iſa. 22. 12.

[a] Hoſ. 7. 6. [b] Pſal. 36. 4.

[c] Iſa. 5. 8 || Or, *deſraud.*

† Heb. *Lamentation, lamentations.* [d] Chap. 1. 15. || Or, *in Head of reſtoring* [e] Deut. 32. 8, 9. || Or, *Propheſie not as they propheſie.* † Heb. *Drop, &c.* [f] Iſa. 30. 10. Amos 7. 16. || Or, *ſhorined.* † Heb. *upright.* † Heb. *yeſterday* † Heb. *over againſt a garment* || Or, *wives.*

|| Or, *walk with the wind, & lie falſly.*

[a] Pſal. 14. 4. [b] Ezek. 11. 7. [c] Pſal. 18. 41. Hzek. 8. 18. Zech. 7. 13. [d] Iſa. 56. 10, 11. Ezek. 22. 25. [e] Chap. 2. 11. [f] Ezek. 13. 18, 19. [g] Ezek. 13. 23. Zech. 13. 4. † Heb. *from a viſion.* † Heb. *from divining.*

all cover their †lips; for *there is* no answer of God.

8 ¶ But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgement and of might, [h] to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgement, and pervert all equity.

10 They build up Zion [i] with †bloud, and Jerusalem with iniquity.

11 [k] The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, † and say, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be [l] plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

CHAP. IV.

1 *The glory,* 3 *peace,* 8 *kingdom,* 11 *and victory of the church.*

BUt [a] in the last days it shall come to pass *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and [b] they shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and their spears into ‖ pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

4 But [c] they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.

5 For all people will walk every one in ỹ name of his god, & [d] we will walk in ỹ name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the LORD, [e] will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her *that is* driven out, and her that I have afflicted:

7 And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her *that was* cast far off a strong nation: and [f] the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth even for ever.

8 ¶ And thou, O towre of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? [g] *is there* no king in thee? is thy counseller perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon: there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 ¶ Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass; and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto [h] the LORD of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

1 *The birth of Christ.* 4 *His kingdom.* 8 *His conquest.*

NOw gather thy self in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, [a] Beth-lehem-Ephratah, *though*

[a] Psal. 14. 4.
[b] Ezek. 11. 7. [c] Psal. 18. 41. Ezek. 8. 18. Zech. 7. 13.
[d] Isa. 56. 10. 11. Ezek. 22. 25. [e] Chap. 2. 11. [f] Ezek. 13. 18, 19. [g] Ezek. 43. 23. Zech. 13. 4.
[h] Zech. 4. 14. & 6. 5.
[a] Mat. 2. 6. Joh. 7. 42.

† Heb. upon lip.
‖ Or, walk with the wind, & the fast.
† Heb. from a vision.
† Heb. from divining.

though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from † everlasting.

† Heb. the days of eternity

3 Therefore will he give them up until ỹ time *that* she wch travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

‖ Or, rule.

4 ¶ And he shall stand and ‖ feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this *man* shall be the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight † principal men.

† Heb. princes of men.

6 And they shall † waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod ‖ in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

† Heb. eat up. ‖ Or, with her own naked swords.

7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showres upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 ¶ And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of ‖ sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

‖ Or, goats.

9 Thine hand shall be lift up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off.

10 [b] And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots:

[b] Zech. 9.10.

11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds:

12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no *more* soothsayers:

13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy ‖ standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands:

‖ Or, Statues.

14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy ‖ cities.

‖ Or, enemies.

15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

CHAP. VI.

1 Gods controversie for unkindness, 6 for ignorance, 10 for injustice, 16 and for idolatry.

HEar ye now what the LORD saith; Arise, contend thou ‖ before ỹ [a] mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

‖ Or, with. [a] Isa. 1. 2. Jer. 12. 1.

2 [b] Hear ye, O mountains, the LORDS controversie, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for [c] the LORD hath a controversie with his people, and he will plead with Israel.

[b] Isa. 1. 18. & 5. 3. & 43. 26. Hos. 4. 1. [c] Jer. 2. 5, 31.

3 O my people, [d] what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testifie against me.

[d] Exod. 12. 51. 14. 30. 20. 2. Num. 22. 5. 23. 7. Deut. 26. 4, 5. Josh. 24. 9, 10. Rev. 2. 14.

4 For [e] I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron and Miriam.

[e] Num. 25. Jos. 5. † Heb. sons of a year.

5 O my people, remember now what [f] Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from [g] Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousnes of the LORD.

[f] Psa. 50. 9. & 51. 16. Hos. 1. † Heb. belly. [g] Deut. 10. 22. [h] Isa. 1. 17. † Heb. humble thy self to walk. ‖ Or, thy name shall see that which is

6 ¶ Wherewith shall I come before the LORD, *and* bow my self before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves † of a year old?

7 [h] Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, *or* with ten thousands of rivers of oyl? shall I give my first-born *for* my transgression, the fruit of my † body *for* the sin of my soul?

8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good: and [i] what doth the LORD require of thee, but [k] to do justly, and to love mercy, and to † walk humbly with thy God?

[i] Deut. 10. 12. Micah 7. 18. [k] Isa. 56. 1. Amos 5. 14. Zeph. 2. 3. Zech. 8. 16. Rom. 12. 9. 1 Thes. 4. 3. 1 Pet. 1. 15.

9 The LORDS voice crieth unto the city, and ‖ *the man of* wisdom shall see thy name: Hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.

‖ Or, thy name shall see that which is

10 ¶ ‖ Are

10 ¶ ‖ Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the † scant measure, [l] *that is* abominable?

11 ‖ Shall I count *them* pure with [m] the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitfull weights?

12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and [n] their tongue *is* deceitfull in their mouth.

13 Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee, in making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.

14 [o] Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee: and thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver; and *that* which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.

15 Thou shalt [p] sowe, but thou shalt not reap: thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oyl; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

16 ¶ For ‖ the statutes of [q] Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of [r] Ahab, and ye walk in their counsells; that I should make thee a ‖ desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing: therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

CHAP. VII.

1 The church complaining of her small number 3 and the general corruption, 5 putteth her confidence, not in man, but in God. 8 She triumpheth over her enemies. 14 God comforteth her by promises, 16 by confusion of the enemies, 18 and by his mercies.

WO is me! for I am as † when they have gathered the summer-fruits, as the grape-gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.

2 The [s] ‖ good *man* is perished out of the earth, and *there is* none upright among men: they all lie in wait for bloud; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

3 ¶ That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, [t] the prince asketh, and [u] the judge *asketh* for a reward; and the great *man* he uttereth † his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

4 The best of them [d] *is* as a brier, the most upright *is sharper* then a thorn-hedge: the day of thy watchmen *and* thy visitation cometh: now shall be their perplexity.

5 ¶ [c] Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For [f] the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law: a mans enemies *are* the men of his own house.

7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

8 ¶ [g] Rejoyce not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, [y] LORD *shall be* a light unto me.

9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, untill he plead my cause, and execute judgement for me: he will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.

10 ‖ Then *she that is* mine enemy shall see *it*, & shame shall cover her; which said unto me, [h] Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now † shall she be troden down as the mire of the streets.

11 *In* the day that thy [i] walls are to be built, *in* that day shall the decree be far removed.

12 *In* that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria, ‖ and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain.

13 ‖ Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, [k] for the fruit of their doings.

14 ¶ ‖ Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily *in* the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed *in* Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.

16 ¶ The nations shall see, and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

17 [l] They shall lick the dust like a serpent, [m] they shall move out of their holes like

|| Or, creeping things.

like ||worms of the earth: they ſhall be afraid of the LORD our God, and ſhall fear becauſe of thee.

18 Who *is* a God like unto thee, that [a] pardoneth iniquity, and paſſeth by the tranſgreſſion of the remnant of his heritage? [b] he retaineth not his anger for ever, becauſe he delighteth *in* mercy.

[a] Exod. 34. 6, 7. [b] Pſ. 103. 9. Iſa. 57. 16. Jer. 3. 5.

19 He will turn again, he will have compaſſion upon us: he will ſubdue our iniquities; and thou wilt caſt all their ſins into the depths of the ſea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham, which thou haſt ſworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

NAHUM.

CHAP. I.

The majeſty of God in goodneſs to his people, and ſeverity againſt his enemies.

[a] Zeph. 2. 13.

THE burden [a] of Nineveh: The book of the viſion of Nahum the Elkoſhite.

|| Or, The LORD is a jealous God and a revenger, &c.

2 || God *is* [b] jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and † *is* furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adverſaries, and he reſerveth *wrath* for his enemies.

[b] Exod. 20. 5. † Heb. hath fury.

3 [c] The LORD *is* ſlow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: [d] the LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the ſtorm, and the clouds *are* the duſt of his feet.

[c] Exod. 34. 6. [d] Pſal. 18. 7, &c. Hab. 3. 5, 11, 12. [e] Iſ. 50. 2.

4 [e] He rebuketh the ſea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Baſhan languiſheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languiſheth.

[f] Pſ. 97. 5.

5 [f] The mountains quake at him, and the hils melt, and the earth is burnt at his preſence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

† Heb. ſtand up.

6 Who can ſtand before his indignation? and who can † abide in the fierceneſs of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

|| Or, ſtrength. [g] Pſ. 1. 6.

7 The LORD *is* good, a || ſtrong hold in the day of trouble; and [g] he knoweth them that truſt in him.

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkneſs ſhall purſue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine againſt the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction ſhall not riſe up the ſecond time.

10 For while *they be* folden together *as* thorns, and while they are drunken *as* drunkards, they ſhall be devoured as ſtubble fully dry.

† Heb. a counſeller of Belial. || Or, If they would have been at peace, ſhould they have been many, and ſo ſhould they be cut down, and he ſhould have paſſed away.

11 There is *one* come out of thee that imagineth evil againſt the LORD, † a wicked counſeller.

12 Thus ſaith the LORD; || Though *they be* quiet, and likewiſe many, yet thus ſhall they be † cut down, when he ſhall paſs through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

† Heb. ſhorn. Iſa. 52. 7. Rom. 10. 15. † Heb. feaſt. † Heb. Belial.

13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, & will burſt thy bonds in ſunder.

14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, *that* no more of thy name be ſown: out of the houſe of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 [h] Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publiſheth peace: O Judah, † keep thy ſolemn feaſts, perform thy vows: for † the wicked ſhall no more paſs through thee, he is utterly cut off.

CHAP. II.

The fearfull and victorious armies of God againſt Nineveh.

|| Or, the diſperſer, or hammer. [a] Iſa. 10. 12. || Or, pride. || Or, pride. Pſ. 80. 12. Hoſ. 13. 1. || Or, died ſcarlet. || Or, fiery.

HE that daſheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loyns ſtrong, fortifie *thy* power mightily.

2 [a] For the LORD hath turned away the || excellency of Jacob, as the || excellency of Iſrael: for [b] the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine-branches.

3 The ſhield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* || in ſcarlet: the chariots *ſhall be* with || flaming torches in the

the day of his preparation, and the fir-trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: † they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall recount his ‖ worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the † defense shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be ‖ dissolved.

7 And ‖ Huzzab shall be ‖ led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, tabring upon their breasts.

8 But Nineveh *is* ‖ of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none shall ‖ look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: ‖ for *there is* none end of the store, *and* glory out of all the † pleasant furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and [c] the heart melteth, and [d] the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in all loyns, *and* [e] the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lions whelp, and none made *them* afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravine.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAP. III.

The miserable ruine of Nineveh.

WO to the † bloudy city! it *is* all full of lies *and* robbery; the prey departeth not.

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both † the bright sword and the glittering spear: and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and *there is* none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts: and [b] I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock.

7 And it shall come to pass *that* all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 [c] Art thou better than † populous No, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart *was* the sea, *and* her wall *was* from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* infinite; Put and Lubim were † thy helpers.

10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, & all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also [e] shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* [f] fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, [g] thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortifie thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread ỹ morter, make strong the brick-kill.

15 There shall the fire devour thee; the

† Heb. the flame of the sword and the lightning of the spear.

[b] Isa. 47. 2, 3. Jer. 13. 22, 26. Ezek. 16. 37.

[c] Am. 6. 2.

‖ Or, prowling.

† Heb. No-amon.

[d] Jer. 46. 25.

† Heb. in thy help.

[e] Jer. 25. 17.

[f] Rev. 6. 13.

[g] Jer. 50. 37. & 51. 30.

sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the canker-worm: make thy self many as the canker-worm, make thy self many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the canker-worm || spoileth, and flieth away.

17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grashoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *were*.

18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy || nobles shall dwell *in the dust*: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*.

19 *There is* no † healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

HABAKKUK.

CHAP. I.

1 *Unto Habakkuk 5 is shewed vengeance by the Chaldeans:* 12 *He complaineth that vengeance is executed by them who are far worse.*

THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgement doth never go forth: for [a] the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore || wrong judgement proceedeth.

5 ¶ [b] Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not beleeve though it be told *you*.

6 For lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the † breadth of the land to possess ẏ dwelling places *that are* not theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and dreadfull: ||their judgement and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter then the leopards, and are more † fierce then [c] the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; [d] they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for violence: ||†their faces shall sup up *as* the east-wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes *shall be* a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

11 Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

12 ¶ *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgement; and, O† mighty God, thou hast †established them for correction.

13 [e] *Thou art* of purer eyes then to behold evil, and canst not look on || iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous then he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the || creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?

15 They [f] take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their || drag: therefore they rejoyce and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, & their meat || † plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, & not spare continually to slay the nations?

CHAP. II.

1 *Unto Habakkuk is shewed that he must wait by faith.* 5 *the judgement on the Chaldeans for unsatiableness,* 9 *covetousness,* 12 *cruelty, &c.*

I WILL [a] stand upon my watch, and set me upon the † tower, and will watch to see what

a Or, spreadeth himself.

|| Or, vaticinations.

† Heb. wreathing.

* Job 21. 7. Jer. 12. 1

|| Or, wrested.

b Act. 13. 41.

† Heb. breadths.

|| Or, from whom shall proceed the judgements of these, and the captivity of these.

† Heb. Sharp.

c Jer. 5. 6. Zeph. 3. 3.

d Jer. 4. 13.

|| Or, the sapping up of their faces shall be or, their faces shall look toward the east.

† Heb. the opposition of their faces toward the east.

|| Or, violences.

† Heb. wreathing.

|| Or, violence.

† Heb. Rock. Deut. 32. 4.

† Heb. from.

e Psal. 5. 4.

|| Or, grievance.

|| Or, moving.

Amos

|| Or, fruit.

|| Or, drawing.

† Heb. fat.

† Isa. 8. 1

† Heb. place.

what he will say ‖ unto me, and what I shall answer † when I am ‖ reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will [b] surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the [c] just shall live by his faith.

5 ¶ ‖ Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire [d] as hell, and *is* as death, & cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, ‖ Wo to him that increaseth *that which is* not his: how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay?

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, & awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 [e] Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; [f] because of mens † bloud, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 ¶ Wo to him that [g] ‖ coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the † power of evil.

10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house, by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the ‖ beam out of the timber shall ‖ answer it.

12 ¶ [h] Wo to him that buildeth a town with † bloud, and stablisheth a city by iniquity.

13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts, [i] that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves ‖ for very vanity?

14 For [k] the earth shall be filled ‖ with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

15 ¶ Wo unto him that giveth his neighbour drink: that puttest thy bottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

16 Thou art filled ‖ with shame for glory: [l] drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shamefull spewing *shall be* on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid, [m] because of mens bloud, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 ¶ What profiteth the graven image, that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a [n] teacher of lies, that † the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make *him* dumb idols?

19 Wo unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach. Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But [o] the LORD *is* in his holy temple: † [p] let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAP. III.

1 *Habakkuk in his prayer trembleth at Gods majesty.* 17 *The confidence of his faith.*

A Prayer of Habakkuk the prophet ‖ upon Shigionoth.

2 O LORD, I have heard † thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, ‖ revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy.

3 God [a] came from ‖ Teman, and the holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And *his* brightness was as the light; he had ‖ horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power.

5 [b] Before him went the pestilence, and ‖ burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetuall hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.

7 I saw

‖ Or, more with shame then with glory.
† Jer. 25. 26. & 51. 57.
m. V. 8
n Jer. 10. 8. 14. Zech. 10. 2.
† Heb. the fashioner of his fashion.
o Psal. 11. 4.
† Heb. be silent, all the earth, before him.
p Zeph. 1. 7. Zech. 2. 13.
‖ Or, according to variable songs, or tuner. called in Hebrew Shigionoth.
† Heb. thy report, or thy hearing.
‖ Or, preserve alive.
a Deut. 33. 2. Judg. 5. 4. Psal. 68. 7.
‖ Or, the south.
‖ Or, bright beams out of his side.
b Nah. 1. 3.
‖ Or, burning diseases.

7 I saw the tents of ‖ Cushan ‖ in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* ‖ thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bowe was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. Selah. ‖ Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

10 [c] The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lift up his hands on high.

11 The sun *and* moon [d] stood still in their habitation: ‖ at the light of thine [e] arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed: thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by † discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they † came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoycing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the ‖ heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entred into my bones, & I trembled in my self, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will ‖ invade them with his troops.

17 ¶ Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall † fail, and the fields shall yeeld no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoyce in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The Lord God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like [f] hinds *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my † stringed instruments.

‖ Or, Ethiopia.
‖ Or, under affliction, or, for vanity.
‖ Or, thy chariots were salvation.
‖ Or, thou didst cleave the rivers of the earth. Psal. 78. 15. and 114. 4. Micah 1. 4.
[d] Josh. 10. 12.
‖ Or, in the light, &c. [e] Josh. 10. 11.
† Heb. waking naked.

ZEPHANIAH.

CHAP. I.

Gods severe judgement against Judah for divers sins.

THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah.

2 † I will utterly consume all *things* from off † the land, saith the LORD.

3 [a] I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea; and the ‖ stumbling-blocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and [b] I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, *and* the name of the Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them [c] that worship the host of heaven upon the house-tops; and them that worship *and* that swear ‖ by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;

6 And [d] them that are turned back from the LORD; and *those* that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him.

7 [e] Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD *is* at hand: for [f] the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath † bid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORDS sacrifice, that I will † punish [g] the princes, & the kings children, and all *such as are* clothed with strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters houses with violence and deceit.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day

† Heb. *In taking away I will make an end.*
† Heb. *the face of the land.*
[a] Hos. 4. 3.
‖ Or, *idols.*
[b] 2 Kin. 23. 5.
[c] 2 Kin. 23. 12. Jer. 19. 13.
‖ Or, *to the* LORD.
[d] Isa. 6. 10. Jer. 15. 6.
[e] Hab. 2. 20. Zech. 2. 13.
[f] Isa. 34. 6. Jer. 46. 10. Ezek. 39. 17.
† Heb. *sanctified.*
[g] 2 Kin. 23. 29. Jer. 39. 4. & 52. 7.
† Heb. *visit upon.*
[h] Jer. 39. 6.

day, saith the LORD, *that there shall be* the noise of a cry from the fish-gate, and an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh: for all the merchant-people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

12 And it shall come to pass at that time *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men *that are* † setled on their lees; that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, & their houses a desolation: [h] they shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

14 The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 [i] That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their bloud shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 [k] Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORDS wrath; but the whole land shall be [l] devoured by the fire of his jealousie: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

CHAP. II.

1 *An exhortation to repentance.* 4 *The judgement of the Philistines,* 8 *of Moab and Ammon,* 12 *of Ethiopia and Assyria.*

GAther your selves together, yea, gather together, O nation ‖ not desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORDS anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek meekness: [a] it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORDS anger.

4 ¶ For [b] Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon-day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.

5 Wo unto the inhabitants of the sea-coasts, the nation of the Cherethites: the word of the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the sea-coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.

7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: ‖ for the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

8 ¶ [c] I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and [d] magnified *themselves* against their border.

9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts the God of Israel, Surely [e] Moab shall be as Sodom, and [f] the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* the breeding of nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.

10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts.

11 The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for he will † famish all the gods of the earth; and *men* shall worship him, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the heathen.

12 ¶ [h] Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.

13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and [i] destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness.

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the ||[k] cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the ||upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: || for he shall uncover the cedar-work.

15 This *is* the rejoycing city [l] that dwelt carelesly, that said in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss *and* wag his hand.

CHAP. III.

1 A sharp reproof of Jerusalem for divers sins. 8 An exhortation to wait for the restauration of Israel, 14 and to rejoyce for their salvation by God.

WO to ||† her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city.

2 She obeyed not the voice, she received not ||correction: she trusted not in the LORD, she drew not near to her God.

3 [a] Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves, they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her [c] prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: [d] her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 [e] The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof, he will not do iniquity: † every morning doth he bring his judgement to light, he faileth not; but [f] the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their ||towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings.

8 ¶ Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, untill the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for [g] all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousie.

9 For then will I turn to the people a pure † language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one † consent.

10 From [h] beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoyce in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty † because of my holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, & they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitfull tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

14 ¶ [i] Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoyce with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgements, he hath cast out thine enemy: the King of Israel, *even* the LORD, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and to* Zion, Let not thine hands be ||slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty: he will save, he will rejoyce over thee with joy; he will †rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather *them that are* sorrowfull for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* † the reproach of it *was a* burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and [k] I will save her that halteth,

[i] Is. 10. 5, 12. Ezek. 31. 3. Nah. 1. 1. & 2. 10. & 3. 15.
|| Or, pelican.
[k] Isa. 34. 11, 14.
|| Or, knops, or chapters.
|| Or, when he hath uncovered.
[l] Isa. 47. 8.

|| Or, glutton-ous
† Heb. crave.
|| Or, instruction.
[a] Ezek. 22. 27. Mic. 3. 9. 10, 11.
[b] Hab. 1. 8.
[c] Jer. 23. 11, 32. Hos. 9. 7.
[d] Ezek. 22. 26.
[e] Deut. 32. 4.
† Heb. morning by morning.
[f] Jer. 3. 3 & 6. 15. & 8. 12.
|| Or, corners.

[g] Chap. 1. 18.

† Heb. lip.
† Heb. from the dross.
[h] Is. 18. 1.

† Heb. in my holy.

[i] Is. 12. 6. & 54. 1. Zech. 9. 9.

|| Or, faint.

† Heb. be silent.

[k] Heb. I will undo all that afflicted her in that time. Ezek. 34. 16. Mic. 4. 6, 7.

halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will ‡get them praise and fame in every land † where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

HAGGAI.

CHAP. I.

1 Haggai reproveth the people for neglecting the building of the house. 7 He inciteth them to the building. 12 He promiseth Gods assistance to them being forward.

IN [a] the second year of Darius the king, in ỹ sixth moneth, in the first day of the moneth, came the word of the LORD † by Haggai the prophet unto [b] Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel ‖ governour of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech the high priest, saying,

2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORDS house should be built.

3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

4 [c] *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, & this house *lie* waste?

5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; † Consider your ways.

6 Ye have [d] sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages, earneth wages *to put it* into a bag † with holes.

7 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

8 Go up to the mountains, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

9 Ye looked for much, and lo, *it came* to little; and when ye brought *it* home, I did ‖ blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

10 Therefore [e] the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed *from* her fruit.

11 And I [f] called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oyl, & upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattel, & [g] upon all the labour of the hands.

12 ¶ Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people did fear before the LORD.

13 Then spake Haggai the LORDS messenger in the LORDS message unto the people, saying, I *am* with you, saith the LORD.

14 And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel governour of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came, and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts their God,

15 In the four and twentieth day of the sixth moneth, in the second year of Darius the king.

CHAP. II.

1 He encourageth the people to the work by promise of greater glory to the second temple then was in the first. 10 In the type of holy things and unclean he sheweth their sins hindred the work. 20 Gods promise to Zerubbabel.

IN the seventh *moneth*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the moneth, came the word of the LORD † by the prophet Haggai, saying,

2 Speak

[a] Ezra 5. 1. & 6. 14. Hag. 1. 15.
[b] Ezra 3. 2. & 5. 2. Mat. 1. 12. Luke 3. 27.
‖ Or, governour.
[c] Lev. 26. 19. Deut. 28. 23.
[d] Hag. 2. 16, 17.
[e] 1 K. 17. 1.
[f] 2 K. 8. 1.
[g] Chap. 2. 17.
† Heb. by the hand of.

2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the ſon of Shealtiel governour of Judah, and to Joſhua the ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt, and to the reſidue of the people, ſaying,

3 [a] Who *is* left among you that ſaw this houſe in her firſt glory? and how do ye ſee it now? [b] *is it* not in your eyes in compariſon of it as nothing?

4 Yet now [c] be ſtrong, O Zerubbabel, ſaith the LORD; and be ſtrong, O Joſhua ſon of Joſedech the high prieſt; and be ſtrong, all ye people of the land, ſaith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, ſaith the LORD of hoſts:

5 *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, ſo my ſpirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

6 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; [d] Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will ſhake the heavens, and the earth, and the ſea, and the dry land;

7 And I will ſhake all nations, and the deſire of all nations ſhall come: and I will fill this houſe with glory, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

8 The ſilver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

9 The glory of this latter houſe ſhall be greater then of the former, ſaith the LORD of hoſts: and in this place will I give peace, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

10 ¶ In the four and twentieth *day* of the ninth *moneth*, in the ſecond year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, ſaying,

11 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; [e] Ask now the prieſts *concerning* the law, ſaying,

12 If one bear holy fleſh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oyl, or any meat, ſhall it be holy? and the prieſts anſwered, and ſaid, No.

13 Then ſaid Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of theſe, ſhall it be unclean? And the prieſts anſwered, and ſaid, It ſhall be unclean.

14 Then anſwered Haggai, and ſaid, So *is* this people, and ſo *is* this nation before me, ſaith the LORD, and ſo *is* every work of their hands: and that which they offer there *is* unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, conſider from this day and upward, from before a ſtone was laid upon a ſtone in the temple of the LORD:

16 Since thoſe *days* were [f] when *one* came to an heap of twenty *meaſures*, there were *but* ten: when *one* came to the preſs-fat for to draw out fifty *veſſels* out of the preſs, there were *but* twenty.

17 ¶ [g] I ſmote you with blaſting, and with mildew, and with hail, [h] in all the labours of your hands; yet ye *turned* not to me, ſaith the LORD.

18 Conſider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth *moneth*, *even* from the day that the foundation of the LORDS temple was laid, conſider *it*.

19 *Is* the ſeed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, & the pomegranate, & the olive tree hath not brought forth: from this day will I bleſs *you*.

20 ¶ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth *day* of the moneth, ſaying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel governour of Judah, ſaying, [i] I will ſhake the heavens and the earth;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will deſtroy the ſtrength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and thoſe that ride in them; and the horſes and their riders ſhall come down, every one by the ſword of his brother.

23 In that day, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel my ſervant, the ſon of Shealtiel, ſaith the LORD, and will make thee as a ſignet: for I have choſen thee, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

[a] Ezra. 3. 12.
[b] Zech. 4. 10.
[c] Zech. 8. 9.
[d] V. 21. Heb. 12. 26.
[e] Lev. 10. 11. Deut. 33. 10. Mal. 2. 7.
[f] Chap. 1. 9. Zech. 8. 10.
[g] Deut. 28. 22. 1 King. 8. 37. Amos 4. 9.
[h] Chap. 1. 11.
[i] V. 6, 7.

ZECHARIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Zechariah exhorteth to repentance. 7 The vision of the horses. 12 At the prayer of the angel comfortable promises are made to Jerusalem. 18 The vision of the four horns, and the four carpenters.



IN the eighth moneth, [a] in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto [b] Zechariah the son of Barachiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

2 The LORD hath been † sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [c] Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [d] Turn ye now from your evil ways and *from* your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not ‖ take hold of your fathers? and they returned, and said, [e] Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 ¶ Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh moneth, which *is* the moneth Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah the son of Barachiah the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

8 I saw by night, and behold, [f] a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees that *were* in the bottom; and behind him *were there* [g] red horses, ‖ speckled, and white.

9 Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these? And the angel ý talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle-trees answered, and said, These *are they* whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 ¶ Then the angel of the LORD answered, and said, [h] O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation [i] these threescore and ten years?

13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words.

14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; [k] I am jealous for Jerusalem & for Zion with a great jealousie.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for [l] I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; My cities through † prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and [m] shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 ¶ Then lift I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, four horns.

19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these? And he answered me, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed me four carpenters.

21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These *are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so ý no man did

[a] Chap. 1. 9. Zech. 8. 10.
[b] Deut. 28. 23. 1 King. 8. 37. Amos 4. 9.
[c] Chap. 1. 11.
[d] Chap. 7. 13. Jer. 18. 11. Ezek. 33. 11. Jonah 3. 8.
[e] V. 6.
[f] Rev. 6. 10.
[g] Dan. 9. 2.
[h] Chap. 8. 2.
[i] Isa. 47. 6.
† Heb. good.
[m] Isa. 14. 1. Chap. 2. 12.

did lift up his head: but theſe are come to fray them, to caſt out the horns of the Gentiles, which lift up *their* horn over the land of Judah to ſcatter it.

CHAP. II.

1 God in his care of Jeruſalem, ſendeth to meaſure it. 6 The redemption of Zion. 10 The promiſe of Gods preſence.

I Lift up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold, a man with a meaſuring line in his hand.

2 Then ſaid I, Whither goeſt thou? And he ſaid unto me, [a] To meaſure Jeruſalem, to ſee what *is* the breadth thereof, and what *is* the length thereof.

3 And behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,

4 And ſaid unto him, Run, ſpeak to this young man, ſaying, Jeruſalem ſhall be inhabited *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattel therein.

5 For I, ſaith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and [b] will be the glory in the midſt of her.

6 ¶ Ho, ho, *come forth*, and [c] flee from the land of the north, ſaith the LORD: for I have ſpread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, ſaith the LORD.

7 Deliver thy ſelf, O Zion, that dwelleſt *with* the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; After the glory hath he ſent me unto the nations which ſpoiled you: for he that [d] toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For behold, I will ſhake mine hand upon them, and they ſhall be a ſpoil to their ſervants: and [e] ye ſhall know that the LORD of hoſts hath ſent me.

10 ¶ [f] Sing and rejoyce, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come, and I [g] will dwell in the midſt of thee, ſaith the LORD.

11 And many nations ſhall be joyned to the LORD in that day, and ſhall be [h] my people: and I will dwell in the midſt of thee, and [i] thou ſhalt know that the LORD of hoſts hath ſent me unto thee.

12 And the LORD ſhall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and [k] ſhall chooſe Jeruſalem again.

13 [l] Be ſilent, O all fleſh, before the LORD: for he is raiſed up out of † his holy habitation.

CHAP. III.

1 Under the type of Joſhua, the reſtauration of the church, 8 and Chriſt the Branch is promiſed.

AND he ſhewed me [a] Joſhua the high prieſt ſtanding before the angel of the LORD, and || Satan ſtanding at his right hand to † reſiſt him.

2 And the LORD ſaid unto Satan, [b] The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan: even the LORD that hath choſen Jeruſalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand pluckt out of the fire?

3 Now Joſhua was clothed with filthy garments, and ſtood before the angel.

4 And he anſwered, and ſpake unto thoſe that ſtood before him, ſaying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he ſaid, Behold, I have cauſed thine iniquity to paſs from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I ſaid, Let them ſet a fair [c] mitre upon his head. So they ſet a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD ſtood by.

6 And the angel of the LORD proteſted unto Joſhua, ſaying,

7 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my || charge, then thou ſhalt alſo judge my houſe, and ſhalt alſo keep my courts, and I will give thee † places to walk among theſe that ſtand by.

8 Hear now, O Joſhua the high prieſt, thou, and thy fellows that ſit before thee: for they *are* [d] men † wondred at: for behold, I will bring forth [e] my ſervant the [f] BRANCH.

9 For behold, the ſtone that I have laid before Joſhua; upon one ſtone *ſhall be* [h] ſeven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10 In that day, ſaith the LORD of hoſts,

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[a] See Rev. 11. 1.

[b] Is. 60. 19.

[c] Is. 48. 20. & 52 11. Jer. 50. 8. & 51. 6, 45. Rev. 18. 4.

[d] Deut. 32. 10. Pſ. 17. 8.

[e] Chap. 4. 9.

[f] Iſa. 12. 6. & 54 1 Zeph. 3. 14.

[g] Levit. 26. 12. Ezek. 37. 27. Joh. 1. 14. 2 Cor. 6. 16.

[h] Exod. 12. 49.

[i] V. 9.

[k] Chap. 1. 17. & 2. 12. Zeph. 1. 7.

[l] Heb. *the habitation of his holineſs.* Deut. 26. 15.

[a] Hag. 1. 1.

|| That is, an adverſary.

† Heb. *to be his adverſary.*

[b] Jude 9.

[c] Chap. 6. 11.

|| Or, *ordinances.*

† Heb. *walks,* as Pſal. 71. 7. & 78. 10.

† Heb. *of wonder.*

[d] Iſa. 42. 1. & 52. 13. & 53. 11. Jer. 23. 5. & 33. 15. Chap. 6. 12. Luk. 1. 78. Iſa. 28. 16.

[e] Chap. 6. 12. Rev. 5. 6.

hoſts, ſhall ye call every man his neighbour [i] under the vine & under the fig-tree.

CHAP. IV.

1 By the golden candleſtick is foreſhewed the good ſucceſs of Zerubbabels foundation: 11 By the two olive-trees, the two anointed ones.

AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his ſleep,

2 And ſaid unto me, What ſeeſt thou? And I ſaid, I have looked, and behold, a candleſtick all *of* gold, with † a bowl upon the top of it, and his ſeven lamps thereon, and ‖ ſeven pipes to the ſeven lamps which *are* upon the top thereof:

3 And two olive-trees by it, one upon the right *ſide* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *ſide* thereof.

4 So I anſwered, and ſpake to the angel that talked with me, ſaying, What *are* theſe, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me anſwered, and ſaid unto me, Knoweſt thou not what theſe be? And I ſaid, No, my lord.

6 Then he anſwered, and ſpake unto me, ſaying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, ſaying, Not by ‖ might, nor by power, but by my ſpirit, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

7 Who *art* thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou ſhalt become* a plain: and he ſhall bring forth the head ſtone thereof [a] with ſhoutings, *crying*, Grace, grace unto it.

8 Moreover, the word of the LORD came unto me, ſaying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel [b] have laid the foundation of this houſe; his hands [c] ſhall alſo finiſh it: and [d] thou ſhalt know that the LORD of hoſts hath ſent me unto you.

10 For who hath deſpiſed the day of [e] ſmall things? ‖ for they ſhall rejoyce, and ſhall ſee the † plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* thoſe ſeven; [f] they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 ¶ Then anſwered I, and ſaid unto him, What *are* theſe two olive-trees, upon the right *ſide* of the candleſtick, and upon the left *ſide* thereof?

12 And I anſwered again, and ſaid unto him, What *be theſe* two olive-branches, which † through the two golden pipes ‖ empty † the golden *oyl* out of themſelves?

13 And he anſwered me, and ſaid, Knoweſt thou not what theſe *be*? And I ſaid, No, my lord.

14 Then ſaid he, [g] Theſe *are* the two † anointed ones [h] that ſtand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

1 By the flying roll is ſhewed the curſe of theeves and ſwearers; 5 By a woman preſſed in an ephah, the final damnation of Babylon.

THEN I turned, and lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, a flying roll.

2 And he ſaid unto me, What ſeeſt thou? And I anſwered, I ſee a flying roll; the length thereof *is* twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits.

3 Then ſaid he unto me, This *is* the curſe that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for ‖ every one that ſtealeth ſhall be cut off *as* on this ſide, according to it; and every one that ſweareth ſhall be cut off *as* on that ſide, according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and it ſhall enter into the houſe of the thief, and into the houſe of him that ſweareth falſly by my name: and it ſhall remain in the midſt of his houſe, and [b] ſhall conſume it, with the timber thereof and the ſtones thereof.

5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and ſaid unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and ſee what *is* this that goeth forth.

6 And I ſaid, What *is* it? And he ſaid, This *is* an ephah that goeth forth. He ſaid moreover, This *is* their reſemblance through all the earth.

7 And behold, there was lift up a ‖ talent of lead: and this *is* a woman that ſitteth in the midſt of the ephah.

8 And he ſaid, This *is* Wickedneſs. And he caſt it into the midſt of the ephah; and he caſt the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then

[i] Chap. 3. 17. Zeph. 3. 7.
† Heb. the habitation of his holineſs. Deut. 26. 15.
[a] Hag. 1. 1.
‖ That is an adverſary.
† Heb. be his adverſary.
[b] Judg. 1.
[c] Chap. 6. 11.
‖ Or, dominion. † Heb. waters. Pſal. 77. 7. 104. 18.
† Heb. of wonder.
[d] Iſa. 42. 1. & 52. 13. & 11. 4. Jer. 23. 5. & 33. 15. Chap. 13. 2. Luk. 1. 69. 11. 22. Iſa. 28. 16.
[e] Chap. 4. 10. Rev. 5. 6.
† Heb. by the hand.
‖ Or, empty out of themſelves oyl into the gold.
† Heb. the gold.
† Heb. ſons of oyl.
[g] Rev. 11. 4.
[h] Chap. 6. 5.
‖ Or, every one of this people that ſtealeth holdeth himſelf guiltleſs, as it doth.
[a] Chap. 8. 17.
[b] See Lev. 14. 45.
‖ Or, weighty piece.

9 Then lift I up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lift up the ephah between the earth and the heaven.

10 Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah?

11 And he said unto me, To [c] build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established and set there upon her own base.

[c] Jer. 29. 5, 28.

CHAP. VI.

1 The vision of the four chariots. 9 By the crowns of Joshua are figured the temple and kingdom of Christ the Branch.

AND I turned, and lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains: and the mountains *were* mountains of brass.

2 In the first chariot *were* [a] red horses; and in the second chariot, black horses;

[a] Chap. 1. 8.

3 And in the third chariot, white horses; and in the fourth chariot, grisled and ‖ bay horses.

‖ Or, strong.

4 Then I answered, and said unto the angel that talked with me, What *are* these, my lord?

5 And the angel answered, and said unto me, These *are* the four ‖ spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

‖ Or, winds. [b] 1 Kin. 22. 19. Chap. 4. 14. Luke 1. 19.

6 The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north-country; and the white go forth after them: and the grisled go forth toward the south-country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get ye hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cryed he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of *them of* the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make [c] crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech the high priest;

[c] Chap. 3. 5.

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold, the man whose name *is* The [d] BRANCH: and he shall ‖ grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

[d] Chap. 3. 8. ‖ Or, branch. ‖ Or, under him.

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and [e] he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

[e] Psal. 110. 4. Zech. 6.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and [f] ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

[f] Chap. 2. 9. 9.

CHAP. VII.

1 The captives enquire of fasting. 4 Zechariah reproveth their fasting. 8 Sin, the cause of their captivity.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day* of the ninth moneth, *even* in Chisleu;

2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regem melech and their men to † pray before the LORD,

† Heb. in the house of the LORD

3 *And* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth moneth, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye [a] fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh moneth,

[a] Chap. 8. 19.

moneth, even thoſe [b] ſeventy years, did ye at all faſt [c] unto me, *even* to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, ‖ did not ye eat *for your ſelves*, and drink *for your ſelves*?

7 ‖ *Should ye* not *hear* the words which the LORD hath cried † by the former prophets, when Jeruſalem was inhabited and in proſperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when *men* inhabited the ſouth and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, ſaying,

9 Thus ſpeaketh the LORD of hoſts, ſaying, [d] † Execute true judgement, and ſhew mercy and compaſſions every man to his brother:

10 And [e] oppreſs not the widow, nor the fatherleſs, the ſtranger, nor the poor; and [f] let none of you imagine evil againſt his brother in your heart.

11 But they refuſed to hearken, and † pulled away the ſhoulder, and † ſtopped their ears, that they ſhould not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts *as* an adamant ſtone, leſt they ſhould hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hoſts hath ſent in his ſpirit † by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hoſts.

13 Therefore it is come to paſs *that* as he cried and they would not hear, ſo [g] they cried, and I would not hear, ſaith the LORD of hoſts:

14 But I ſcattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was deſolate after them, that no man paſſed through nor returned: for they laid the † pleaſant land deſolate.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The reſtauration of Jeruſalem. 9 The Jews are encouraged to the building by Gods favour to them. 16 Good works are required of them. 18 Joy and enlargement are promiſed.

AGain the word of the LORD of hoſts came *to me*, ſaying,

2 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; [a] I was jealous for Zion with great jealouſie, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus ſaith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midſt of Jeruſalem: and Jeruſalem [b] ſhall be called A city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hoſts, The holy mountain.

4 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; [c] There ſhall yet old men and old women dwell in the ſtreets of Jeruſalem, and every man with his ſtaff in his hand for † very age.

5 And the ſtreets of the city ſhall be full of boys and girls playing in the ſtreets thereof.

6 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; If it be ‖ marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in theſe days, [d] ſhould it alſo be marvellous in mine eyes? ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

7 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; Behold, I will ſave my people from the eaſt-countrey, and from the † weſt-countrey,

8 And I will bring them, and they ſhall dwell in the midſt of Jeruſalem: and they ſhall be my people, and I will be their God in truth and in righteouſneſs.

9 ¶ Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; [e] Let your hands be ſtrong, ye that hear in theſe days theſe words by the mouth of the prophets, which *were* in the day that the foundation of the houſe of the LORD of hoſts was laid, that the temple might be built.

10 For before theſe days ‖ there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beaſt; neither *was there any* peace to him that went out, or came in, becauſe of the affliction: for I ſet all men every one againſt his neighbour.

11 But now I *will* not *b* unto the reſidue of this people as in the former days, ſaith the LORD of hoſts.

12 For the ſeed *ſhall be* † proſperous: the vine ſhall give her fruit, and the ground ſhall give her increaſe, and the heavens ſhall give their dew: and I will cauſe the remnant of this people to poſſeſs all theſe *things*.

13 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* as ye were a curſe among the heathen, O houſe of Judah, and houſe of Iſrael; ſo will I ſave

[b] Iſ. 1. 21, 26.

[c] See 1 Sam. 2. 31. Lam. 2. 20, &c. & 5. 11, 14.

† Heb. *multitude of days.*

‖ Or, *hard*, or *difficult.*

[d] Gen. 18. 14. Luk. 1. 37. Rom. 4. 21.

† Heb. *countrey of the going down of the ſun.* See Pſ. 50. 1. & 113. 3. Mal. 1. 11.

[e] Hag. 2. 4.

‖ Or, *the hire of man became nothing*, &c.

[f] Hag. 1. 6.

[g] Hoſ. 2. 23. Joel 2. 22.

† Heb. *of peace.*

save you, and [h] ye ſhall be a bleſſing: fear not, *but* let your hands be ſtrong.

14 For thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; As I thought to puniſh you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, and I repented not;

15 So again have I thought in theſe days to do well unto Jeruſalem and to the houſe of Judah: fear ye not.

16 ¶ Theſe *are* the things that ye ſhall do; [i] Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; † execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates;

17 [k] And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts againſt his neighbour; and [l] love no falſe oath: for all theſe *are things* that I hate, ſaith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hoſts came unto me, ſaying,

19 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; The faſt of the fourth *month*, and the faſt of the fifth, and the faſt of the ſeventh, and the faſt of the tenth ſhall be to the houſe of Judah joy and gladneſs, and cheerfull † feaſts: therefore love the truth and peace.

20 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts: *It ſhall* yet *come to paſs* that there ſhall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:

21 And the inhabitants of one *city* ſhall go to another, ſaying, [m] Let us go ‖ †ſpeedily †to pray before the LORD, and to ſeek the LORD of hoſts: I will go alſo.

22 Yea, many people and ſtrong nations ſhall come to ſeek the LORD of hoſts in Jeruſalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus ſaith the LORD of hoſts; In thoſe days *it ſhall come to paſs* that ten men ſhall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even ſhall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, ſaying, We will go with you: for we have heard [n] *that* God *is* with you.

CHAP. IX.

1 God defendeth his church. 9 Zion is exhorted to rejoyce for the coming of Chriſt, and his peaceable kingdom. 12 Gods promiſes of victory and defenſe.

THE burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damaſcus *ſhall be* the reſt thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Iſrael, *ſhall be* toward the LORD.

2 And Hamath alſo ſhall border thereby; Tyrus and [b] Zidon, though it be very [c] wiſe.

3 And Tyrus did build her ſelf a ſtrong hold, and [d] heaped up ſilver as the duſt, and fine gold as the mire of the ſtreets.

4 Behold, [e] the Lord will caſt her out, and he will ſmite her power in the ſea; and ſhe ſhall be devoured with fire.

5 [f] Aſhkelon ſhall ſee *it*, and fear; Gaza alſo *ſhall ſee it*, and be very ſorrowfull, and Ekron; for her expectation ſhall be aſhamed; and the king ſhall periſh from Gaza, and Aſhkelon ſhall not be inhabited.

6 And a baſtard ſhall dwell in Aſhdod; and I will cut off the pride of the Philiſtines.

7 And I will take away his † bloud out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth: but he that remaineth, even he, *ſhall be* for our God, and he ſhall be as a governour in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebuſite.

8 And [g] I will encamp about mine houſe becauſe of the army, becauſe of him that paſſeth by, and becauſe of him that returneth: and no oppreſſour ſhall paſs through them any more: for now have I ſeen with mine eyes.

9 ¶ [h] Rejoyce greatly, O daughter of Zion; ſhout, O daughter of Jeruſalem. Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* juſt, and ‖ having ſalvation; lowly, and riding upon an aſs, and upon a colt the foal of an aſs.

10 And I [i] will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horſe from Jeruſalem, and the battel-bowe ſhall be cut off: and he ſhall ſpeak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *ſhall be* [k] from ſea *even* to ſea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee alſo, ‖ by the bloud of thy covenant I have ſent forth thy [l] priſoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

12 ¶ Turn ye to the ſtrong hold, ye priſoners of hope: even to day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee:

13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled

[h] Ruth 4. 11, 12. Zeph. 3. 20.

[i] Eph. 4. 25. † Heb. *judge truth, & the judgement of peace.*

[k] Chap. 7. 9. [l] Chap. 5. 3, 4.

† Heb. *ſolemn, or ſet times.*

[m] Iſa. 2. 3. Mic. 4. 1, 2. ‖ Or, *continually* † Heb. *going.* † Heb. *intreat the face of the LORD*

[n] 1 Cor. 14. 25.

[a] Am. 1. 3.

[b] Obad. 20. [c] Ezek. 28. 3, &c. [d] Job 27. 16. Zech. 9. 3. [e] Ezek. 28. 18.

[f] Zeph. 2. 4.

† Heb. *Bloud.*

[g] Chap. 2. 5.

[h] Matt. 21. 5. John 12. 15. [i] Hoſea 1. 7. [k] Pſal. 72. 8. [l] Iſa. 61. 1.

filled the bowe with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man:

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them: and they shall devour, and ‖ subdue with sling-stones; and they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine; and they ‖ shall be filled like bowls, *and* as the corners of the altar.

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for *they shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For how great *is* his goodness, and how great *is* his beauty? corn shall make the young men ‖ cheerfull, and new wine the maids.

CHAP. X.

1 God is to be sought unto, and not idols. 5 As he visited his flock for sin, so he will save and restore them.

ASk ye [a] of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; *so* the LORD shall make ‖ bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

2 For the [b] † idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they [c] comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they ‖ were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I † punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battel.

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him ỹ battel-bowe, out of him every oppressour together.

5 ¶ And they shall be as mighty men, wch [d] tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battel: and they shall fight, because the LORD *is* with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen ỹ house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them: for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.

7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoyce as through wine: yea, their children shall see *it*, and be glad; their heart shall rejoyce in the LORD.

8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.

9 And I will sowe them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countreys, and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

10 [e] I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and [f] *place* shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and [g] shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD, and [h] they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XI.

1 The destruction of Jerusalem. 3 The elect being cared for, the rest are rejected. 10 The staves of Beauty and Bands broken by the rejection of Christ. 15 The type, and curse of a foolish shepherd.

OPen thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, fir-tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the ‖ mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for ‖ the forest of the vintage is come down.

3 ¶ *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter:

5 Whose possessours slay them, and hold

[a] Zech. 10. 1.
[b] Ezek. 21. 21, 28. &c.
[c] Jer. 16. 19. Zech. 10. 2.
[d] Mal. 4. 3.
[e] Isa. 11. 11, 12.
[f] Isa. 49. 20.
[g] See Isa. 11. 15
[h] Mic. 4. 5.

‖ Or, gallants.
‖ Or, the defenced forest.

themſelves not guilty: and they that ſell them ſay, Bleſſed *be* the LORD; for I am rich: and their own ſhepherds pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, ſaith the LORD: but lo, I will † deliver the men every one into his neighbours hand, and into the hand of his king: and they ſhall ſmite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

† Heb. make to be ſmitten

7 And I will feed the flock of ſlaughter, ‖ *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two ſtaves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called ‖ Bands; and I fed the flock.

‖ Or, verily the poor. ‖ Or, Binders

8 Three ſhepherds alſo I cut off in one moneth: and my ſoul † lothed them, and their ſoul alſo abhorred me.

† Heb. was ſtraitned for them.

9 Then ſaid I, I will not feed you: [a] that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the reſt eat, every one the fleſh † of another.

[a] Jer. 15. 2.

† Heb. of his fellow, or neighbour.

10 ¶ And I took my ſtaff, *even* Beauty, and cut it aſunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and ‖ ſo the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

‖ Or, the poor of the flock, &c. certainly knew.

12 And I ſaid unto them, † If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they [b] weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of ſilver.

† Heb. If it be good in your eyes.

[b] Matth. 26. 15. [c] Matth. 27. 9, 10.

13 And the LORD ſaid unto me, Caſt it unto the [c] potter: a goodly price that I was priſed at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of ſilver, and caſt them to the potter in the houſe of the LORD.

14 Then I cut aſunder mine other ſtaff, *even* ‖ Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Iſrael.

‖ Or, Binders.

15 ¶ And the LORD ſaid unto me, Take unto thee yet the inſtruments of a fooliſh ſhepherd.

16 For lo, I will raiſe up a ſhepherd in the land *which* ſhall not viſit *thoſe that be* ‖ cut off, neither ſhall ſeek the young one, nor heal *that that is* broken, nor ‖ feed that that ſtandeth ſtill: but he ſhall eat the fleſh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

‖ Or, bear.

17 [d] Woe to the idol ſhepherd, that leaveth the flock: the ſword *ſhall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm ſhall be clean dried up, and his right eye ſhall be utterly darkned.

[d] Jer. 23. 1. Ezek. 34. 2. John 10. 12.

CHAP. XII.

1 Jeruſalem, a cup of trembling to her ſelf, 3 and a burdenſom ſtone to her adverſaries. 6 The victories reſtoring of Judah. 9 The repentance of Jeruſalem.

THE burden of the word of the LORD for Iſrael, ſaith the LORD, [a] which ſtretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and [b] formeth the ſpirit of man within him.

[a] Num. 16. 22. Eccl. 12. 7. [b] Or, and

2 Behold, I will make Jeruſalem a cup of ‖ trembling unto all the people round about, ‖ when they ſhall be in the ſiege both againſt Judah *and* againſt Jeruſalem.

‖ Or, ſhall be in the ſiege againſt Jeruſalem.

3 ¶ And in that day will I make Jeruſalem a burdenſom ſtone for all people: all that burden themſelves with it ſhall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together againſt it.

4 In that day, ſaith the LORD, I will ſmite every horſe with aſtoniſhment, and his rider with madneſs: and I will open mine eyes upon the houſe of Judah, and will ſmite every horſe of the people with blindneſs.

5 And the governours of Judah ſhall ſay in their heart, ‖ The inhabitants of Jeruſalem *ſhall be* my ſtrength in the LORD of hoſts their God.

‖ Or, The inhabitants of Jeruſalem ſhall be my ſtrength in the LORD of hoſts their God.

6 ¶ In that day will I make the governours of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a ſheaf; and they ſhall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jeruſalem ſhall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jeruſalem.

7 The LORD alſo ſhall ſave the tents of Judah firſt, that the glory of the houſe of David and the glory of the inhabitants of

of Jeruſalem do not magnifie *themſelves* againſt Judah.

8 In that day ſhall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jeruſalem: and he that is || † feeble among them at that day ſhall be as David; and the houſe of David *ſhall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day *that* I will ſeek to deſtroy all the nations that come againſt Jeruſalem.

10 And [c] I will pour upon the houſe of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, the ſpirit of grace and of ſupplications: and [d] they ſhall look upon me whom they have pierced, and [e] they ſhall mourn for him as one mourneth for *his* onely *ſon*, and ſhall be in bitterneſs for him as one that is in bitterneſs for *his* firſt-born.

11 In that day ſhall there be a great [f] mourning in Jeruſalem, [g] as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land ſhall mourn, † every family apart: the family of the houſe of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the houſe of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the houſe of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *The fountain of purgation for Jeruſalem,* 2 *from idolatry, and falſe propheſie.* 7 *The death of Chriſt, and the trial of a third part.*

IN that day there ſhall be a fountain opened to the houſe of David, and to the inhabitants of Jeruſalem, for ſin and for † uncleanneſs.

2 ¶ And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, ſaith the LORD of hoſts, *that* I will [a] cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they ſhall no more be remembred: and alſo I will cauſe the prophets and the unclean ſpirit to paſs out of the land.

3 And it ſhall come to paſs, *that* when any ſhall yet propheſie, then his father and his mother, that begat him, ſhall ſay unto him, Thou ſhalt not live; for thou ſpeakeſt lies in the name of the LORD: and his father and his mother, that begat him, [b] ſhall thruſt him through when he propheſieth.

4 And it ſhall come to paſs in that day, *that* the prophets ſhall be aſhamed every one of his viſion, when he hath propheſied; neither ſhall they wear [c] † a rough garment † to deceive:

5 But he ſhall ſay, I *am* no prophet, I *am* an husbandman: for man taught me to keep cattel from my youth.

6 And *one* ſhall ſay unto him, What *are* theſe wounds in thine hands? Then he ſhall anſwer, *Thoſe* with which I was wounded *in* the houſe of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O ſword, againſt my ſhepherd, & againſt the man [d] *that is* my fellow, ſaith the LORD of hoſts: [e] ſmite the ſhepherd, and the ſheep ſhall be ſcattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

8 And it ſhall come to paſs *that* in all the land, ſaith the LORD, two parts therein ſhall be cut off, *and* die; but the third ſhall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will [f] refine them as ſilver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: [g] they ſhall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will ſay, [h] It *is* my people; and they ſhall ſay, The LORD *is* my God.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *The deſtroyers of Jeruſalem, deſtroyed.* 4 *The coming of Chriſt, and the graces of his kingdom.* 12 *The plague of Jeruſalems enemies.* 16 *The remnant ſhall turn to the Lord,* 20 *and their ſpoils ſhall be holy.*

BEhold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy ſpoil ſhall be divided in the midſt of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations againſt Jeruſalem to battel; and the city ſhall be taken, and [a] the houſes rifled, and the women raviſhed: and half of the city ſhall go forth into captivity, and the reſidue of the people ſhall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battel.

4 ¶ And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east: and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley: and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of ‖ the mountains; ‖ for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee like as ye fled from before the [b] earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be † clear *nor* † dark:

7 But ‖ it shall be [c] one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass *that* at [d] evening-time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living [e] waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the ‖ former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be ‖ turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamins gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner-gate, and *from* the tower of Hananiel unto the kings wine-presses.

11 And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem ‖ shall be safely inhabited.

12 ¶ And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* [f] a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and [g] his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

14 And Judah also shall fight ‖ at Jerusalem: & the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel in great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

16 ¶ And it shall come to pass *that* every one *that is* left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even [h] go up from year to year to worship the King the LORD of hosts, and to keep [i] the feast of tabernacles.

17 And it shall be *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of ye earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, † [k] that have no *rain*; there shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the ‖ punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 ¶ In that day shall there be upon the ‖ bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD: and the pots in the LORDS house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be Holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the [l] Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

‖ Or, *my mountains.*
‖ Or, *when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated.*
[b] Amos 1. 1.
† Heb. *precious.*
† Heb. *thickness.*
‖ Or, *the day shall be one.*
[c] Rev. 21. 25.
[d] Isa. 60. 19. Rev. 21. 23.
[e] Ezek. 47. 1. Joel 3. 18. Rev. 22. 1.
‖ Or, *eastern.*
‖ Or, *compassed.*
‖ Or, *shall abide.*
‖ Or, *shall abide.*
[f] 1 Sam. 14. 15, 20.
[g] Ezek. 38. 21.
‖ Or, *fight.*
‖ Or, *gather.*
[h] Isa. 66. 23.
[i] Levit. 23. 34. Deut. 16. 13. Hos. 12. 9. John 7. 2.
† Heb. *upon whom there is not.*
[k] Deut. 11. 10.
‖ Or, *sin.*
[l] Isa. 35. 8. Joel 3. 17. Rev. 21. 27. 22. 15.

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MALACHI.

CHAP. I.

1 Malachi complaineth of Israels unkindness, 6 of their irreligiousness. 12 and profaneness.

THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel † by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? *Was* not Esau Jacobs brother? saith the LORD: yet I [a] loved Jacob,

3 And [b] I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified ‖ † from the border of Israel.

6 ¶ A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: [c] if then I *be* a father, Where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name: And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

7 ‖ Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

8 And [d] if ye offer the blind † for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governour, will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

9 And now I pray you, beseech † God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been † by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought?* neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an [e] offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles: and [f] in every place incense *shall be* offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 ¶ But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* ‖ and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts: and ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hands? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed *be* [g] the deceiver, ‖ which hath in his flock a male, and voweth and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for [h] I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadfull among the heathen.

CHAP. II.

1 He sharply reproveth the priests for neglecting their covenant; 11 and the people for idolatry, 14 for adultery, 17 and for infidelity.

AND now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.

2 [a] If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.

3 Behold, I will ‖ corrupt your seed, and † spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts; and ‖ *one* shall take you away *with it*.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

5 My

[a] Isa. 41. 8. Jer. 33. 26. Amos 3. 2. [b] 1 Tim. 2. 8.

[c] Isa. 1. 11. Jer. 6. 20. Amos 5. 21.

[d] Levit. 22. 20. Deut. 15. 21.

[e] Levit. 26. 14, &c. Deut. 28. 15, &c.

‖ Or, reprove. † Heb. scatter. ‖ Or, it shall take you away to it.

‖ Or, whereas you might have blown it away.

[f] Mal. 1. 14. [g] Isa. 35. 8. Ezek. 44. 9. Rev. 21. 27. 22. 15.

‖ Or, in whose flock is [h] Psal. 47. 2.

5 [b] My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him, [c] for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7 For [d] the priests lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

8 But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to ‖ stumble at the law; [e] ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 Therefore [f] have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but ‖ † have been partial in the law.

10 § Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

11 ¶ Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he ‖ loved, and [h] hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, ‖ the master and the scholar out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand.

14 ¶ Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet *is* she thy companion and the wife of [i] thy covenant.

15 And [k] did not he make one? yet had he the ‖ residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a † godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal ‖ treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For [l] the LORD the God of Israel saith ‖ that he hateth † putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that you deal not treacherously.

17 ¶ [m] Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in ŷ sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgement?

CHAP. III.

1 Of the messenger, majesty, and grace of Christ. 7 Of the rebellion, 8 sacrilege, 13 and infidelity of the people. 16 The promise of blessing to them that fear God.

BEhold, [a] I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for [b] he *is* like a refiners fire, and like fullers sope.

3 And [c] he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purifie the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

4 Then [d] shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, & as in ‖ former years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgement; & I will be a swift witness against ŷ sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, & against those that ‖ oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

6 For I *am* ŷ LORD, I change not, therefore ye, sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 ¶ Even

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[b] Num. 5. 12. Deut. 3. 8, 9.

[c] Deut. 17. 9, 10. Jer. 8. 18.

‖ Or, *fall in the law.* [e] Neh. 13. 29.

[f] 1 Sam. 2. 30. ‖ Or, *lifted up the face against.* † Heb. *accepted faces.* § Eph. 4. 6.

‖ Or, *ought to love.* [h] Ezr. 9. 1. & 10. 2. Neh. 13. 23. ‖ Or, *him that waketh, and him that answereth.*

[i] Pr. 2. 17 [k] Mal. 2. 9. ‖ Or, *excellency.*

† Heb. *seed of God.* ‖ Or, *unfaithfully.* Deut. 24. 1. Matth. 5. 32. & 19. 8. Or, *if he hate her put her away.* † Heb. *to put away.* [m] Is. 43. 24. [a] Chap. 3. 15.

[a] Mar. 11. 10. Mat. 11. 10. Luk. 1. 76 and 7. 27.

[b] See Is. 4. 4. Matth. 3. 10, 11, 12.

[c] Is. 1. 25.

[d] Chap. 1. 11. ‖ Or, *aforetime.*

‖ Or, *defraud.* [e] Num. 23. 19. Rom. 11. 29. Jam. 1. 17. [f] Lam. 3. 22.

7 ¶ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return?

8 ¶ Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, If I will not open you the windows of heaven, and † pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be* room enough *to receive it*.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not † destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsom land, saith the LORD of hosts.

13 ¶ Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

14 Ye have said, It *is* vain to serve God: and what profit *is it* that we have kept his † ordinance, and that we have walked † mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

15 And now we call the proud happy: yea, they that work wickedness are † set up; yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.

16 ¶ Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkned, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my ‖ jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

CHAP. IV.

1 Gods judgement on the wicked, 2 and his blessing on the good. 4 He exhorteth to the study of the law, 5 and telleth of Elijahs coming and office.

FOr behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 ¶ But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.

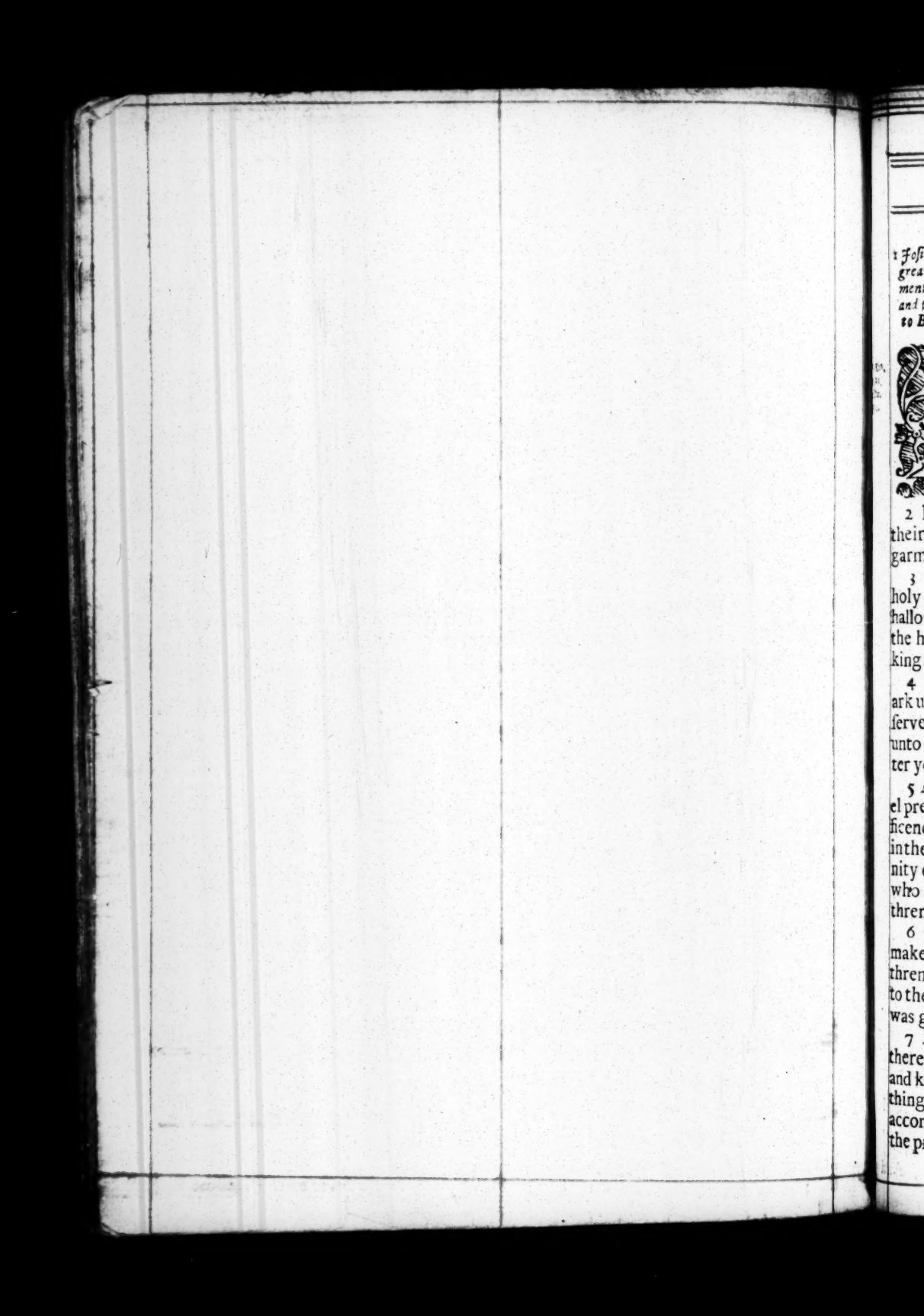
3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet, in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgements.

5 ¶ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadfull day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The end of the prophets.



APOCRYPHA.

I. ESDRAS.

CHAP. I.

1 Josias his charge to the priests and Levites. 7 A great pass-over is kept. 32 His death is much lamented. 34 His successours. 53 The temple, city, and people are destroyed. 56 The rest are carried unto Babylon.



ND Josias held the [a] feast of the pass-over in Jerusalem unto his Lord, and offered the pass over the fourteenth day of the first moneth,

2 Having set the priests according to their daily courses, being arayed in long garments, in the temple of the Lord.

3 And he spake unto the Levites the holy ministers of Israel, that they should hallow themselves unto the Lord, to set the holy ark of the Lord in the house that king Solomon the son of David had built:

4 *And said*, Ye shall no more bear the ark upon your shoulders. Now therefore serve the Lord your God, and minister unto his people Israel, and prepare you after your families and kindreds,

5 According as David the king of Israel prescribed, and according to the magnificence of Solomon his son: and standing in the temple according to the several dignity of the families of you the Levites, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of Israel,

6 Offer the pass-over in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keep the pass over according to the commandment of the Lord which was given unto Moses.

7 And unto the people that was found there Josias gave thirty thousand lambs and kids, and three thousand calves. These things were given of the kings allowance, according as he promised to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites.

8 And Helkias, Zacharias and || Syelus, the governours of the temple, gave to the priests for the pass-over two thousand and six hundred sheep, and three hundred calves.

|| Or, Jehuel, 2 Chro. 35.8.

9 And Jeconias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and Assabias, and Ochiel, and Joram, captains over thousands, gave to the Levites for the pass-over five thousand sheep & || seven hundred calves.

|| Or, five hundred. 2 Chr. 35 9.

10 And when these things were done, the priests and Levites, having the unleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the kindreds,

11 And according to the several dignities of the fathers before the people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the book of Moses. [b] And thus did they in the morning.

[b] 2 Chr. 35 12, and so of the bullocks.

12 And they [c] rosted the pass-over with fire, as appertaineth: as for the sacrifices, they sod them in brass pots and pans || with a good savour,

[c] Exod. 12 8. || Or, with good speed or willingly. 2 Chr. 35. 13.

13 And set them before all the people: and afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests their brethren the sons of Aaron.

14 For the priests offered the fat untill night: and the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests their brethren the sons of Aaron.

15 The holy singers also, the sons of Asaph, were in their order, according to the appointment [d] of David, to wit, Asaph, Zacharias, and Jeduthun, who was [e] of the kings retinue.

[d] 2 Chr. 35.15, of David and Asaph. [e] 2 Chr. 35 15, the kings seer.

16 Moreover the porters were at every gate: It was not lawful for any to go from his ordinary service: for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

17 Thus were the things that belonged to the sacrifices of the Lord accomplished in that day, that they might hold the pass-over,

18 And offer sacrifices upon the altar

of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josias.

19 So the children of Israel which were present held the pass-over at that time and the feast of sweet bread seven days.

20 And such a pass-over was not kept in Israel since the time of the prophet Samuel.

21 Yea, all the kings of Israel held not such a pass-over as Josias, and the priests and the Levites, and the Jews held with all Israel that were found dwelling at Jerusalem.

22 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josias was this pass-over kept.

23 And the works of Josias were upright before his Lord, with an heart full of godliness.

24 As for the things that came to pass in his time, they were written in former times, concerning those that sinned, and ‖ did wickedly against the Lord above all people and kingdoms, and how they grieved him ‖ exceedingly, so that the words of the Lord rose up against Israel.

‖ Or, were ungodly. ‖ Or, sensibly.

25 [f] Now after all these acts of Josias, it came to pass that Pharaoh the king of Egypt came to raise war at Carchamis upon Euphrates: and Josias went out against him.

[f] 2 Chr. 35 20.

26 But the king of Egypt sent to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, O king of Judea?

27 I am not sent out from the Lord God against thee: for my war is upon Euphrates. And now ẏ Lord is with me, yea, ẏ Lord is with me hasting me forward: depart from me, & be not against the Lord.

28 Howbeit Josias did not turn back his chariot from him, but undertook to fight with him, not regarding the words of the prophet Jeremy spoken by the mouth of the Lord:

29 But joyned battel with him in the plain of Magiddo. And the princes came against king Josias.

30 Then said the king unto his servants, Carry me away out of the battel; for I am very weak. And immediately his servants took him away out of the battel.

31 Then gat he up upon his second chariot; and being brought back to Jerusalem, died, and was buried in his fathers sepulchre.

32 And in all Jewry they mourned for Josias: yea, Jeremy the prophet lamented for Josias; and the chief men with the women made lamentation for him unto this day. And this was given out for an ordinance to be done continually in all the nation of Israel.

33 These things are written in the book of the stories of the kings of Judah, and every one of the acts that Josias did: and his glory, and his understanding in the law of the Lord, and the things that he had done before, and the things now recited, are reported in the book of the kings of Israel and Judea.

34 [g] And the people took Joachaz the son of Josias, and made him king in stead of Josias his father, when he was twenty and three years old.

[g] 2 Kin. 23. 30. 2 Chr. 36.

35 And he reigned in Judea and in Jerusalem three moneths. And then the king of Egypt deposed him from reigning in Jerusalem.

36 And he set a tax upon the land of an hundred talents of silver, and one talent of gold.

37 The king of Egypt also made king Joacim his brother king of Judea and Jerusalem.

38 And he bound Joacim and the nobles: but Zaraces his brother he apprehended, and brought him out of Egypt.

39 Five and twenty years old was [h] Joacim when he was made king in the land of Judea and Jerusalem: and he did evil before the Lord.

[h] 2 Chr. 36 4 Jehoiakim, or Eliakim.

40 Wherefore against him Nabuchodonosor the king of Babylon came up, and bound him with a chain of brass, and carried him unto Babylon.

41 Nabuchodonosor also took of the holy vessels of the Lord, and carried them away, and set them in his own temple at Babylon.

42 But those things that are recorded of him, and of his uncleanness, & impiety, are written in the chronicles of the kings.

43 And

43 And Joacim his ſon reigned in his ſtead: he was made king being eighteen years old;

44 And reigned but three moneths and ten days in Jeruſalem, and did evil before the Lord.

45 So after a year Nabuchodonoſor ſent, and cauſed him to be brought into Babylon, with the holy veſſels of the Lord;

46 And made Zedechias king of Judea and Jeruſalem, when he was one and twenty years old. And he reigned eleven years:

47 And [1] he did evil alſo in the ſight of the Lord, and cared not for the words that were ſpoken unto him by the prophet Jeremy from the mouth of the Lord.

48 And after that king Nabuchodonoſor had made him to ſwear by the name of the Lord, he forſwore himſelf, and rebelled; and hardning his neck and his heart, he tranſgreſſed the laws of the Lord God of Iſrael.

49 The governours alſo of the people and of the prieſts did many things againſt the laws, and paſſed all the pollutions of all nations, and defiled the temple of the Lord which was ſanctified in Jeruſalem.

50 Nevertheleſs, the God of their fathers ſent by his meſſenger to call them back, becauſe he ſpared them and his tabernacle alſo.

51 But they had his meſſengers in deriſion: and look when the Lord ſpake unto them, they made a ſport of his prophets:

52 So far forth, that he being wroth with his people for their great ungodlineſs, commanded the kings of the Chaldees to come up againſt them:

53 Who ſlew their young men with the ſword; yea, even within the compaſs of their holy temple; and ſpared neither young man nor maid, old man nor child among them. For he delivered all into their hands.

54 And they took all the holy veſſels of the Lord, both great and ſmall, with the veſſels of the ark of God, and the kings treaſures, and carried them away into Babylon.

55 As for the houſe of the Lord, they burnt it; brake down the walls of Jeruſalem, ſet fire upon her towres.

56 And as for her glorious things, they never ceaſed till they had conſumed and brought them all to nought. And the people that were not ſlain with the ſword, he carried unto Babylon:

57 Who became ſervants to him and his children, till the Perſians reigned; to fulfill the [k] word of the Lord ſpoken by the mouth of Jeremy;

58 Untill the land had enjoyed her ſabbaths, the whole time of her deſolation ſhall ſhe [||] reſt untill the full term of ſeventy years.

[k] Jer. 25.11. & 29.10.

[||] Or, keep ſabbath.

CHAP. II.

1 Cyrus is moved by God to build the temple, 5 and giveth leave to the Jews to return and contribute to it. 11 He delivereth again the veſſels which had been taken thence. 25 Artaxerxes forbiddeth the Jews to build any more.

IN the [a] firſt year of Cyrus king of the Perſians, that the word of the Lord might be accompliſhed that he had promiſed by the mouth of Jeremy;

[a] 2 Chr. 36.22. Ezra 1. 1, &c.

2 The Lord raiſed up the ſpirit of Cyrus the king of the Perſians, and he made proclamation through all his kingdom, & alſo by writing,

3 Saying, Thus ſaith Cyrus king of the Perſians, The Lord of Iſrael, the moſt high Lord, hath made me king of the whole world,

4 And commanded me to build him an houſe at Jeruſalem in Jewry.

5 If therefore there be any of you that are of his people, let the Lord, even his Lord, be with him, and let him go up to Jeruſalem that is in Judea, and build the houſe of the Lord of Iſrael: for [||] he is the Lord that dwelleth in Jeruſalem.

[||] Or, this.

6 Whoſoever then dwell in the places about, let them help him; thoſe, I ſay, that are his neighbours; with gold and with ſilver,

7 With gifts, with horſes, and with cattel, and other things which have been ſet forth by vow for the temple of the Lord at Jeruſalem.

8 ¶ Then the chief of the families of Judea and of the tribe of Benjamin

stood up; the priests also and the Levites, and all they whose mind the Lord had moved to go up, and to build an house for the Lord at Jerusalem,

9 And they that dwelt round about them, and helped them in all things with silver and gold, with †horses and cattel, & with very many free gifts of a great number whose minds were stirred up thereto.

10 King Cyrus also brought forth the holy vessels which Nabuchodonosor had carried away from Jerusalem, and had set up in his temple of idols.

11 Now when Cyrus king of the Persians had brought them forth, he delivered them to Mithridates his treasurer:

12 And by him they were delivered to † Sanabassar the governour of Judea.

13 And this was the number of them; A thousand golden cups, and a thousand of silver; † censers of silver twenty nine; vials of gold thirty, and of silver [b] two thousand four hundred and ten; and a thousand other vessels.

14 So all the vessels of gold and of silver which were carried away were [c] five thousand four hundred threescore & nine.

15 These were brought back by Sanabassar, together with them of the captivity, from Babylon to Jerusalem.

16 [d]But in the time of Artaxerxes king of the Persians, Belemus, and Mithridates, and Tabellius, and † Rathumus, Beelteth-mus, and † Semellius the secretary, with others that were in commission w[th] them, dwelling in Samaria & other places, wrote unto him against them that dwelt in Judea and Jerusalem these letters following;

17 To king Artaxerxes our lord, thy servants Rathumus the story-writer, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest of their counsel, and the judges that are in Celesyria and Phenice.

18 Be it now known to the lord the king, that the Jews that are come up from you to us, being come into Jerusalem that rebellious and wicked city, do build the market-places, and repair the walls of it, and do lay the foundation of the temple.

19 Now if this city and the walls thereof be made up again, they will not onely refuse to give tribute, but also rebell against kings.

20 And forasmuch as the things pertaining to the temple are now in hand, we think it meet not to neglect such a matter,

21 But to speak unto our lord the king, to the intent that, if it be thy pleasure, it may be sought out in the books of thy fathers:

22 And thou shalt find in the chronicles what is written concerning these things, and shalt understand that that city was rebellious, troubling both kings and cities:

23 And that the Jews were rebellious, & raised always wars therein; for the w[ch] cause even this city was made desolate.

24 Wherefore now we do declare unto thee, O lord the king, that if this city be built again, and the walls thereof set up anew, thou shalt from henceforth have no passage into Celesyria and Phenice.

25 Then the king wrote back again to Rathumus ỹ story-writer, to Beelteth-mus, to Semellius the scribe, and to the rest that were in commission, & dwellers in Samaria, & Syria, & Phenice, after this manner;

26 I have read the epistle which ye have sent unto me: therefore I commanded to make diligent search, and it hath been found that that city was from the beginning practising against kings,

27 And the men therein were given to rebellion and war; and that mighty kings and fierce were in Jerusalem, who reigned and exacted tributes in Celesyria and Phenice.

28 Now therefore I have commanded to hinder those men from building the city, and heed to be taken that there be no more done in it;

29 And that those wicked workers proceed no further to the annoyance of kings.

30 Then king Artaxerxes his letters being read, Rathumus, and Semellius the scribe, and the rest that were in commission with them, removing in haste towards Jerusalem w[th] a troop of horsemen and ‖ a multitude of people in battel aray, began to hinder the builders. And the building of the temple

† Heb. substance Ezra 1. 6.

† Or. Sheshbazzar. The first part of the word is corruptly joyned to the word going before, Ezr. 1. 8.
† Heb. knives. Ezr. 1. 9.
[b] Ezr. 1. 10. but four hundred and ten.
[c] Ezr. 1. 11. but five thousand four hundred.
[d] Ezr. 4. 7.
† Balsemus and the name which followeth are but an epithet to the former, Ezr. 4. 9.
† Shimshai, Ezra 4. 8.

‖ Or, a great number of soldiers.

temple in Jeruſalem ceaſed untill the ſecond year of the reign of Darius king of the Perſians.

CHAP. III.

4 Three ſtrive to excell each other in wiſe ſpeeches. 9 They refer themſelves to the judgement of the king. 18 The firſt declareth the ſtrength of Wine.

NOw when Darius reigned, he made a great feaſt unto all his ſubjects, and unto all his houſhold, and unto all the princes of Media and Perſia,

2 And to all the governours and captains and lieutenants that were under him from India unto Ethiopia, in an hundred twenty and ſeven provinces.

3 And when they had eaten & drunken, and being ſatisfied were gone home, then Darius the king went into his bed-chamber, and ſlept; and ſoon after awaked.

4 Then three young men that were of the guard, that kept the kings body, ſpake one to another,

5 Let every one of us ſpeak a ſentence: he that ſhall overcome, and whoſe ſentence ſhall ſeem wiſer then the others, unto him ſhall ỹ king Darius give great gifts, and great things in token of victory;

6 As to be clothed in purple, to drink in gold, and to ſleep upon gold; and a chariot with bridles of gold, and an head-tire of fine linen, and a chain about his neck:

7 And he ſhall ſit next to Darius becauſe of his wiſdom, and ſhall be called Darius his Couſin.

8 And then every one wrote his ſentence, ſealed it, and laid it under king Darius his pillow,

9 And ſaid, that when the king is riſen, ſome will give him the writings: and on whoſe ſide the king and the three princes of Perſia ſhall judge that his ſentence is the wiſeſt, to him ſhall the victory be given, as was appointed.

10 The firſt wrote, Wine is the ſtrongeſt.

11 The ſecond wrote, The king is the ſtrongeſt.

12 The third wrote, Women are ſtrongeſt, but above all things, Truth beareth away the victory.

13 ¶ Now when the king was riſen up, they took their writings, and delivered them unto him; and ſo he read them.

14 And ſending forth, he called all the princes of Perſia and Media, and the governours, and the captains, and the lieutenants, and the chief officers,

15 And ſat him down in the ‖ royal ſeat of judgement: and the writings were read before them. ‖ Or, counc.

16 And he ſaid, Call the young men, and they ſhall declare their own ſentences. So they were called, and came in.

17 And he ſaid unto them, Declare unto us your mind concerning the writings. Then began the firſt, who had ſpoken of the ſtrength of wine;

18 And he ſaid thus, O ye men, how exceeding ſtrong is wine! It cauſeth all men to err that drink it.

19 It maketh the mind of the king and of the fatherleſs child to be all one; of the bond-man and of the freeman; of the poor man and of the rich.

20 It turneth alſo every thought into jollity and mirth, ſo that a man remembreth neither ſorrow nor debt.

21 And it maketh every heart rich, ſo that a man remembreth neither king nor governour: and it maketh to ſpeak all things by talents.

22 And when they are in their cups, they forget their love both to friends and brethren, and a little after draw out ſwords.

23 But when they are from the wine, they remember not what they have done.

24 O ye men, is not wine the ſtrongeſt, that enforceth to do thus? And when he had ſo ſpoken, he held his peace.

CHAP. IV.

1 The ſecond declareth the power of a King: 14 The third, the force of Women, 33 and of Truth. 41 The third is judged to be wiſeſt, 47 and obtaineth letters of the king to build Jeruſalem. 58 He praiſeth God, and ſheweth his brethren what he had done.

THen the ſecond, that had ſpoken of the ſtrength of the king, began to ſay,

2 O ye men, do not men excel in ſtrength, that ‖ bear rule over ſea and land, and all things in them?

‖ Or, have the command.

3 But yet the king is more mighty: For he is lord of all theſe things, and hath dominion over them: and whatſoever he commandeth them, they do.

4 If he bid them make war the one againſt the other, they do it: if he ſend them out againſt the enemies, they go, & break down mountains, walls and towres.

5 They ſlay, and are ſlain, and tranſgreſs not the kings commandment: if they get the victory, they bring all to the king, as well the ſpoil, as all things elſe.

6 Likewiſe for thoſe that are no ſouldiers, and have not to do with wars, but uſe husbandry, when they have reaped again that which they had ſown, they bring it to the king, and compell one another to pay tribute unto the king.

7 And yet he is but one man. If he command to kill, they kill, if he command to ſpare, they ſpare;

8 If he command to ſmite, they ſmite; if he command to make deſolate, they make deſolate; if he command to build, they build;

9 If he command to cut down, they cut down; if he command to plant, they plant.

10 So all his people and his armies obey him. Furthermore, he lieth down, he eateth and drinketh, and taketh his reſt:

11 And theſe keep *watch* round about him: neither ‖ may any one depart, and do his own buſineſs; neither diſobey they him in any thing.

‖ Or, can.

12 O ye men, how ſhould not the king be mightieſt, when in ſuch ſort he is obeyed? And he held his tongue.

13 ¶ Then the third, who had ſpoken of women, and of the truth; this was Zorobabel; began to ſpeak:

14 O ye men, it is not the great king, nor the multitude of men, neither is it wine that † excelleth. Who is it then that ruleth them, or hath the lordſhip over them? Are they not women?

† Heb. is of force.

15 Women have born the king and all the people that bear rule by ſea and land.

16 Even of them came they: and they nouriſhed them up that planted the vineyards, from whence the wine cometh.

17 Theſe alſo make garments for men; theſe bring glory unto men: and without women cannot men be.

18 Yea, and if men have gathered together gold and ſilver, or any other goodly thing, do they not love a woman which is comely in favour and beauty?

19 And letting all thoſe things go, do they not gape, and even with open mouth fix their eyes faſt on her? and have not all men more deſire unto her then unto ſilver or gold or any goodly thing whatſoever?

20 A man leaveth his own father that brought him up, and his own countrey, and cleaveth unto his wife.

21 He ſticks not to ſpend his life with his wife, and remembreth neither father, nor mother, nor countrey.

22 By this alſo you muſt know that women have dominion over you: do ye not labour and toil, and give and bring all to the woman?

23 Yea, a man taketh his ſword, and goeth his way to rob and to ſteal, to ſail upon the ſea and upon the rivers;

24 And looketh upon a lion, and goeth in the darkneſs; and when he hath ſtolen, ſpoiled and robbed, he bringeth it to his love.

25 Wherefore a man loveth his wife better then father or mother.

26 Yea, many there be that have ‖ run out of their wits for women, and become ſervants for their ſakes.

‖ Or, grow deſperate.

27 Many alſo have periſhed, haveerred, and ſinned for women.

28 And now do ye not beleeve me? is not the king great in his power? do not all regions fear to touch him?

29 Yet did I ſee him and Apame the kings concubine, the daughter of the admirable ‖ Bartacus, ſitting at the right hand of the king.

‖ Joſeph. Antiq. 11. c. Rabacen Theſſ. muſſit.

30 And taking the crown from the kings head, and ſetting it upon her own head. She alſo ſtroke ẏ king with her left hand.

31 And

31 And yet ‖ for all this, the king gaped and gazed upon her with open mouth. If she laughed upon him, he laughed also: but if she took any displeasure at him, the king was fain to flatter, that she might be ‖ reconciled to him again.

32 O ye men, how can it be but women should be strong, seeing they do thus?

33 Then the king and the princes looked one upon another. So he began to speak of the Truth.

34 O ye men, are not women strong? Great is the earth, high is the heaven: swift is the sun in his course; for he compasseth the heavens round about, and fetcheth his course again to his own place in one day.

35 Is he not great that maketh these things? Therefore great is the truth, and stronger then all things.

36 All the earth ‖ calleth upon the truth, and the heaven blesseth it: all works shake and tremble at it; and with it is no unrighteous thing.

37 Wine is wicked; the king is wicked; women are wicked; all the children of men are wicked, and such are all their wicked works, and there is no truth in them: in their unrighteousness also they shall perish.

38 As for the truth, it endureth, and is always strong; it liveth, and conquereth for evermore.

39 With her there is no accepting of persons or rewards: but she doeth the things that are just, and refraineth from all unjust and wicked things; and all men do well like of her works.

40 Neither in her judgement is any unrighteousness. And she is ỹ strength, kingdom, power and majesty of all ages. Blessed be the God of truth.

41 And with that he held his peace. And all the people then shouted, and said, Great is Truth, & mighty above all things.

42 Then said the king unto him, Ask what thou wilt more then is appointed in the writing, and we will give it thee, because thou art found wisest: and thou shalt sit next me, and shalt be called my Cousin.

43 Then said he unto the king, Remember thy vow which thou hast vowed, to build Jerusalem in the day when thou camest to thy kingdom,

44 And to send away all the vessels that were taken away out of Jerusalem, which Cyrus set apart when he vowed to destroy Babylon, and to send them again thither.

45 Thou also hast vowed to build up the temple, [a] which the Edomites burnt when Judea was made desolate by the Chaldees.

[a] Psal. 137. 7. Ezek. 35. 12.

46 And now, O lord the king, this is that which I require, and which I desire of thee, & this is the princely liberality proceeding from thy self. I desire therefore that thou make good the vow the performance whereof with thine own mouth thou hast vowed to the King of heaven.

47 Then Darius the king stood up, and kissed him, and wrote letters for him unto all the treasurers & lieutenants and captains and governours, that they should safely convey on their way both him and all those that go up with him to build Jerusalem.

48 He wrote letters also unto the lieutenants that were in Celesyria and Phenice, and unto them in Libanus, that they should bring cedar-wood from Libanus unto Jerusalem, and that they should build the city with him.

49 Moreover he wrote for all the Jews that went out of his realm up into Jewry, concerning their freedom, that no officer, no ruler, no lieutenant, nor ‖ treasurer, should forcibly enter into their doors;

‖ Or, steward.

50 And that all the countrey which they hold should be free without tribute; and that the Edomites should give over the villages of the Jews which then they held:

51 Yea, that there should be yearly given twenty talents to the building of the temple, untill the time that it were built;

52 And other ten talents yearly; to maintain the burnt-offerings upon the altar every day; as they had a commandment to offer seventeen:

53 And that all they that went from Babylon to build the city ſhould have free liberty, as well they as their poſterity, and all the prieſts that went away.

54 He wrote alſo concerning the charges, and the prieſts veſtments wherein they miniſter;

55 And likewiſe for the charges of the Levites to be given them untill the day that the houſe were finiſhed, and Jeruſalem builded up.

56 And he commanded to give to all that kept the city || penſions and wages.

|| Or, portions of land

57 He ſent away alſo all the veſſels from Babylon that Cyrus had ſet apart; and all that Cyrus had given in commandment, the ſame charged he alſo to be done, and ſent unto Jeruſalem.

58 Now when this young man was gone forth, he lifted up his face to heaven toward Jeruſalem, and praiſed the King of heaven,

59 And ſaid, From thee cometh victory, from thee cometh wiſdom, and thine is the glory; and I am thy ſervant.

60 Bleſſed art thou who haſt given me wiſdom: for to thee I give thanks, O Lord of our fathers.

61 And ſo he took the letters, and went out, and came unto Babylon, and told it all his brethren.

62 And they praiſed the God of their fathers, becauſe he had given them freedom and liberty

63 To go up, and to build Jeruſalem, and ẏ temple which is called by his name. And they feaſted with inſtruments of muſick and gladneſs ſeven days.

CHAP. V.

4 The names and number of the Jews that returned home. 50 The altar is ſet up in his place. 57 The foundation of the temple is laid. 73 The work is hindred for a time.

AFter this were the principal men of the families choſen according to their tribes, to go up, with their wives, and ſons, and daughters, with their men ſervants, and maid-ſervants, and their cattel.

2 And Darius ſent with them a thouſand horſemen, till they had brought them back to Jeruſalem ſafely, and with muſical *inſtruments*, tabrets, and flutes.

3 And all their brethren played: And he made them go up together with them.

4 And theſe are the names of the men which went up, according to their families, amongſt their tribes, after their ſeveral heads.

5 The prieſts, the ſons of Phinees, the ſon of Aaron: Jeſus the ſon of Joſedec, the ſon of Saraias, and || Joacim the ſon of Zorobabel, the ſon of Salathiel, of the houſe of David, out of the kindred of Phares, of the tribe of Judah;

|| Jeſus, Joacim & Zorobabel: this place is corrupt: for Joacim was the ſon of Joſedech, Neh. 12. 10. & not Zorobabel, who was of the tribe of Judah, Zorobabel.

6 [a] Who ſpake wiſe ſentences before Darius the king of Perſia in the ſecond year of his reign, in the moneth Niſan, which is the firſt moneth.

[a] Saraias

7 And theſe are they of Jewry that came up from the captivity, where they dwelt as ſtrangers, whom Nabuchodonoſor the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon.

8 And they returned unto Jeruſalem, and to the other parts of Jewry, every man to his own city: who came with Zorobabel, with Jeſus, Nehemias, and [b] Zacharias, and Reeſaias, Enenius, Mardocheus, Beelſarus, [c] Aſpharaſus, [d] Reelius, Roimus, and Baana, their guides.

[b] Or, Maſpaſa [c] Or, Reelaiah.

9 The number of them of the nation, and their governours, ſons of [e] Phoros, two thouſand an hundred ſeventy and two; the ſons of [f] Saphat, [g] four hundred ſeventy and two;

[e] Phoros were firſt brought by Ezra 2. Neh. 7. for the true number of the particulars ſee Ezra 2. & Neh. 7.

10 The ſons of Ares, ſeven hundred fifty and ſix;

11 The ſons of Phaath-Moab, two thouſand eight hundred and twelve;

12 The ſons of Elam, a thouſand two hundred fifty and four; the ſons of [h] Zathui, nine hundred fourty and five; the ſons of [i] Corbe, ſeven hundred and five; the ſons of Bani, ſix hundred fourty and eight;

[f] Saphat [g] Or, three hundred ſeventy two [h] Zattu [i] Bagoi

13 The ſons of Bebai, ſix hundred twenty and three; the ſons of [k] Sadas, three thouſand two hundred twenty and two;

14 The ſons of Adonicam, ſix hundred ſixty and ſeven; the ſons of [l] Bagoi, two thouſand

[k] Adin [l] Bigvai

thousand sixty and six; the sons of Adin, four hundred fifty and four;

15 The sons of [m] Aterezias, ninety and two; the sons of Ceilan and Azetas, threescore and seven; the sons of Azuran, four hundred thirty and two;

16 The sons of Ananias, an hundred and one; the sons of Arom, thirty two; and the sons of [n] Bassa, three hundred twenty and three; the sons of Azephurith, an hundred and two;

17 The sons of Meterus, three thousand and five; the sons of [o] Bethlomon, an hundred twenty and three;

18 They of Netophah, fifty and five; they of Anathoth, an hundred fifty and eight; they of [p] Bethsamos, fourty and two;

19 They of [q] Kiriathiarius, twenty and five; they of Caphira and Beroth, seven hundred fourty and three; they of Pira, seven hundred;

20 They of Chadias, and Ammidioi, four hundred twenty and two; they of [r] Cirama, and [s] Gabdes, six hundred twenty and one;

21 They of [t] Macalon, an hundred twenty and two; they of [u] Betolius, fifty and two; the sons of [x] Nephis, an hundred fifty and six;

22 The sons of [y] Calamolalus, and Onus, seven hundred twenty and five; the sons of Jerechus, two hundred fourty and five;

23 The sons of [z] Annaas, three thousand three hundred and thirty.

24 The priests: the sons of [a] Jeddu, the son of Jesus, among the sons of Sanasib, nine hundred seventy and two; the sons of [b] Meruth, a thousand fifty and two;

25 The sons of [c] Phassaron, a thousand fourty and seven; the sons of [d] Carme, [e] a thousand and seventeen.

26 The Levites: the sons of [f] Jessue, and Cadmiel, and Banuas, and Sudias, seventy and four.

27 The holy singers: the sons of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight.

28 The porters: the sons of [g] Salum, the sons of [h] Jatal, the sons of Talmon, the sons of [i] Dacobi, the sons of [k] Teta, the sons of [l] Sami, in all an hundred thirty and nine.

29 The servants of the temple: the sons of [m] Esau, the sons of [n] Asipha, the sons of Tabaoth, the sons of [o] Ceras, the sons of [p] Sud, the sons of [q] Phaleas, the sons of Labana, the sons of [r] Graba,

30 The sons of [s] Acua, the sons of Uta, the sons of [t] Cetab, the sons of Agaba, the sons of [u] Subai, the sons of Anan, the sons of [x] Cathua, the sons of [y] Geddur,

31 The sons of [z] Airus, the sons of [a] Daisan, the sons of [b] Noeba, the sons of Chaseba, the sons of [c] Gazera, the sons of [d] Azia, the sons of [e] Phinees, the sons of Azara, the sons of [f] Bastai, the sons of [g] Asana, the sons of [h] Meani, the sons of [i] Naphisi, the sons of [k] Acub, the sons of [l] Acipha, the sons of [m] Assur, the sons of Pharacim, the sons of [n] Basaloth,

32 The sons of [o] Meeda, the sons of Coutha, the sons of [p] Charea, the sons of [q] Charcus, the sons of [r] Aserer, the sons of [s] Thomoi, the sons of [t] Nasith, the sons of Atipha.

33 The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of [u] Azaphion, the sons of [x] Pharira, the sons of [y] Jeeli, the sons of [z] Lozon, the sons of [a] Isdael, the sons of [b] Sapheth.

34 The sons of [c] Hagia, the sons of [d] Phacareth, the sons of Saby, the sons of Sarothie, the sons of Masias, the sons of Gar, the sons of Addus, the sons of Suba, the sons of Apherra, the sons of Barodis, the sons of Sabat, the sons of Allom.

35 All the ministers of the temple and the sons of the servants of Solomon were three hundred seventy and two.

36 These came up from Thermeleth, and Thelersas, Charaathalar leading them, and Aalar.

37 Neither could they shew their families, nor their stock, how they were of Israel: the sons of [e] Ladan, the sons of [f] Ban, the sons of [g] Necodan, six hundred fifty and two.

38 And of the priests that usurped the office

[a] Akub, [b] Hanta, [c] Shobai, [m] Zich, [n] Hasupha, [o] Keros, [p] Siaha, [q] Fadon, [r] Agaba, [s] Ashub, [t] Hagab, [u] Shamlai, [x] Giddel, [y] Gahar, [z] Reaiah, Rezin, [a] Necoda, [b] Gazam, [c] Huzza, [d] Pasiah, [e] Besai, [f] Asnah, [g] Mezunim, [h] Nephusim, [i] Bakbuk, [k] Hacapa, [l] Harhur, [m] Bazluth, [n] Mehida, [o] Harsha, [p] Barcos, [q] Sisera, [r] Thamai, [s] Neziah, [t] Sophereth, [u] Peruda, [x] Jaalah, [y] Darcon, [z] Giddel, [a] Shephatiah, [b] Hatti, [c] Phocereth Hazzebaim, 1 Z. 2. 57.

[e] Delaiah, [f] Tobiah, [g] Necodab.

office of the priesthood, and were not found, the sons of [h] Obdia, the sons of [i] Accoz, the sons of [k] Addus, who married Augia one of the daughters of Berzelus, and was named after his name.

39 And when the description of the kindred of these men was sought in the register, and was not found, they were removed from executing the office of the priesthood.

40 For unto them said || Nehemias and Atharias, that they should not be partakers of the holy things, till there arose up an high priest clothed with †doctrine and truth.

41 So of Israel, from them of twelve years old and upward, they were all in number fourty thousand, besides men-servants and women servants, two thousand three hundred and sixty.

42 Their || men-servants and handmaids were seven thousand three hundred fourty and seven: the singing-men & singing-women, two hundred fourty and five.

43 Four hundred thirty and five camels, seven thousand thirty and six horses, two hundred fourty and five mules, [l] five thousand five hundred twenty and five || beasts used to the yoke.

44 And certain of the chief of their families, when they came to the temple of God that is in Jerusalem, vowed to set up the house again in his own place according to their ability,

45 And to give into the holy treasury of the works a thousand pounds of gold, five thousand of silver, an hundred priestly vestments

46 And so dwelt the priests and the Levites and the people in Jerusalem, and in the countrey: the singers also and the porters, and all Israel, in their villages.

47 But when the seventh moneth was at hand, and when the children of Israel were every man in his own place, they came all together with one consent into the open place of the first || gate which is towards the east.

48 Then stood up Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren the priests, and Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and his brethren, and made ready the altar of the God of Israel,

49 To offer burnt-sacrifices upon it, according as it is expresly commanded in the book of Moses the man of God.

50 And there were gathered unto them out of the other nations of the land: and they erected the altar upon his own place, because all the nations of the land were at enmity with them, and oppressed them: and they offered sacrifices according to the time, and burnt-offerings to the Lord both morning and evening.

51 Also they held the feast of tabernacles, as it is commanded in the law; and *offered* sacrifices daily, as was meet;

52 And after that, the || continual oblations, and the sacrifice of the sabbaths, & of the new-moons, and of all holy feasts.

53 And all they that had † made any vow to God, began to offer sacrifices to God from the first day of the seventh moneth, although the temple of the Lord was not yet built.

54 And they gave unto the masons and carpenters money, meat and drink with cheerfulness.

55 Unto them of Sidon also and Tyre they gave carrs, that they should bring cedar-trees from Libanus, which should be brought by flotes to the haven of Joppe, according as it was commanded them by Cyrus king of the Persians.

56 And in the second year and second moneth after his coming to the temple of God at Jerusalem, began Zorobabel the son of Salathiel, and Jesus the son of Josedec, and their brethren, and the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come unto Jerusalem out of the captivity;

57 And they laid the foundation of the house of God in the first-day of the second moneth, in the second year after they were come to Jewry and Jerusalem.

58 || And they appointed the Levites from twenty years old over the works of the Lord. Then stood up Jesus and his sons and brethren, and Cadmiel his brother, & the sons of Madiabun, with the sons of Joda

[h] Hobadiah. [i] Ezr. [k] Barzelai.

|| Nehemias, who also is Atharias: two of one: Ezra 2. 63. Neh. 8. 9. & 10. 1

† Heb. *Urim & Thummim.*

|| See Neh. 7. 67.

[l] Ezra 2. 67.

|| *Asses.*

|| Or, *before the east-gate.*

|| Or, *daily sacrifice.*

† Or, *vowed.*

|| See Ezra 3. 9.

Joda the ſon of Eliadun, with their ſons and brethren, all Levites, with one accord || ſetters forward of the buſineſs, labouring to advance the works in the houſe of God. So the workmen built the temple of the Lord.

59 And the prieſts ſtood arayed in their veſtments with muſical inſtruments and trumpets, and the Levites the ſons of Aſaph had cymbals,

60 Singing ſongs of thankſgiving, and praiſing the Lord, ||according as David the king of Iſrael had ordained.

61 And they ſung *with* loud voices ſongs to the praiſe of the Lord; becauſe his mercy & glory is for ever in all Iſrael.

62 And all the people ſounded trumpets, and ſhouted with a loud voice, ſinging ſongs of thankſgiving unto the Lord, for the rearing up of ẏ houſe of the Lord.

63 [m] Alſo of the prieſts and Levites, and of the chief of their families, the ancients who had ſeen the former houſe, came to the building of this with weeping and great crying.

64 But many with trumpets and joy ſhouted with loud voice,

65 Inſomuch that the trumpets might not be ||heard for the weeping of the people: yet the multitude ſounded marvellouſly, ſo that it was heard afar off.

66 Wherefore when the enemies of the tribe of Judah and Benjamin heard it, they came to know what that noiſe of trumpets ſhould mean.

67 And they perceived that they that were of the captivity did build the temple unto the Lord God of Iſrael.

68 So they went to Zorobabel and Jeſus, and to the chief of the families, and ſaid unto them, We will build together with you.

69 For we likewiſe, as you, do obey your Lord, and do ſacrifice unto him from the days of ||Azbazareth the king of the Aſſyrians, who brought us hither.

70 Then Zorobabel and Jeſus and the chief of the families of Iſrael ſaid unto them, It is not for us and you to build together an houſe unto the Lord our God.

71 We our ſelves alone will build unto the Lord of Iſrael, according as Cyrus the king of the Perſians hath commanded us.

72 But the heathen of the land lying heavy upon the inhabitants of Judea, and holding them ſtrait, hindred their building:

73 And by their ſecret plots and popular perſwaſions and commotions they hindred the finiſhing of the building all the time that king Cyrus lived: ſo they were hindred from building for the ſpace of two years, ||untill the reign of Darius.

|| Or, *untill the ſecond year of Darius*, Ezra 4. 4.5.

CHAP. VI.

1 The prophets ſtir up the people to build the temple. 8 Darius is ſolicited to hinder it. 27 But he doth further it by all means, 32 and threatneth thoſe that ſhall hinder it.

NOw in the ſecond year of the reign of Darius Aggeus and Zacharias the ſon of || Addo the prophets propheſied unto the Jews in Jewry and Jeruſalem in the name of ẏ Lord God of Iſrael, ||which was upon them.

|| Or, *Iddo.*

|| Or, *which was called on them.*

2 Then ſtood up Zorobabel the ſon of Salathiel, and Jeſus the ſon of Joſedec, and began to build the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem, the prophets of the Lord being with them, *and* helping them.

3 [a] At the ſame time came unto them || Siſinnes the governour of Syria and Phenice, with ||Sathrabuzanes, and his companions, and ſaid unto them,

[a] Ezra 5.3.
|| Or, *Tatnai.*
|| Or, *Shethar-bozenai.*

4 By whoſe appointment do you build this houſe and this roof, and perform all the other things? and who are the workmen that perform theſe things?

5 Nevertheleſs the elders of the Jews obtained favour: becauſe the Lord had viſited the captivity.

6 And they were not hindred from building, untill ſuch time as ſignification was given unto Darius concerning them, and an anſwer received.

7 The copy of the letters which Siſinnes governour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, rulers in Syria and Phenice, wrote and ſent unto Darius; To king Darius, greeting.

8 Let all things be known unto our Lord

lord the king, that being come into the countrey of Judea, and entred into the city of Jeruſalem, we found in the city of Jeruſalem the ancients of the Jews that were of the captivity,

9 Building an houſe unto the Lord, great *and* new, of hewn and coſtly ſtones, and the timber already laid upon the walls.

10 And thoſe works are done with great ſpeed, and the work goeth on proſperouſly in their hands, and with all glory and diligence is it made.

11 Then asked we theſe elders, ſaying, By whoſe commandment build ye this houſe, and lay the foundations of theſe works?

12 Therefore to the intent that we might give knowledge unto thee by writing, we demanded of them who were the chief doers, and we required of them the names in writing of their principal men.

13 So they gave us this anſwer, We are the ſervants of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

14 And as for this houſe, it was builded many years ago by a king of Iſrael, great and ſtrong, and was finiſhed.

15 But when our fathers provoked God unto wrath, and ſinned againſt the Lord of Iſrael which is in heaven, he gave them over into the power of Nabuchodonoſor king of Babylon, of the Chaldees:

16 Who pulled down the houſe, and burnt it, and carried away the people captives unto Babylon.

17 But in the firſt year that king Cyrus reigned over the countrey of Babylon, Cyrus the king wrote to build up this houſe.

18 And the holy veſſels of gold and of ſilver that Nabuchodonoſor had carried away out of the houſe at Jeruſalem, and had ſet them in his own temple, thoſe Cyrus the king brought forth again out of the temple at Babylon, and they were delivered to ‖ Zorobabel and to Sanabaſſarus the ruler,

19 With commandment that he ſhould carry away the ſame veſſels, and put them in the temple at Jeruſalem; and that the temple of the Lord ſhould be built in his place.

20 Then the ſame Sanabaſſarus being come hither laid the foundations of the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem; and from that time to this, being ſtill a building, it is not yet fully ended.

21 Now therefore, if it ſeem good unto the king, let ſearch be made among the ‖ records of king Cyrus.

22 And if it be found that the building of the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem hath been done with the conſent of king Cyrus, and if our lord the king be ſo minded, let him ſignifie unto us thereof.

23 Then commanded king Darius to ſeek among the records at Babylon. And ſo at Ecbatana the palace, which is in the countrey of Media, there was found a ‖ roll wherein theſe things were recorded;

24 In the firſt year of the reign of Cyrus, king Cyrus commanded that the houſe of the Lord at Jeruſalem ſhould be built again, where they do ſacrifice with continual fire;

25 Whoſe height ſhall be ſixty cubits, and the breadth ſixty cubits, with three rows of hewn ſtones, and one row of new wood of that countrey; and the expenſes thereof to be given out of the houſe of king Cyrus:

26 And that the holy veſſels of the houſe of the Lord, both of gold and ſilver, that Nabuchodonoſor took out of the houſe at Jeruſalem, and brought to Babylon, ſhould be reſtored to the houſe at Jeruſalem, and be ſet in the place where they were before.

27 And alſo he commanded that Siſinnes the governour of Syria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, and their companions, and thoſe which were appointed rulers in Syria and Phenice, ſhould be careful not to meddle with the place, but ſuffer Zorobabel the ſervant of the Lord and governour of Judea, and the elders of the Jews, to build the houſe of the Lord in that place.

28 I have commanded alſo to have it built

‖ Or, records. ‖ Or, place.

‖ Or, *Zorobabel, which is alſo Sanabaſſar the ruler.* as Zorobabel ſeemeth to be added to the text, Ezr. 1. 2.

built up whole again, and that they look diligently to help those that be of the captivity of the Jews, till the house of the Lord be finished:

29 And out of the tribute of Celesyria and Phenice a portion carefully to be given these men for the sacrifices of the Lord, *that is*, to Zorobabel the governour, for bullocks, and rams, and lambs;

30 And also corn, salt, wine and oyl, and that continually every year without further question, according as the priests that be in Jerusalem shall signifie to be daily spent;

31 That ‖ offerings may be made to the most high God for the king and for his children, and that they may pray for their lives.

32 And he commanded that whosoever should transgress, yea, or make light of any thing afore spoken or written, out of his own house should a tree be taken, and he thereon be hanged, and all his goods seised for the king.

33 The Lord therefore whose name is there called upon utterly destroy every king and nation that stretcheth out his hand to hinder or endamage that house of the Lord in Jerusalem.

34 I Darius the king have ordained that according unto these things it be done with diligence.

CHAP. VII.

1 Sisinnes and others help forward the building. 5 The temple is finished, and dedicated. 10 The pass over is kept.

THen [a] Sisinnes the governour of Celesyria and Phenice, and Sathrabuzanes, with their companions, following the commandments of king Darius,

2 Did very carefully oversee the holy works, assisting the ancients of the Jews and governours of the temple.

3 And so the holy works prospered, when Aggeus and Zacharias the prophets prophesied.

4 And they finished these things by the commandment of the Lord God of Israel, and with ‖ the consent of Cyrus, Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of Persia.

5 And thus was the holy house finished in † the three and twentieth day of the moneth Adar, in the sixth year of Darius king of the Persians. † Heb. *the third day*, Ezr. 6. 15.

6 And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and other that were of the captivity, that were added unto them, did according to the things written in the book of Moses.

7 And to the dedication of the temple of ŷ Lord they offered an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs;

8 And twelve goats for the sin of all Israel, according to the number of the ‖ chief of the tribes of Israel. ‖ Or, *tribes.*

9 The priests also and the Levites stood arayed in their vestments, according to their † kindreds, in the services of the Lord God of Israel, according to the book of Moses; and the porters at every gate. † Heb. *divisions*, Ezr. 6. 18.

10 And the children of Israel ‖ that were of the captivity held ŷ pass over the fourteenth day of the first moneth, after that the priests and the Levites were sanctified. ‖ Or, *with those that, &c.*

11 They that were of the captivity were not all sanctified together; but the Levites were all sanctified together.

12 And so they offered the pass-over for all them of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

13 And the children of Israel that came out of the captivity did eat, even all they that had separated themselves from the abominations of the people of the land, and sought the Lord.

14 And they kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days, making merry before the Lord;

15 For that he had turned the ‖ counsel of the king of Assyria towards them to strengthen their hands in the works of the Lord God of Israel. ‖ Or, *mind.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 Esdras bringeth the kings commission to build. 8 The copy of it. 28 He declareth the names and number of those that came with him; 61 and his journey. 71 He lamenteth the sins of his people, 96 and sweareth the priests to put away their strange wives.

ANd after these things, when Artaxerxes the king of ŷ Persians reigned, came

came Esdras the son of Saraias, the son of || Ezerias, the son of Helchiah, the son of Salum,

|| Azarias.

2 The son of Sadduc, the son of Achitob, the son of Amarias, the son of || Ezias, the son of || Memeroth, the son of Zaraias, the son of || Savias, the son of Boccas, the son of Abisum, the son of Phinees, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron † the chief priest.

|| Ozias. || Meraioth. || Sarai. Some copies want these three names. † Heb. was first Ezr. 7. 1.

3 This Esdras went up from Babylon as a scribe, being very ready in the law of Moses that was given by the God of Israel.

4 And the king did him honour: for he found grace in his sight in all his requests.

5 There went up with him also certain of the children of Israel, of the priests, of the Levites, of the holy singers, porters, and ‖ ministers of the temple, unto Jerusalem,

‖ Or, Nethinims. † See Ezr. 7. 7, 8, 9.

6 † In the seventh year of the reign of Artaxerxes, in the fifth moneth: This was the kings seventh year: For they went from Babylon in the first day of the first moneth, and came to Jerusalem according to the || prosperous journey which the Lord gave them.

‖ Or, successful.

7 For Esdras had very great skill, so that he omitted nothing of the law and commandments of the Lord, but taught all Israel the ordinances and judgements.

8 Now the copy of the || commission which was written from Artaxerxes the king, and came to Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord, is this that followeth;

|| Or, decree.

9 King Artaxerxes unto Esdras the priest and reader of the law of the Lord sendeth greeting.

10 Having determined to deal graciously, I have given order that such of the nation of the Jews, and of the priests and Levites, being within our realm, as are willing and desirous, should go with thee unto Jerusalem.

11 As many therefore as have a mind thereunto, let them depart with thee, as it hath seemed good both to me and my seven friends the counsellers;

12 That they may look unto the affairs of Judea and Jerusalem agreeably to that which is in the law of the Lord;

13 And carry the gifts unto the Lord of Israel to Jerusalem which I and my friends have vowed, and all the gold and silver that in the countrey of Babylon can be || found to the Lord in Jerusalem,

|| Or, given.

14 With that also which is given of the people for the temple of the Lord their God at Jerusalem: and that silver and gold may be collected for bullocks, rams and lambs, and things thereunto appertaining;

15 To the end that they may offer sacrifices unto the Lord upon the altar of the Lord their God which is in Jerusalem.

16 And whatsoever thou and thy brethren will do || with the silver and gold, that do according to the will of thy God.

|| Or, unto the rest of. Ezra 7. 18.

17 And the holy vessels of the Lord which are given thee for the use of ỹ temple of thy God which is in Jerusalem, thou shalt set before thy God in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever thing else thou shalt remember for the use of the temple of thy God, thou shalt give it out of the kings treasury.

19 And I king Artaxerxes have also commanded the keepers of the treasures in Syria and Phenice, that whatsoever Esdras the priest and the reader of the law of the most high God shall send for, they should give it him with speed,

20 To the sum of an hundred talents of silver; likewise also of wheat even to an hundred || cors, and an hundred pieces of wine, and other things in abundance.

|| Or, measures or sacks. Ezra 7. 22.

21 Let all things be performed after the law of God diligently unto the most high God, that wrath come not upon the kingdom of the king and his sons.

22 I command you also that ye require no tax nor any other imposition of any of the priests, or Levites, or holy singers, or porters, or ministers of the temple, or of any that have doings in this temple; and that no man have authority to impose any thing upon them.

23 And

23 And thou, Esdras, according to the wisdom of God, ordain judges and justices, that they may judge in all Syria and Phenice † all those that know the law of thy God; and those that know it not, thou shalt teach.

24 And [a] whosoever shall transgress the law of thy God, and of the king, shall be punished diligently, whether it be by death or other punishment, by penalty of money, or by imprisonment.

25 ¶ Then said Esdras the scribe, Blessed be the onely Lord God of my fathers, who hath put these things into the heart of the king, to glorifie his house that is in Jerusalem,

26 And hath honoured me in the sight of the king and his counsellers, and all his friends, and nobles.

27 Therefore was I encouraged by the help of the Lord my God, and gathered together men of Israel to go up with me.

28 And these are the chief according to their families and several dignities that went up with me from Babylon in the reign of king Artaxerxes.

29 Of the sons of Phinees, Gerson; of the sons of Ithamar, || Gamael; of the sons of David, || Lettus [b] the son of Sechenias;

30 Of the sons of Pharez, Zacharias; and with him were counted an hundred and fifty men:

31 Of the sons of Pahath Moab, Eliaonias, the son of || Zaraias; and with him two hundred men:

32 || Of the sons of Zathoe, Sechenias the son of Jezelus; and with him three hundred men: of the sons of Adin, Obeth the son of Jonathan; and with him † two hundred and fifty men:

33 Of the sons of Elam, Josias son of || Gotholias; and with him seventy men:

34 Of the sons of Saphatias, || Zaraias son of Michael; and with him threescore and ten men:

35 Of the sons of Joab, || Abadias son of || Jezelus; and with him two hundred and || twelve men:

36 || Of the sons of Banid, Assalimoth son of Josaphias; and with him an hundred and threescore men:

37 Of the sons of Babi, Zacharias son of Bebai; and with him twenty and eight men:

38 Of the sons of || Asfath, Johannes *son of* || Acatan; and with him an hundred and ten men:

39 Of the sons of Adonicam, the last; and these are the names of them, Eliphalet, Jeuel, and || Samaias; and with them || seventy men:

40 Of the sons of † Bago, Uthi the son of Istalcurus; and with him seventy men.

41 And these I gathered together || to the river called Theras, where we pitched our tents three days: and then || I surveyed them.

42 But when I had found there none of the priests and Levites,

43 Then sent I unto Eleazar, and || Iduel, and || Masman,

44 And Alnathan, and Mamaias, and || Joribas, and Nathan, Eunatan, Zacharias and Mosollamon, principal men and learned.

45 And I bade them that they should go unto || Saddeus the captain, || who was in the place of || the treasury;

46 And commanded them that they should speak unto Daddeus, and to || his brethren, and to the treasurers in that place, to send us such men as might execute the priests office in the house of the Lord.

47 And by the mighty hand of our Lord they brought unto us skilful men of the sons of || Moli the son of Levi, the son of Israel, || Asebebia and his sons, and his brethren, who were eighteen.

48 || And Asebia, and Annuus, and Osaias his brother of the sons of Channuneus, and their sons were twenty men.

49 And of the servants of the temple whom David had ordained, and the principal men, for the service of the Levites, *to wit*, the servants of the temple, two hundred and twenty, the catalogue of whose names were shewed.

also Hasabiah, and with him Jesaia of the sons of Merari brethren, Ezra 8. 19.

50 And

|| Or, Azzad.
|| Or, Catan.
|| Or, Shemaias.
|| Or, sixty men.
† tied. Bigvai.
|| Or, to the river called Ahava, Ezr. 8. 15.
|| Or, he numbred the people and the priests: but found none of the sons of Levi.
|| Or, Ariel.
|| Or, Shemaiah.
† Or, Zarib. These mens names with their generations are rightly distinguished. Ezra 8. 16.
|| Or, Iddo.
|| Or, of.
|| Or, Casiphia.
|| Or, the Nethinims at the place of Casiphia.
|| Or, Machli.
|| Or, Sherebiah, Ezr. 8. 18.
|| Or, with his.

50 And there I || vowed a faſt unto the young men before our Lord, to deſire of him a proſperous journey both for us and them that were with us, for our children and for the † cattel.

51 For I was aſhamed to ask the king footmen and horſemen and conduct for ſafeguard againſt our adverſaries.

52 For we had ſaid unto the king that the power of the Lord our God ſhould be with them that ſeek him, to ſupport them in all ways.

53 And again we beſought our Lord as touching theſe things, and found him favourable unto us.

54 Then I ſeparated twelve of the chief of the prieſts, || Eſebrias, and Aſſanias, and ten men of their brethren with them.

55 And I weighed them the gold and the ſilver, and the holy veſſels of the houſe of our Lord, which the king, and his counſel, and the princes, and all Iſrael had given.

56 And when I had weighed it, I delivered unto them ſix hundred and fifty talents of ſilver, and ſilver veſſels of an hundred talents, and an hundred talents of gold,

57 And twenty golden veſſels, and † twelve veſſels of braſs, even of fine braſs, glittering like gold.

58 And I ſaid unto them, Both you are holy unto the Lord, and the veſſels are holy, and the gold and the ſilver is a vow unto the Lord, the Lord of our fathers.

59 Watch ye, and keep them till ye deliver them to the chief of the prieſts and Levites, and to the principal men of the families of Iſrael in Jeruſalem, into the chambers of the houſe of our God.

60 So the prieſts and the Levites, who had received the ſilver and the gold and the veſſels, brought them unto Jeruſalem into the temple of the Lord.

61 And from the river Thera we departed the twelfth day of ẏ firſt moneth, and came to Jeruſalem by ẏ mighty hand of our Lord, which was with us: and from the || beginning of our journey the Lord delivered us from every enemy, and ſo we came to Jeruſalem.

62 And when we had been there three days, the gold and ſilver that was weighed was delivered into the houſe of our Lord on the fourth day || unto Marmoth the prieſt the ſon of Iri.

63 And with him was Eleazar the ſon of Phinees; and with them were Joſabad the ſon of Jeſu, and || Moeth the ſon of Sabban, Levites. All was *delivered them* by number and weight.

64 And all the weight of them was written up the ſame hour.

65 Moreover, they that were come out of the captivity offered ſacrifice unto the Lord God of Iſrael, even twelve bullocks for all Iſrael, fourſcore and ſixteen rams,

66 † Threeſcore and twelve lambs; goats for a peace-offering, twelve; all of them a ſacrifice to the Lord.

67 And they delivered the kings commandments unto the kings ſtewards, and to the governours of Celeſyria and Phenice: and they honoured the people, and the temple of God.

68 Now when theſe things were done, the rulers came unto me, and ſaid,

69 The nation of Iſrael, the princes, the prieſts, and Levites have not put away from them the ſtrange people of the land, nor the pollutions of the Gentiles, *to wit*, of the Canaanites, Hittites, Phereſites, Jebuſites, and the Moabites, Egyptians, and Edomites.

70 ᶜ For both they and their ſons have married with their daughters, and the holy ſeed is mixed with the ſtrange people of the land; and from the beginning of this matter the rulers and the great men have been partakers of this iniquity.

71 And aſſoon as I had heard theſe things, I rent my clothes and the holy garment, and pulled off the hair from off my head and beard, and ſat me down ſad and very heavy.

72 So all they that were then moved at

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* Or, proclaimed.
† Heb. ſubſtance
|| Or, Serebias and Haſubias.
† Heb. twelve veſſels, ver. 8. 27.
|| Or, danger in the way.
|| Or, unto Merimoth the ſon of Urias the prieſt.
|| Or, Noadiah the ſon of Bannai.
† Heb. ſeventy ſeven lambs, twelve he-goats for a ſin offering, Ezra 8. 35.
ᶜ Ezra 9. 2.

at the word of the Lord God of Iſrael, aſſembled unto me, whileſt I mourned for the iniquity: but I ſat ſtill full of heavineſs untill the evening ſacrifice.

73 Then riſing up from the faſt with my clothes and the holy garment rent, and bowing my knees, and ſtretching forth my hands unto the Lord,

74 I ſaid, O Lord, I am confounded and aſhamed before thy face:

75 For our ſins ‖ are multiplied above our heads, and our ignorances have reached up unto heaven.

76 For ever ſince the time of our fathers we *have been* and are in great ſin even unto this day.

77 And for our ſins and our fathers we, with our brethren, and our kings, and our prieſts, were given up unto the kings of the earth, to the ſword, and to captivity, and for a prey with ſhame unto this day.

78 And now in ſome meaſure hath mercy been ſhewed unto us from thee, O Lord, that there ſhould be left us a root and a name in the place of thy ſanctuary;

79 And to diſcover unto us a light in the houſe of the Lord our God, and to give us † food in the time of our ſervitude.

80 Yea, when we were in bondage we were not forſaken of our Lord: but he made us gracious before the kings of Perſia, ſo that they gave us food;

81 Yea, and honoured the temple of our Lord, and raiſed up the deſolate Sion, that they have given us a ſure abiding in Jewry and Jeruſalem.

82 And now, O Lord, what ſhall we ſay, having theſe things? for we have tranſgreſſed thy commandments which thou gaveſt by the hand of thy ſervants the prophets, ſaying,

83 That the land which ye enter into to poſſeſs as an heritage, is a land polluted with the pollutions of the ſtrangers of the land, and they have filled it with their uncleanneſs.

84 Therefore now ſhall ye not joyn your daughters unto their ſons, neither ſhall ye take their daughters unto your ſons.

85 Moreover, you ſhall never ſeek to have peace with them; that ye may be ſtrong, and eat the good things of the land, and that ye may leave the inheritance of the land unto your children for evermore.

86 And all that is befallen is done unto us for our wicked works and great ſins: for thou, O Lord, didſt make our ſins light,

87 And didſt give unto us ſuch a root: but we have turned back again to tranſgreſs thy law, and to mingle our ſelves with the uncleanneſs of the nations of the land.

88 ‖ Mighteſt not thou be angry with us to deſtroy us, till thou hadſt left us neither root, ſeed, nor name?

89 O Lord of Iſrael, thou art true: for we are left a root this day.

90 Behold, now are we before thee in our iniquities: for we cannot ſtand any longer by reaſon of theſe things before thee.

91 And as Eſdras in his prayer made his confeſſion, weeping, and lying flat upon the ground before the temple, there gathered unto him from Jeruſalem a very great multitude of men and women and children: for there was great weeping among the multitude.

92 Then Jechonias the ſon of Jeelus, one of the ſons of Iſrael, called out and ſaid, O Eſdras, we have ſinned againſt the Lord God, we have married ſtrange women of the nations of the land; and now is all Iſrael ‖ aloft.

93 Let us make an oath to the Lord, that we will put away all our wives which we have taken of the heathen, with their children,

94 Like as thou haſt decreed, and as many as do obey the law of the Lord.

95 Ariſe, and put in execution: for to thee doth this matter appertain, and we will be with thee: do valiantly.

96 So Eſdras aroſe, and took an oath of the chief of the prieſts and Levites † of all Iſrael, to do after theſe things. And *ſo* they ſware.

‖ Or, angry on the way.

‖ Or, unto Merimoth the ſon of Urijah the prieſt.

‖ Or, multiplied.

‖ Or, Nadabiah the ſon of Bunni.

† Heb. ſeventy ſeven lambs, twelve he-goats for a ſin offering. Ezra 8. 35.

‖ Or, *Be not angry, &c.*

‖ Or, *exalted,* Deut. 28. 13. Baruch 3. 5.

† Heb. *and all Iſrael,* Ezra 10. 5.

CHAP. IX.

Esdras assembleth all the people. 10 They promise to put away the strange wives. 20 The names and number of them that did so. 40 The law of Moses is read and declared before all the people. 49 They weep, and are put in mind of the feast-day.

THen Esdras, rising from the court of the temple, went to the chamber of Joanan the son of Eliasib,

2 And remained there, and did eat no meat nor drink water, mourning for the great iniquities of the multitude.

3 And there was a proclamation in all Jewry and Jerusalem to all them that were of the captivity, that they should be gathered together at Jerusalem;

4 And that whosoever met not there within two or three days, according as the elders that bare rule appointed, their cattel should be seised to the use of the temple, and himself || cast out from them that were of the captivity.

|| utterly destroyed. Josh. 10. 8.

5 And in three days were all they of the tribe of Juda and Benjamin gathered together at Jerusalem the twentieth day of the ninth moneth.

6 And all the multitude sat trembling in the broad court of the temple because of the present foul weather.

7 So Esdras arose up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed the law in marrying strange wives, thereby to increase the sins of Israel.

8 And now by confession give glory unto the Lord God of our fathers,

9 And do his will, and separate your selves from the heathen of the land, and from the strange women.

10 Then cried the whole multitude, and said with a loud voice, Like as thou hast spoken, so will we do.

11 But forasmuch as the people are many, and it is foul weather, so that we cannot stand without, and this is not a work of a day or two, seeing our sin in these things is spread far;

12 Therefore let the rulers of the multitude || stay, and let all them of our habitations that have strange wives come at the time appointed,

|| Or, stand.

13 And with them the rulers & judges of every place, till we turn away the wrath of the Lord from us for this matter.

14 Then Jonathan the son of Azael and Ezechias the son of Theocanus accordingly took this matter upon them: and Mosollam and Levis and Sabbatheus helped them.

15 And they that were of the captivity did according to all these things.

16 And Esdras the priest chose unto him the principal men of their families, all by name: and in the first day of the tenth moneth they sat together to examine the matter.

17 So their cause that held strange wives was brought to an end in the first day of the first moneth.

18 And of the priests that were come together, and had strange wives, there were found;

19 Of the sons of Jesus the son of Josedec, and his brethren; || Matthelas, and Eleazar, and || Joribus, and || Joadanus.

20 And they gave their hands to put away their wives, and to offer † rams to make reconcilement for their || errours.

21 And of the sons of Emmer; Ananias, and Zabdeus, and [a] Eanes, and [b] Sameius, and [c] Hiereel, and [d] Azarias.

22 And of the sons of [e] Phaisur; Elionas, Massias, Ismael, and Nathanael, and [f] Ocidelus, and [g] Talsas.

23 And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Semis, and [h] Colius, who was called [i] Calitas, and [k] Patheus, and Judas, and Jonas.

24 Of the holy singers; [l] Eleazurus, Bacchurus.

25 Of the porters; Sallumus, and [m] Tolbanes.

26 Of them of Israel, of the sons of [n] Phoros; [o] Hiermas, and [p] Eddias, and Melchias, and [q] Maelus, and Eleazar, and [r] Asibias, and Baanias.

27 Of the sons of Ela; Matthanias, Zacharias, and [s] Hierielus, and Hieremoth, and [t] Aedias.

28 And of the sons of [u] Zamoth; [x] Eliadas, [y] Elisimus, [z] Othonias, Jarimoth, and [a] Sabatus, and [b] Sardeus.

29 Of

|| Or, Maasias. || Or, Jarib. || Or, Gedaliah. † Heb. rams. || Or, purification. [a] Hasum. [b] Mattenai. [c] Jebed. [d] Uzzia. [e] Pashur. [f] Jezebad. [g] Elasah. [h] Kelaiah. [i] Kelita. [k] Pethahiah. [l] Eliashib. [m] Telem. [n] Parosh. [o] Ramiah. [p] Jesiah. [q] Miamun. [r] Malchiah. [s] Jebrel. [t] Abdi. [u] Zattu. [x] Elioenai. [y] Eliashib. [z] Mattaniah. [a] Zabad. [b] Aziza.

29 Of the ſons of Bebai; Johannes, and Ananias, and [c] Joſabad, and [d] Amatheis.

30 Of the ſons of [e] Mani; [f] Olamus, [g] Mamuchus, [h] Jedeus, Jaſubus, [i] Jaſael, and Hieremoth.

31 † And of the ſons of Addi; Naathus, and Mooſias, Lacunus, and Naidus, and Mathanias, and Seſthel, Balnuus, and Manaſſeas.

32 And of the ſons of Annas; Elionas, and Aſeas, and Melchias, and Sabbeus, and Simon Choſameus.

33 And of the ſons of Aſem; [k] Altaneus, and [l] Matthias, and [m] Bannaia, Eliphalat, and Manaſſes, and Semei.

34 And of the ſons of Maani; Jeremias, Momdis, Omaerus, Juel, Mabdai, and Pelias, and Anos, Carabaſion, and Euaſibus, and Mamnitanaimus, Eliaſis, Bannus, Eliali, Samis, Selemias, Nathanias: and of the ſons of Ozora; Seſis, Eſril, Azaelus, Samatus, Zambis, Joſiphus.

35 And of the ſons of Ethma; Maziti-as, Zabadaias, Edes, Juel, Banaias.

36 All theſe had taken ſtrange wives; & they put them away with their children.

37 And the prieſts and Levites and they that were of Iſrael dwelt in Jeruſalem, and in the countrey, in the firſt day of the ſeventh moneth. So the children of Iſrael were in their || habitations.

38 [n] And the whole multitude came together with one accord into the broad place of the holy porch toward the eaſt.

39 And they ſpake unto Eſdras the prieſt and reader, that he would bring the law of Moſes that was given of the Lord God of Iſrael.

40 So Eſdras the chief prieſt brought the law unto the whole multitude from man to woman, and to all the prieſts, to hear the law in the firſt day of the ſeventh moneth.

41 And he read in the broad court before the holy porch from morning unto mid-day, before both men and women. And all the multitude gave heed unto the law.

42 And Eſdras the prieſt and reader of the law ſtood up upon a pulpit of wood which was made *for that purpoſe*.

43 And there ſtood up by him Matathias, Sammus, Ananias, Azarias, Urias, || Ezecias, || Balaſamus, upon the right hand:

44 And upon his left hand ſtood || Phaldaius, Miſael, Melchias, || Lothaſubus, and || Nabarias.

45 Then took Eſdras the book of the law before the multitude: for he ſat † honourably in the firſt place in the ſight of them all.

46 And when he opened the law, they ſtood all ſtraight up. So Eſdras bleſſed the Lord God moſt high, the God of hoſts Almighty.

47 And all the people anſwered, Amen; and lifting up their hands they fell to the ground, and worſhipped the Lord.

48 Alſo Jeſus, Anus, Sarabias, Adinus, Jacubus, Sabatteas, || Auteas, Maianeas, and Calitas, Azarias, and Joazabdus, and Ananias, Biatas, the Levites, taught the law of the Lord, making them withall to underſtand it.

49 || Then ſpake Attharates unto Eſdras the chief prieſt and reader, and to the Levites that taught the multitude, even to all, ſaying,

50 This day is holy unto the Lord; (for they all wept when they heard the law)

51 Go then, and eat the fat, and drink the ſweet, and ſend part to || them that have nothing.

52 For this day is holy unto the Lord; and be not ſorrowfull: for the Lord will bring you to honour.

53 So the Levites publiſhed all things to the people, ſaying, This day is holy to the Lord: be not ſorrowfull.

54 Then went they their way, every one to eat and drink and make merry, and to give part to them that had nothing, and to make great cheer;

55 Becauſe they underſtood the words wherein the were inſtructed, and for the which they had been aſſembled.

|| Or, *Hilkiah.*
|| Or, *Maaſiah.*
|| Or, *Pedaiah.*
|| Or, *Haſhum.*
|| See Nehem. 8. 4.
† Heb. *above them all.*
|| Or, *Hodiah.*
|| *Then Nehemiah and Ezra the prieſt & ſcribe, and the Levites that inſtructed the people, ſaid unto all the people,* Neh. 8. 9.
|| Or, *the poor.*

II. ESDRAS.

CHAP. I.

1 Esdras is commanded to reprove the people. 24 God threatneth to cast them off, 35 and to give their houses to a people of more grace then they.

THe ſecond book of the prophet [a] Eſdras, the ſon of Saraias, the ſon of Azarias, the ſon of Helchias, the ſon of Sadamias, the ſon of Sadoc, the ſon of Achitob,

[a] Ezra 7. 1.

2 The ſon of Achias, the ſon of Phinees, the ſon of Heli, the ſon of Amarias, the ſon of Aziei, the ſon of Marimoth, the ſon of Arna, the ſon of Ozias, the ſon of Borith, the ſon of Abiſei, the ſon of Phinees, the ſon of Eleazar,

3 The ſon of Aaron, of the tribe of Levi: which was captive in the land of the Medes in the reign of Artaxerxes king of the Perſians.

4 And the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying,

5 Go thy way, and [b] ſhew my people their ſinfull deeds, and their children their wickedneſs which they have done againſt me; that they may tell their childrens children:

[b] Iſa. 58. 1.

6 Becauſe the ſins of their fathers are increaſed in them: for they have forgotten me, & have offered unto ſtrange gods.

7 Am not I even he that brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the houſe of bondage? but they have provoked me unto wrath, and deſpiſed my counſels.

8 Pull thou off then the hair of thy head, and caſt all evil upon them: for they have not been obedient unto my law, but it is a rebellious people.

9 How long ſhall I forbear them, unto whom I have done ſo much good?

[c] Exod. 14. 28.
[d] Num. 21. 24. Joſh. 8. and 10. and 12.

10 Many kings have I deſtroyed for their ſakes. [c] Pharaoh with his ſervants, and all his power have I ſmitten down.

11 [d] All the nations have I deſtroyed before them, and in the eaſt I have ſcattered the people of two provinces, even of Tyrus and Sidon, and have ſlain all their enemies.

12 Speak thou therefore unto them, ſaying, Thus ſaith the Lord;

13 [e] I led you through the ſea, and in the beginning gave you a large and ſafe paſſage: [f] I gave you Moſes for a leader, and Aaron for a prieſt.

[e] Exod. 14. 21. Or, ſtreem.
[f] Exod. 3. 10. 4. 14. 5. 1.

14 [g] I gave you light in a pillar of fire; and great wonders have I done among you: yet have you forgotten me, ſaith the Lord.

[g] Exod. 13. 21.

15 Thus ſaith the Almighty Lord; The [h] quails were as a token for you; I gave you tents for your ſafeguard: nevertheleſs, you murmured there,

[h] Exod. 16. 13. Pſ. 105. 40.

16 And triumphed not in my name for the deſtruction of your enemies, but ever to this day do ye yet murmure.

17 Where are the benefits that I have done for you? When you were hungry and thirſty in the wilderneſs, [i] did you not cry unto me,

[i] Num. 14. 3.

18 Saying, Why haſt thou brought us into this wilderneſs to kill us? it had been better for us to have ſerved the Egyptians then to die in this wilderneſs.

19 Then had I pity upon your mournings, and gave you manna to eat. [k] So ye did eat angels bread.

[k] Wiſ. 16. 20.

20 [l] When ye were thirſty, did I not cleave the rock, and waters flowed out to your fill? For the heat I covered you with the leaves of the trees.

[l] Num. 20. 11.

21 I divided among you a fruitfull land; I caſt out the Canaanites, the Pherezites and the Philiſtines before you. [m] What ſhall I yet do more for you? ſaith the Lord.

[m] Pſ. 50. 5.

22 Thus ſaith the Almighty Lord; When you were in the wilderneſs, in the river of the Amorites, being athirſt, and blaſpheming my name,

23 I gave you not fire for your blaſphemies, but caſt a tree in the water, and made the river ſweet.

24 What

24 What ſhall I do unto thee, O Jacob? thou, [n] Juda, wouldſt not obey me. I will turn me to other nations, and unto thoſe will I give my name, that they may keep my ſtatutes.

25 Seeing ye have forſaken me, I will forſake you alſo. When ye deſire me to be gracious unto you, I ſhall have no mercy upon you.

26 [o] Whenſoever you ſhall call upon me, I will not hear you: for ye have defiled your hands with bloud, and your feet are ſwift to commit man-ſlaughter.

27 Ye have not as it were forſaken me, but your own ſelves, ſaith the Lord.

28 Thus ſaith the Almighty Lord; Have I not prayed you as a father his ſons, as a mother her daughters, and a nurſe her young babes;

29 That ye would be my people, || and I ſhould be your God; that ye would be my children, and I ſhould be your Father?

30 [p] I gathered you together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings. But now what ſhall I do unto you? I will caſt you out from my face.

31 [q] When you offer unto me, I will turn my face from you: for your ſolemn feaſt-days, your new-moons and your circumciſions have I forſaken.

32 I ſent unto you my ſervants the prophets, whom ye have taken and ſlain, and torn their bodies in pieces, whoſe bloud I will require of your hands, ſaith the Lord.

33 Thus ſaith the Almighty Lord; [r] Your houſe is deſolate: I will caſt you out as the wind doth ſtubble.

34 And your children ſhall not be fruitfull: for they have deſpiſed my commandment, and done the thing that is evil before me.

35 Your houſes will I give to a people that ſhall come: which not having heard of me, yet ſhall beleeve me; to whom I have ſhewed no ſigns, yet they ſhall do that I have commanded them:

36 They have ſeen no prophets, yet they ſhall call their ſins to remembrance, and acknowledge them.

37 I take to witneſs the grace of the people to come, whoſe little ones rejoyce in gladneſs: and [s] though they have not ſeen me with bodily eyes, yet in ſpirit they beleeve the thing that I ſay.

38 And now, brother, behold what glory; and ſee the people that cometh from the eaſt:

39 Unto whom I will give for leaders Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob; Oſeas, Amos, and Micheas, Joel, Abdias, and Jonas,

40 Nahum, and Abacuc, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zachary, and Malachi, which is called alſo an [t] angel of the Lord.

CHAP. II.

1 God complaineth of his people: 10 Yet Eſdras is willed to comfort them. 34 Becauſe they refuſed, the Gentiles are called. 43 Eſdras ſeeth the Son of God, and thoſe that are crowned by him.

THus ſaith the Lord; I brought this people out of bondage, and I gave them my commandments by my ſervants the prophets; whom they would not hear, but deſpiſed my counſels.

2 The mother that bare them ſaith unto them, Go your way, ye children: for I am a widow, and forſaken.

3 I brought you up with gladneſs; but with ſorrow and heavineſs have I loſt you: for ye have ſinned before the Lord your God, and done that thing that is evil before him.

4 But what ſhall I now do unto you? I am a widow, and forſaken: go your way, O my children, and ask mercy of the Lord.

5 As for me, O Father, I call upon thee for a witneſs over the mother of theſe children, which would not keep my covenant,

6 That thou bring them to confuſion, and their mother to a ſpoil, that there may be no off-ſpring of them.

7 Let them be ſcattered abroad among the heathen; let their names be put out of the earth: for they have deſpiſed my || covenant.

8 Wo be unto thee, Aſſur, thou that hideſt the unrighteous in thee; O thou wicked people, remember [u] what I did unto Sodom and Gomorrha;

9 Whoſe land lieth in clods of pitch

[n] Jer. 2. 19.
[o] Ezek. 14. 28. Or, ſtreet. Exod. 7. 10. 4. 14. [p] Exod. 13. 21.
[q] Exod. 16. 18. Pſ. 106. 40. Num. 14. 34.
[r] Wiſd. 16. 16. Num. 20. 10. Wiſd. 11. 1. Or, deſolate.
[s] John 20. 29.
[t] Mal. 3. 1.
|| Or, ſacrament, or oath.
[u] Gen. 19. 24.

and heaps of ashes: even so also will I do unto them that hear me not, saith the Almighty Lord.

10 Thus saith the Lord unto Esdras; Tell my people that I will give them the kingdom of Jerusalem, which I would have given unto Israel.

11 Their glory also will I take unto me, and give these [b] the everlasting tabernacles which I had prepared for them.

12 They shall have [c] the tree of life for an ointment of sweet savour: they shall neither labour, nor be weary.

13 Go, and ye shall receive: pray for few days unto you, that they may be shortned: [d] the kingdom is already prepared for you: [e] watch.

14 Take heaven and earth to witness: for I have broken the evil in pieces, and created the good: for I live, saith the Lord.

15 Mother, embrace thy children, and [g] bring them up with gladness: make their feet as fast as a pillar: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord.

16 And those that be dead will I raise up again from their places, and bring them out of the graves: for I have known [h] my name in Israel.

17 Fear not thou, mother of the children: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord.

18 For thy help will I send my servants Esay and Jeremy, after whose counsel I have sanctified and prepared for thee twelve trees laden with divers fruits;

19 And as many fountains flowing with milk and honey; and seven mighty mountains, whereupon there grow roses and lilies, whereby I will fill thy children with joy.

20 Do right to the widow, judge for the fatherless, give to the poor, defend the orphan, clothe the naked,

21 Heal the broken and the weak, laugh not a lame man to scorn, defend the maimed, and let the blind man come into the sight of my clearness.

22 Keep the old and young within thy walls.

23 [f] Whersoever thou findest the dead, † take them and bury them, and I will give thee the first place in my resurrection.

24 Abide still, O my people, and take thy rest: for thy quietness shall come.

25 Nourish thy children, O thou good nurse: stablish their feet.

26 § As for the servants whom I have given thee, there shall not one of them perish: for I will require them from among thy number.

27 Be not weary: for when the day of trouble and heaviness cometh, others shall weep and be sorrowfull, but thou shalt be merry and have abundance.

28 The heathen shall envy thee; but they shall be able to do nothing against thee, saith the Lord.

29 My hands shall cover thee, so that thy children shall not see hell.

30 Be joyfull, O thou mother, with thy children: for I will deliver thee, saith the Lord.

31 Remember thy children that sleep: for I shall bring them out of the sides of the earth, and shew mercy unto them: for I am mercifull, saith the Lord Almighty.

32 Embrace thy children untill I come, and ‖ shew mercy unto them: for my wells run over, and my grace shall not fail.

33 I Esdras received a charge of the Lord upon the mount Oreb, that I should go unto Israel: but when I came unto them, they set me at nought; and despised the commandment of the Lord.

34 And therefore I say unto you, O ye heathen that hear and understand, Look for your Shepherd: he shall give you [k] everlasting rest: for he is nigh at hand that shall come in the end of the world.

35 Be ready to the reward of the kingdom: for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore.

36 Flee [l] the shadow of this world, receive the joyfulness of your glory. I testifie my Saviour openly.

37 O receive the gift that is given you, and be glad, giving thanks unto him that hath called you to the heavenly kingdom.

38 Arise up, and stand, behold [k] the number

b 2 Esd. 16. 7.
c Rev. 2. 7. and 22. 2, 14.
d Matth. 25. 34.
e Mat. 24. 42. 13. 35.
g Or, bring them up with gladness, as a dove, make their feet fast for &c.
h Or, thy name, O Israel.
† Or, bury them.
f Tob. 4. 17, 18.
§ Ps. 17. 12.
‖ Or, preach.
k Matth. 11. 29.
l 1 Cor. 7. 31.
k Rev. 3, 4.

ber of thoſe that he ſealed || in [l] the feaſt of the Lord;

39 Which are departed from the ſhadow of the world, and [m] have received glorious garments of the Lord.

40 Take thy number, O Sion, and †ſhut up thoſe of thine that are clothed in white, which have fulfilled the law of the Lord.

41 [n] The number of thy children, whom thou longedſt for, is fulfilled. Beſeech the power of the Lord that thy people which have been called from the beginning may be hallowed.

42 [o] I Eſdras ſaw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number; and they all praiſed the Lord with ſongs.

43 And in the midſt of them there was a young man of a high ſtature, taller then all the reſt: and upon every one of their heads he ſet crowns; and was more exalted. Which I marvelled at greatly.

44 So [p] I asked the angel, and ſaid ||, Sir, what are theſe?

45 He anſwered and ſaid unto me, Theſe be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confeſſed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms.

46 Then ſaid I unto the angel, What young perſon is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?

47 So he anſwered and ſaid unto me, [q] It is the ſon of God, whom they have confeſſed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that ſtood ſo ſtiffly for the name of the Lord.

48 Then the angel ſaid unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things and how great wonders of the Lord thy God thou haſt ſeen.

CHAP. III.

Eſdras is troubled, 13 and acknowledgeth the ſins of the people: 28 yet complaineth that the heathen were lords over them, being more wicked then they.

IN the thirtieth year after the ruine of the city I was in Babylon, and lay troubled upon my bed, and my thoughts came up over my heart.

2 For I ſaw the deſolation of Sion, and the wealth of them that dwelt at Babylon.

3 And my ſpirit was ſore moved, ſo that I began to ſpeak words full of fear to the moſt High, and ſaid,

4 O Lord who beareſt rule, thou ſpakeſt at the beginning, when thou didſt plant the earth, and that thy ſelf alone, and commandedſt the people,

5 [a] And gaveſt a body unto Adam without ſoul, which was the workmanſhip of thine hands; and didſt breathe into him the breath of life, and he was made living before thee. [a] Gen. 2. 7.

6 And thou leddeſt him into paradiſe, which thy right hand had planted, before ever the earth came forward.

7 And unto him thou gaveſt commandment to love thy way: which he tranſgreſſed; and immediately thou appointedſt death in him, and in his generations, of whom came nations, tribes, people and kindreds out of number.

8 [b] And every people walked after their own will, and did wonderfull things before thee, and deſpiſed thy commandments. [b] Gen. 6. 12.

9 [c] And again in proceſs of time thou broughteſt the floud upon thoſe that dwelt in the world, and deſtroyedſt them. [c] Gen. 7. 10.

10 And it came to paſs in every of them, that as death was to Adam, ſo was the floud to theſe.

11 Nevertheleſs, one of them thou leftеſt, namely [d] Noah, with his houſhold; of whom came all righteous men. [d] 1 Pet. 3. 20.

12 And it happened that when they that dwelt upon the earth began to multiply, and had gotten them many children, and were a great people, they began again to be more ungodly then the firſt.

13 Now when they lived ſo wickedly before thee, [e] thou didſt chooſe thee a man from among them whoſe name was [f] Abraham. [e] Gen. 12. 1. [f] Gen. 17. 5.

14 Him thou lovedſt, and unto him onely thou ſhewedſt thy will;

15 And madeſt an everlaſting covenant with him, promiſing him that thou wouldſt never forſake his ſeed.

16 § And unto him thou gaveſt Iſaac; and [h] unto Iſaac alſo thou gaveſt Jacob and Eſau. As for Jacob, thou [i] didſt chooſe him to thee, and put by Eſau: and ſo Jacob became a great multitude.

17 And it came to paſs that when thou ledſt his ſeed out of Egypt, [k] thou broughteſt them up to the mount Sina.

18 And bowing the heavens, thou didſt ſet faſt the earth, movedſt the whole world, and madeſt the depths to tremble, and troubledſt the men of that age.

19 And thy glory went through four gates, of fire, and of earthquake, and of wind, and of cold; that thou mighteſt give the law unto the ſeed of Jacob, || and diligence unto the generation of Iſrael.

20 And yet tookeſt thou not away from them a wicked heart, that thy law might bring forth fruit in them.

21 For the firſt Adam, bearing a wicked heart, tranſgreſſed, and was overcome; and ſo be all they that are born of him.

22 Thus [l] infirmity was made permanent; and the law *alſo* in the heart of the people with the malignity of the root: ſo that the good departed away, and the evil abode ſtill.

23 So the times paſſed away, and the years were brought to an end: [m] then didſt thou raiſe thee up a ſervant called David;

24 [n] Whom thou commandedſt to build a city unto thy name, and to offer incenſe and oblations unto thee therein.

25 When this was done many years, then they that inhabited the city forſook thee,

26 And in all things did even as Adam and all his generations had done: for they alſo had a wicked heart.

27 And ſo thou gaveſt thy city over into the hands of thine enemies.

28 Are their deeds then any better that inhabit Babylon, that they ſhould therefore have the dominion over Sion?

29 For when I came thither, and had ſeen impieties without number, then my ſoul ſaw many evil-doers in this thirtieth year, ſo that my heart failed me.

30 For I have ſeen how thou ſuffereſt them ſinning, and haſt ſpared wicked doers: and haſt deſtroyed thy people, and haſt preſerved thine enemies, and haſt not ſignified it.

31 || I do not remember how this way may be left. Are they then of Babylon better then they of Sion? || Or, I concern.

32 Or is there any other people that knoweth thee beſides Iſrael? or what generation hath ſo beleeved thy covenants as Jacob?

33 And yet their reward appeareth not, and their labour hath no fruit. For I have gone here and there through the heathen, and I ſee that they || flow in wealth, and think not upon thy commandments. || Or, abound.

34 Weigh thou therefore our wickedneſs now in the balance, and theirs alſo that dwell in the world; and ſo ſhall thy name no where be found but in Iſrael.

35 Or when was it that they which dwell upon the earth have not ſinned in thy ſight? or what people hath ſo kept thy commandments?

36 Thou ſhalt find that Iſrael by name hath kept thy precepts; but not the heathen

CHAP. IV.

1 The angel declareth the ignorance of Eſdras in Gods judgements, 13 and adviſeth him not to meddle with things above his reach. 23 Nevertheleſs Eſdras asketh divers queſtions, and receiveth anſwers to them.

AND the Angel that was ſent unto me, whoſe name was Uriel, gave me an anſwer,

2 And ſaid, Thy heart hath gone too far in this world, and thinkeſt thou to comprehend the way of the moſt High?

3 Then ſaid I, Yea, my lord. And he anſwered me, and ſaid, I am ſent to ſhew thee three ways, and to ſet forth three ſimilitudes before thee:

4 Whereof if thou canſt declare me one, I will ſhew thee alſo the way that

[h] Gen. 21. 2, 3. [i] Gen. 25. 25, 26 [i] Mal. 1. 2, 3. Rom. 9. 13. [k] Exod. 19. 1. Deut. 4. 10.

|| and to all the generation of Iſrael, that they ſhould keep it with diligence.

[l] Rom. 7. 8, &c.

[m] 1 Sam. 16. 13.

[n] 2 Sam. 5. 2 and 7. 5, 13.

that thou desirest to see, and I shall shew thee from whence the wicked heart cometh.

5 And I said, Tell on, my lord. Then said he unto me, Go thy way, weigh me the weight of the fire, or measure me the blast of the wind, or call me again the day that is past.

6 Then answered I, and said, What man is able to do that, that thou shouldst ask such things of me?

7 And he said unto me, If I should ask thee how great dwellings are in the midst of the sea, or how many springs are in the beginning of the deep, or how many springs are above the firmament, or which are the outgoings of paradise;

8 Peradventure thou wouldst say unto me, I never went down into the deep, nor as yet into hell, neither did I ever climb up into heaven.

9 Nevertheless, now have I asked thee but onely of the fire, and wind, and of the day wherethrough thou hast passed, and of things from which thou canst not be separated, and yet canst thou give me no answer of them.

10 He said moreover unto me, Thine own things, and such as are grown up with thee, canst thou not know;

11 How should thy vessel then be able to comprehend the way of the Highest? and, the world being now outwardly corrupted, to understand the || corruption that is evident in my sight?

12 Then said I unto him, it were better that we were not at all then that we should live still in wickedness, and to suffer, and not to know wherefore.

13 He answered me, and said, I went into a forest into a plain, and the [a] trees took counsel,

14 And said, Come, let us go and make war against the sea, that it may depart away before us, and that we may make us more woods.

15 The floods of the sea also in like manner took counsel, and said, Come, let us go up and subdue the woods of the plain, that there also we may make us another countrey.

16 The thought of the wood was in vain: for the fire came, and consumed it.

17 The thought of the floods of the sea came likewise to nought: for the sand stood up, and stopped them.

18 If thou wert judge now betwixt these two, whom wouldst thou begin to justifie? or whom wouldst thou condemn?

19 I answered, and said, Verily it is a foolish thought that they have both devised: for the || ground is given unto the wood; and the sea also hath his place to bear his || floods.

20 Then answered he me, and said, Thou hast given a right judgement: but why judgest thou not thy self also?

21 For like as the || ground is given unto the wood, and the sea to his floods; even so [b] they that dwell upon the earth may understand nothing but that which is upon the earth, and he that dwelleth above the heavens may onely understand the things that are above the height of the heavens.

22 Then answered I, and said, I beseech thee, O Lord, let me have understanding.

23 For it was not my mind to be curious of the high things, but of such as pass by us daily; namely, Wherefore Israel is given up as a reproach to the heathen, and for what cause the people whom thou hast loved is given over unto ungodly nations, and why the law of our forefathers is brought to nought, and the written covenants come || to none effect,

24 And we pass away out of the world as grashoppers, and our life is astonishment and fear, and we are not worthy to obtain mercy.

25 What will He then do unto his name whereby we are called? Of these things have I asked.

26 Then answered he me, and said; The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt marvel: for the world hasteth fast to pass away,

27 And cannot comprehend the things

[1] Or, I concern.

[1] Or, about.

|| Or, land.

|| Or, waves.

|| Or, land.

[b] Is. 55. 8, 9. John 3. 31. 1 Cor. 2. 14.

|| Or no where.

things that are promiſed to the righteous in time to come: for [c] this world is full of unrighteouſneſs and infirmities.

[c] 1 Joh 5. 19.

28 But as concerning the things whereof thou askeſt me, I will tell thee. For the evil is ſown, but the deſtruction thereof is not yet come.

29 If therefore that which is ſown be not turned upſide down, and if the place where the evil is ſown paſs not away, then cannot it come that is ſown with good.

30 For the grain of evil ſeed hath been ſown in the heart of Adam from the beginning; and how much ungodlineſs hath it brought up unto this time? and how much ſhall it yet bring forth untill the ‖ time of threſhing come?

‖ Or, *Barn.*

31 Ponder now by thy ſelf how great fruit of wickedneſs the grain of evil ſeed hath brought forth.

32 And when the ears ſhall be cut down, which are without number, how great a floor ſhall they fill?

33 Then I anſwered, and ſaid, How, and when ſhall theſe things come to paſs? wherefore are our years few and evil?

34 And he anſwered me, ſaying, Do not thou haſten above the moſt Higheſt: for thy haſte is in vain to be above him; for thou haſt much exceeded.

35 Did not the ſouls alſo of the righteous ask queſtion of theſe things in their chambers, ſaying, How long ſhall I hope on this faſhion? when cometh the fruit of the floor of our reward?

‖ Or, *Jeremie!*

36 And unto theſe things Uriel the archangel gave them anſwer, and ſaid, Even when the number of ſeeds is filled in you. For he hath weighed the world in the balance.

37 By meaſure hath he meaſured the times, and by number hath he numbred the times; and he doth not move nor ſtir them untill the ſaid meaſure be fulfilled.

38 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, O Lord that beareſt rule, even we all are full of impiety.

39 And for our ſakes peradventure it is that the floors of the righteous are not filled becauſe of the ſins of them that dwell upon the earth.

40 So he anſwered me, and ſaid, Go thy way to a woman with child, and aſk of her when ſhe hath fulfilled her nine moneths, if her womb may keep the birth any longer within her.

41 Then ſaid I, No, Lord; that can ſhe not. And he ſaid unto me, In the grave the chambers of ſouls are like the womb of a woman.

42 For like as a woman that travaileth maketh haſte to eſcape the neceſſity of the travail, even ſo do theſe places haſte to deliver thoſe things that are committed unto them.

43 From the beginning look what thou deſireſt to ſee, it ſhall be ſhewed thee.

44 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, If I have found favour in thy ſight, and if it be poſſible, and if I be meet therefore,

45 Shew me then whether there be more to come then is paſt, or more paſt then is to come.

46 What is paſt I know; but what is for to come I know not.

47 And he ſaid unto me, Stand up upon the right ſide, and I ſhall expound the ſimilitude unto thee.

48 So I ſtood, and ſaw, and behold, an hot burning oven paſſed by before me: and it happened that when the flame was gone by, I looked, and behold, the ſmoke remained ſtill.

49 After this there paſſed by before me a watery cloud, and ſent down much rain with a ſtorm; and when the ſtormy rain was paſt, the drops remained ſtill.

50 Then ſaid he unto me, Conſider with thy ſelf: As the rain is more then the drops, and as the fire is greater then the ſmoke; but the drops and the ſmoke remain behind: ſo the ‖ quantity which is paſt did more exceed.

‖ Or, *meaſure*

51 Then I prayed, and ſaid, May I live, thinkeſt thou, untill that time? or ‖ what ſhall happen in thoſe days?

‖ Or, *what ſhall be?* Manuſcript.

52 He anſwered me, and ſaid, As for the tokens whereof thou askeſt me, I may tell thee of them in part: but as touching thy life, I am not ſent to ſhew thee, for I do not know it.

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CHAP. V.

1 The signs of the times to come. 23 He asketh why God choosing but one people, did cast them off. 30 He is taught that Gods judgements are unsearchable, 46 and that God doth not all at once.

NEvertheless, as concerning the tokens, behold, the days shall come that they which dwell upon earth ‖ shall be taken in a great number, and the way of truth shall be hidden, and the land shall be barren of faith.

2 But [a] iniquity shall be increased above that which now thou seest, or that thou hast heard long ago.

3 And the land that thou ‖ seest now to have root, shalt thou see wasted suddenly.

4 But if the most High grant thee to live, thou shalt see after the third trumpet, that the sun shall suddenly shine again in the night, and the moon thrice in the day:

5 And bloud shall drop out of the wood, and the stone shall give his voice, and the people shall be troubled:

6 And even he shall rule whom they look not for that dwell upon the earth, and the fowls shall take their flight away together:

7 And the Sodomitish sea shall cast out fish, and make a noise in the night which many have not known; but they shall all hear the voice thereof:

8 There shall be a confusion also in many places, and the fire shall be oft ‖ sent out again, and the wild beasts shall change their places, and menstruous women shall bring forth monsters:

9 And salt waters shall be found in the sweet, and all friends shall destroy one another. Then shall wit hide it self, and understanding withdraw it self into his secret chamber,

10 And shall be sought of many, and yet not be found. Then shall unrighteousness and incontinency be multiplied upon earth.

11 One land also shall ask another, and say, Is righteousness that maketh a man righteous gone through thee? And it shall say, No.

12 At the same time shall men hope, but nothing obtain: they shall labour, but their ways shall not ‖ prosper.

‖ Or, be directed.

13 To shew thee such tokens I have leave. And if thou wilt pray again, and weep as now, and fast seven days, thou shalt hear yet greater things.

14 Then I awaked, and an extreme fearfulness went through all my body, and my mind was troubled, so that it fainted.

15 So the angel, that was come to talk with me, held me, comforted me, and set me up upon my feet.

16 And in the second night it came to pass that Salathiel the captain of the people came unto me, saying, Where hast thou been? and why is thy countenance so heavy?

17 Knowest thou not that Israel is committed unto thee in the land of their captivity?

18 Up then, and eat bread, and forsake us not, as the shepherd that leaveth his flock in the hands of cruel wolves.

19 Then said I unto him, Go thy ways from me, and come not nigh me. And he heard what I said, and went from me.

20 And so I fasted seven days, mourning and weeping, like as Uriel the angel commanded me.

21 And after seven days, so it was that the thoughts of my heart were very grievous unto me again.

22 And my soul recovered the spirit of understanding, and I began to talk with the most High again,

23 And said, O Lord that bearest rule, of every wood of the earth and of all the trees thereof thou hast chosen thee one onely vine;

24 And of all lands of the whole world thou hast chosen thee one pit; and of all the flowers thereof, one lilie;

25 And of all the depths of the sea thou hast filled thee one river: and of all builded cities thou hast hallowed Sion unto thy self;

26 And of all the fowls that are created thou hast named thee one dove; and of all the cattel that are made thou hast provided thee one sheep;

27 And

27 And among all the multitude of peoples thou hast gotten thee one people: and unto this people, whom thou lovedst, thou gavest a law that is approved of all.

28 And now, O Lord, why hast thou given this one people over unto many? and || upon the one root hast thou prepared others? and why hast thou scattered thy onely one people among many?

|| Or, over.

29 And they which did gainsay thy promises, and beleeved not thy covenants, have troden them down?

30 If thou didst so much hate thy people, yet shouldst thou punish them with thine own hands.

31 Now when I had spoken these words, the angel, that came to me the night afore, was sent unto me,

32 And said unto me, Hear me, and I will instruct thee; hearken to the thing that I say, and I shall tell thee more.

33 And I said, Speak on, my Lord. Then said he unto me, Thou art sore troubled in mind for Israels sake. [b] Lovest thou that people better then he that made them?

[b] Chap. 8. 47.

34 And I said, No, Lord: but of very grief have I spoken. For my reins pain me every hour, while I labour to comprehend the way of the most High, and to seek out part of his judgement.

35 And he said unto me, Thou canst not. And I said, Wherefore, Lord? whereunto was I born then? or why was not my mothers womb then my grave, that I might not have seen the travel of Jacob, and the wearisom toyl of the stock of Israel?

36 And he said unto me, Number me the things that are not yet come, gather me together the drops that are scattered abroad, make me the flowers green again that are withered,

37 Open me the places that are closed, and bring me forth the winds that in them are shut up, shew me the image of a voice; and then I will declare to thee the thing that thou laboures to know.

38 And I said, O Lord that beares rule, who may know these things, but he [c] that hath not his dwelling with men?

[c] Dan. 2. 11.

39 As for me, I am unwise: how may I then speak of these things whereof thou askest me?

40 Then said he unto me, Like as thou canst do none of these things that I have spoken of, even so canst thou not find out my judgement, or in the end the love that I have promised unto my people.

41 And I said, Behold, O Lord, yet art thou nigh unto them that be reserved till the end; and what shall they do that have been before me, or we *that be now*, or they that shall come after us?

42 And he said unto me, I will liken my judgement unto a ring: Like as there is no slackness of the last, even so there is no swiftness of the first.

43 So I answered and said, Couldst thou not make those that have been made, and be now, and that are for to come, at once; that thou mightest shew thy judgement the sooner?

44 Then answered he me, and said, The creature may not haste above the Maker, neither may the world hold them at once that shall be created therein.

45 And I said, As thou hast said unto thy servant, that thou which givest life to all, hast given life at once to the creature that thou hast created, and the creature bare it: even so it might now also bear them that now be present at once.

46 And he said unto me, Ask the womb of a woman, and say unto her, If thou bringest forth children, why dost thou it not together, but one after another? pray her therefore to bring forth ten children at once.

47 And I said, She cannot; but must do it by distance of time.

48 Then said he unto me, Even so have I given the womb of the earth to those that be sown in it in their times.

49 For like as a young child may not bring forth the things that belong to the aged, even so have I disposed the world which I created.

50 And I asked, and said, Seeing thou hast

haſt now given me the way, I will *proceed to* ſpeak before thee: for our mother, of whom thou haſt told me that ſhe is young, draweth now nigh unto age.

51 He anſwered me, and ſaid, Ask a woman that beareth children, and ſhe ſhall tell thee.

52 Say unto her, Wherefore are not they whom thou haſt now brought forth like thoſe that were before, but leſs of ſtature?

53 And ſhe ſhall anſwer thee, They that be born in the ſtrength of youth are of one faſhion, and they that are born in the time of age, when the womb faileth, are otherwiſe.

54 Conſider thou therefore alſo, how that ye are leſs of ſtature then thoſe that were before you:

55 And ſo are they that come after you leſs then ye, as the creatures which now begin to be old, and have paſſed over the ſtrength of youth.

56 Then ſaid I, Lord, I beſeech thee, if I have found favour in thy ſight, ſhew thy ſervant by whom thou viſiteſt thy creature.

CHAP. VI.

1 Gods purpoſe is eternal. 8 The next world ſhall follow this immediately. 13 What ſhall fall out at the laſt. 31 He is promiſed more knowledge, 38 and reckoneth up the works of the creation, 57 and complaineth that they have no part in the world for whom it was made.

AND he ſaid unto me, In the beginning, when the ‖ earth was made, before the borders of the world ſtood, or ever the winds blew,

2 Before it thundred and lightned, or ever the foundations of paradiſe were laid,

3 Before the fair flowers were ſeen, or ever the moveable powers were eſtabliſhed, before the innumerable multitude of angels were gathered together,

4 Or ever the heights of the air were lifted up, before the meaſures of the firmament were named, or ever the chimneys in Sion were hot,

5 And ere the preſent years were ſought out, and or ever the inventions of them that now ſin were turned, before they were ſealed that have gathered faith for a treaſure;

6 Then did I conſider theſe things, and they all were made through me alone, and through none other: by me alſo they ſhall be ended, and by none other.

7 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, What ſhall be the parting aſunder of the times? or when ſhall be the end of the firſt, and the beginning of it that followeth?

8 And he ſaid unto me, From Abraham unto Iſaac, when Jacob and Eſau were born of him, [a] Jacobs hand held ‖ firſt the heel of Eſau.

9 For Eſau is the end of the world, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth.

10 The hand of man is betwixt the heel and the hand. Other queſtion, Eſdras, ask thou not.

11 ¶ I anſwered then, and ſaid, O Lord that beareſt rule, if I have found favour in thy ſight,

12 I beſeech thee, ſhew thy ſervant the end of thy tokens, whereof thou ſhewedſt me part the laſt night.

13 So he anſwered, and ſaid unto me, Stand up upon thy feet, and hear a mighty ſounding voice.

14 And it ſhall be as it were a great ‖ motion; but the place where thou ſtandeſt ſhall not be moved.

15 And therefore, when it ſpeaketh, be not afraid: for the word is of the end, and the foundation of the earth is underſtood.

16 And why? becauſe the ſpeech of theſe things trembleth, and is moved: for it knoweth that the end of theſe things muſt be changed.

17 And it hapned that when I had heard it, I ſtood up upon my feet, and hearkned, and behold, there was a voice that ſpake, and the ſound of it was like the ſound of many waters.

18 And it ſaid, Behold, the days come that I will begin to draw nigh, and to viſit them that dwell upon the earth,

19 And will begin to make inquiſition of them what they be that have hurt unjuſtly with their unrighteouſneſs, & when the affliction of Sion ſhall be fulfilled.

20 And

[a] Gen. 25. 26.
‖ Or, from the beginning.
‖ Or, earthquake.

20 And when the world that ſhall begin to vaniſh away ſhall be ‖ finiſhed, then will I ſhew theſe tokens. The books ſhall be opened before the firmament, and they ſhall ſee all together:

21 And the children of a year old ſhall ſpeak with their voices; the women with child ſhall bring forth untimely children of three or four moneths old, and they ſhall live, and be raiſed up.

22 And ſuddenly ſhall the ſown places appear unſown, the full ſtore-houſes ſhall ſuddenly be found empty.

23 And [b] the trumpet ſhall give a ſound, which when every man heareth, they ſhall be ſuddenly afraid.

24 At that time ſhall friends fight one againſt another like enemies; and the earth ſhall ſtand in fear with thoſe that dwell therein; the ſprings of the fountains ſhall ſtand ſtill, and in three hours they ſhall not run.

25 Whoſoever remaineth from all theſe that I have told thee, ſhall eſcape, and ſee my ſalvation, and the end of your world.

26 And the men that are received ſhall ſee it, who have not taſted death from their birth: and the heart of the inhabitants ſhall be changed, and turned into another meaning.

27 For evil ſhall be put out, and deceit ſhall be quenched.

28 As for faith, it ſhall flouriſh; corruption ſhall be overcome; and the truth, which hath been ſo long without fruit, ſhall be declared.

29 And when he talked with me, behold, I looked by little and little upon him before whom I ſtood.

30 And theſe words ſaid he unto me; I am come to ſhew thee the time of the night to come.

31 If thou wilt pray yet more, and faſt ſeven days again, I ſhall tell thee greater things [a] by day then I have heard.

32 For thy voice is heard before the moſt High: for the Mighty hath ſeen thy righteous dealing: he hath ſeen alſo thy chaſtity, which thou haſt had ever ſince thy youth.

33 And therefore hath he ſent me to ſhew thee all theſe things, and to ſay unto thee, Be of good comfort, and fear not.

34 And haſten not with the times that are paſt to think vain things, that thou mayeſt not haſten from the latter times.

35 And it came to paſs after this, that I wept again, and faſted ſeven days in like manner, that I might fulfil ỹ three weeks which he told me.

36 And in the eighth night was my heart vexed within me again, and I began to ſpeak before the moſt High.

37 For my ſpirit was greatly ſet on fire, and my ſoul was in diſtreſs.

38 And I ſaid, O Lord, thou ſpakeſt from the beginning of the creation, even the firſt day, and ſaidſt thus, [c] Let heaven and earth be made. And thy word was a perfect work.

39 And then was the ſpirit, and darkneſſes and ſilence were on every ſide: the ſound of mans voice was not yet formed.

40 Then commandedſt thou a fair light to come forth of thy treaſures, that thy work might appear.

41 Upon the ſecond day thou madeſt the ſpirit of the firmament, and commandedſt it to part aſunder, and to make a diviſion betwixt the waters, that the one part might go up and the other remain beneath.

42 Upon the third day thou didſt command that the waters ſhould be gathered in the ſeventh part of the earth: Six parts haſt thou dried up, and kept them, to the intent that of theſe ſome, being planted of God and tilled, might ſerve thee.

43 For aſſoon as thy word went forth, the work was made.

44 For immediately there was great and innumerable fruit, and many and divers pleaſures for the taſte, and flowers of unchangeable colour, and odours of wonderfull ſmell. And this was done the third day.

45 [d] Upon the fourth day thou commandedſt that the ſun ſhould ſhine, and the moon give her light, and the ſtars ſhould be in order:

46 And gaveſt them a charge to do

[c] ſervice

‖ Or, ſealed.

[b] 1 Cor. 15. 52.

[a] See chap 13. verſ. 52.

[c] Gen. 1. 1.

[d] Gen. 1. 14.

service unto man, that was to be made.

47 Upon the fifth day thou ſaidſt unto the ſeventh part, f where the waters were gathered, that it ſhould bring forth living creatures, fowls and fiſhes: and ſo it came to paſs.

48 For the dumb water and without life brought forth living things at the commandment of God, that all people might praiſe thy wondrous works.

49 Then didſt thou ordain two living creatures; the one thou calledſt || Enoch, and the other Leviathan;

50 And didſt ſeparate the one from the other: for the ſeventh part, namely where the water was gathered together, might not hold them both.

51 Unto Enoch thou gaveſt one part, which was dried up the third day, that he ſhould dwell in the ſame part; wherein are a thouſand hills.

52 But unto Leviathan thou gaveſt the ſeventh part, namely the moiſt; and haſt kept him to be devoured of whom thou wilt, and when.

53 Upon the ſixth day thou gaveſt commandment unto the earth that before thee it ſhould bring forth beaſts, cattel, and creeping things;

54 And after theſe, Adam alſo, whom thou madeſt lord of all thy creatures. Of him come we all, and the people alſo whom thou haſt choſen.

55 All this have I ſpoken before thee, O Lord, becauſe thou madeſt the world for our ſakes.

56 As for the other people, which alſo come of Adam, thou haſt ſaid that they are nothing, but be like unto ſpittle; and haſt likened the abundance of them unto a drop that falleth from a veſſel.

57 And now, O Lord, behold, theſe heathen, which have ever been reputed as nothing, have begun to be lords over us, and to devour us:

58 But we thy people, whom thou haſt called thy firſt-born, thy only-begotten, and thy fervent lover, are given into their hands.

59 If the world now be made for our ſakes, why do we not poſſeſs an inheritance with the world? How long ſhall this endure?

CHAP. VII.

4 The way is narrow. 12 when it was made narrow. 28 All ſhall die, and riſe again. 33 Chriſt ſhall ſit in judgement. 46 God hath not made paradiſe in vain; 62 and is merciſull.

AND when I had made an end of ſpeaking theſe words, there was ſent unto me the angel which had been ſent unto me the nights afore.

2 And he ſaid unto me, Up, Eſdras, and hear the words that I am come to tell thee.

3 And I ſaid, Speak on, my God. Then ſaid he unto me, The ſea is ſet in a wide place, that it might be deep and great.

4 But put the caſe the entrance were narrow, and like a river:

5 Who then could go into the ſea, to look upon it, and to rule it? If he went not through the narrow, how could he come into the broad?

6 There is alſo another thing. A city is builded, and ſet upon a broad field, and is full of all good things:

7 The entrance thereof is narrow, and is ſet in a || dangerous place to fall; like as if there were a fire on the right hand, and on the left a deep water, || Or, deep.

8 And one onely path between them both, even between the fire and the water, *ſo ſmall* that there could but one man go there at once.

9 If this city now were given unto a man for an inheritance, if he never ſhall paſs the danger ſet before it, how ſhall he receive this inheritance?

10 And I ſaid, It is ſo, Lord. Then ſaid he unto me, Even ſo alſo is Iſraels portion.

11 Becauſe for their ſakes I made the world: and when Adam tranſgreſſed my ſtatutes, then was decreed that now is done.

12 Then were the entrances of this world made narrow, full of ſorrow and travel: they are but few and evil, full of perils, and very painfull.

13 For the entrances of the || elder world || Or, greater.

world were wide and ſure, and brought immortal fruit.

14 If then they that live labour not to enter theſe ſtrait and vain things, they can never receive thoſe that are laid up for them.

15 Now therefore why diſquieteſt thou thy ſelf, ſeeing thou art but a corruptible man? and why art thou moved, whereas thou art but mortal?

16 Why haſt thou not conſidered in thy mind this thing that is to come, rather then that which is preſent?

17 Then anſwered I, and ſaid, O Lord that beareſt rule, thou haſt ordained in thy [a] law that the righteous ſhould inherit theſe things, but that the ungodly ſhould periſh.

[a] Deut. 8. 1.

18 Nevertheleſs, the righteous ſhall ſuffer ſtrait things, and hope for wide: for they that have done wickedly, have ſuffered the ſtrait things, and yet ſhall not ſee the wide.

19 And he ſaid unto me, There is no judge above God, and none that hath underſtanding above the Higheſt.

20 For there be many that periſh in this life, becauſe they deſpiſe the law of God that is ſet before them.

21 For God hath given ſtrait commandment to ſuch as came, what they ſhould do to live, even as they came, and what they ſhould obſerve to avoid puniſhment.

22 Nevertheleſs, they were not obedient unto him, but ſpake againſt him, and imagined vain things,

23 And deceived themſelves by their wicked deeds, and ſaid of the moſt High that he is not, and knew not his ways:

24 But his law have they deſpiſed, and denied his covenants; in his ſtatutes have they not been faithfull, and have not performed his works.

25 And therefore, Eſdras, for the empty are empty things, and for the full are the full things.

26 Behold, the time ſhall come that theſe tokens which I have told thee ſhall come to paſs, and the bride ſhall appear; and ſhe coming forth ſhall be ſeen, that now is withdrawn from the earth.

27 And whoſoever is delivered from the foreſaid evils ſhall ſee my wonders.

28 For my ſon Jeſus ſhall be revealed with thoſe that be with him; and they that remain ſhall rejoyce within four hundred years.

29 After theſe years ſhall my ſon Chriſt die, and all men that have life.

30 And the world ſhall be turned into the old ſilence ſeven days, like as in the former judgements: ſo that no man ſhall remain.

|| Or, as the beginning.

31 And after ſeven days the world that yet awaketh not ſhall be raiſed up, and that ſhall die that is corrupt.

32 And the earth ſhall reſtore thoſe that are aſleep in her, and ſo ſhall the duſt thoſe that dwell in ſilence, and the ſecret places ſhall deliver thoſe ſouls that were committed unto them.

33 And the moſt High ſhall appear upon the ſeat of judgement; and miſery ſhall paſs away, and the long-ſuffering ſhall have an end.

34 But judgement onely ſhall remain, truth ſhall ſtand, and faith ſhall wax ſtrong:

35 And the work ſhall follow, and the reward ſhall be ſhewed, and the good deeds ſhall be of force, and wicked deeds ſhall bear no rule.

36 Then ſaid I, [b] Abraham prayed firſt for the Sodomites, and [c] Moſes for the fathers that ſinned in the wilderneſs;

[b] Gen. 18. 23.
[c] Exod. 32. 11.

37 And Jeſus after him for Iſrael in the time of || Achan;

|| Or, Achor.

38 And Samuel, and [d] David for the deſtruction; and [e] Solomon for them that ſhould come to the ſanctuary;

[d] 2 Sam. 24. 17.
[e] 1 Chron. 29. 18. 1 Kings 8. 22, 23, 42, 43.

39 And [f] Helias for thoſe that received rain, and for the dead, that he might live;

[f] 1 Kings 17. 20, 21, 22.

40 And [g] Ezechias for the people in the time of Sennacherib; and many for many.

[g] 2 Kings 19. 15.

41 Even ſo now, ſeeing corruption is grown up, and wickedneſs increaſed, and the righteous have prayed for the ungodly;

ungodly; wherefore ſhall it not be ſo now alſo?

42 He anſwered me, and ſaid, This preſent life is not the end where much glory doth abide: therefore have they prayed for the weak.

43 But the day of doom ſhall be the end of this time, and the beginning of the immortality for to come, wherein corruption is paſt,

44 Intemperancy is at an end, infidelity is cut off, righteouſneſs is grown, and truth is ſprung up.

45 Then ſhall no man be able to ſave him that is deſtroyed, nor to oppreſs him that hath gotten the victory.

46 I anſwered then, and ſaid, This is my firſt and laſt ſaying, that it had been better not to have given the earth unto Adam; or elſe, when it was given him, to have reſtrained him from ſinning.

47 For what profit is it for men now in this preſent time to live in heavineſs, and after death to look for puniſhment?

48 O thou Adam, what haſt thou done? for thou it was [h] thou that ſinned, thou art not fallen alone, but we all, that come of thee.

49 For what profit is it unto us, if there be promiſed us an immortal time, whereas we have done the works that bring death?

50 And that there is promiſed us an everlaſting hope, whereas our ſelves, being moſt wicked, are made vain?

51 And that there are laid up for us dwellings of health and ſafety, whereas we have lived wickedly?

52 And that the glory of the moſt High is kept to defend them which have led || a wary life, whereas we have walked in the moſt wicked ways of all?

53 And that there ſhould be ſhewed a paradiſe, whoſe fruit endureth for ever, wherein is || ſecurity and medicine, ſith we ſhall not enter into it?

54 (For we have walked in unpleaſant places)

55 And that the faces of them which have uſed abſtinence ſhall ſhine above the ſtars, whereas our faces ſhall be blacker then darkneſs?

56 For while we lived, and committed iniquity, we conſidered not that we ſhould begin to ſuffer for it after death.

57 Then anſwered he me, and ſaid, This is the || condition of the battel which man that is born upon the earth ſhall fight,

58 That if he be overcome, he ſhall ſuffer as thou haſt ſaid; but if he get the victory, he ſhall receive the thing that I ſay.

59 For this is the life whereof Moſes ſpake unto the people while he lived, ſaying, [i] Chooſe thee life, that thou mayeſt live.

60 Nevertheleſs, they beleeved not him, nor yet the prophets after him; no, nor me, which have ſpoken unto them,

61 That there ſhould not be ſuch heavineſs in their deſtruction as ſhall be joy over them that are perſwaded to ſalvation.

62 I anſwered then, and ſaid, I know, Lord, that the moſt High is called merciſull, in that he hath mercy upon them which are not yet come into the world,

63 And upon thoſe alſo that turn to his law;

64 And that [k] he is patient, and long ſuffereth thoſe that have ſinned, as his creatures;

65 And that he is bountifull; for he is ready to give where it needeth;

66 And that he is of great mercy, for he multiplieth more and more mercies to them that are preſent, and that are paſt, and alſo to them which are to come.

67 For if he ſhall not multiply his mercies, the world would not continue with them that inherit therein.

68 And he pardoneth: for if he did not ſo of his goodneſs, that they which have committed iniquities might be eaſed of them, the ten thouſandth part of men ſhould not remain living.

69 And being judge, if he ſhould not forgive them that are || cured with his word, and put out the multitude of || contentions,

70 There

h Or, ſinned.

i Deut. 30. 19.

k Rom. 2. 4.

l Or, created.

m Or, conſumption.

70 There should be very few left: peradventure in an innumerable multitude.

CHAP. VIII.

Many created, but few saved. 6 He asketh why God destroyeth his own work, 26 and prayeth God to look upon the people which onely serve him. 41 God answereth, that all seed cometh not to good, 52 and that glory is prepared for him and such like.

AND he answered me, saying, The most High hath made this world for many, but the world to come for few.

2 I will tell thee a similitude, Esdras: As when thou askest the earth, it shall say unto thee that it giveth much mold whereof earthen vessels are made, but little dust that gold cometh of: even so is the course of this present world.

3 [a] There be many created, but few shall be saved. [a] Mat. 20. 16.

4 So answered I, and said, Swallow then down, O my soul, understanding, and devour wisdom.

5 For thou hast agreed to give ear, and art willing to prophesie: for thou hast no longer space then onely to live.

6 O Lord, if thou suffer not thy servant that we may pray before thee, and ‖ thou give us seed unto our heart, and culture to our understanding, that there may come fruit of it; how shall each man live that is corrupt, who beareth the place of a man? ‖ Or, so give us

7 For thou art alone, and we all one workmanship of thine hands, like as thou hast said.

8 For ‖ when the body is fashioned now in the mothers womb, and thou givest it members, thy creature is preserved in fire and water, and nine moneths doth thy workmanship endure thy creature which is created in her. ‖ Or, how the body is fashioned,

9 But that which keepeth, and is kept, shall both be preserved: and when the time cometh, the womb preserved delivereth up the things that grew in it.

10 For thou hast commanded out of the parts of the body, that is to say, out of the breasts, milk to be given, which is the fruit of the breasts,

11 That the thing which is fashioned may be nourished for a time, till thou disposest it to thy mercy.

12 Thou broughtest it up with thy righteousness, and nurturedst it in thy law, and reformedst it with thy judgement:

13 And thou shalt mortifie it, as thy creature; and quicken it, as thy work.

14 If therefore thou shalt destroy him which with so great [b] labour was fashioned, it is an easie thing to be ordained by thy commandment that the thing which was made might be preserved. [b] Job 10. 8. Psal. 139. 14, &c.

15 Now therefore, Lord, I will speak. Touching man in general thou knowest best: but touching thy people, for whose sake I am sorry;

16 And for thine inheritance, for whose cause I mourn; and for Israel, for whom I am heavy; and for Jacob, for whose sake I am troubled:

17 Therefore will I begin to pray before thee for my self and for them: for I see the falls of us that dwell in the land.

18 But I have heard the swiftness of the judge which is to come.

19 Therefore hear my voice, and understand my words, and I shall speak before thee. This is the beginning of the words of Esdras before he was taken up. And I said,

20 O Lord, thou that dwellest in everlastingness, which beholdest from above things in the heaven and in the air;

21 Whose throne is inestimable; whose glory may not be comprehended; before whom the hosts of angels stand with trembling,

22 [c] Whose service is conversant in wind and fire; whose word is true, and sayings constant; whose commandment is strong, and ordinance fearfull; [c] Psal. 104. 4. Heb. 1. 7.

23 Whose look drieth up the depths, and indignation maketh the mountains to melt away; which the truth witnesseth:

24 O hear the prayer of thy servant, & give ear to the petition of thy creature.

25 For while I live, I will speak; and so long as I have understanding, I will answer.

26 O look not upon the sins of thy people, but on them which serve thee in truth:

27 Regard

27 Regard not the wicked inventions of the heathen, but the desire of those that keep thy testimonies in afflictions:

28 Think not upon those that have walked feignedly before thee, but remember them which according to thy will have known thy fear:

29 Let it not be thy will to destroy them which have lived like beasts, but to look upon them that have clearly taught thy law:

30 Take thou no indignation at them which are deemed worse then beasts, but love them that alway put their trust in thy righteousness and glory.

31 For we and our fathers || do languish of such diseases: but because of us sinners thou shalt be called mercifull.

32 For if thou || hast a desire to have mercy upon us, thou shalt be called mercifull, to us namely that have no works of righteousness.

33 For the just, which have many good works laid up with thee, shall out of their own deeds receive reward.

34 For what is man, that thou shouldst take displeasure at him? or what is a corruptible generation, that thou shouldst be so bitter toward it?

35 [d] For in truth there is no man among them that be born but he hath dealt wickedly; and among the faithfull there is none which hath not done amiss.

36 For in this, O Lord, thy righteousness and thy goodness shall be declared, if thou be mercifull unto them which have not the confidence of good works.

37 Then answered he me, and said, Some things hast thou spoken aright; and according unto thy words it shall be.

38 For indeed I will not think on the disposition of them which have sinned before death, before judgement, before destruction.

39 But [e] I will rejoyce over the disposition of the righteous, and I will remember also their pilgrimage, and the salvation and the reward that they shall have.

40 Like as I have spoken now, so shall it come to pass.

41 For as the husbandman soweth much seed upon the ground, and planteth many trees, and yet the thing that is sown good in his season cometh not up, neither doth all that is planted take root: even so is it of them that are sown in the world: They shall not all be saved.

42 I answered then, and said, If I have found grace, let me speak.

43 Like as the husbandmans seed perisheth if it come not up, and receive not thy rain in due season; or if there come too much rain, and corrupt it:

44 Even so perisheth man also, which is formed with thy hands, and is called thine own image, because thou art like unto him; for whose sake thou hast made all things, and likened him unto the husbandmans seed.

45 Be not wroth with us, but spare thy people, and have mercy upon thine own inheritance: for thou art mercifull unto thy creature.

46 Then answered he me, and said, Things present are for the present; and things to come, for such as be to come.

47 For [f] thou comest far short that thou shouldst be able to love my creature more then I: but I have ofttimes drawn nigh unto thee, and unto it; but never to the unrighteous. [f] Chap. 5. 33.

48 In this also thou art marvellous before the most High;

49 In that thou hast humbled thy self as it becometh thee, and hast not judged thy self worthy to be much glorified among the righteous.

50 For many great miseries shall be done to them that in the latter time shall dwell in the world, because they have walked in great pride.

51 But understand thou for thy self, and seek out the glory for such as be like thee.

52 For unto you is paradise opened, the tree of life is planted, the time to come is prepared, plenteousness is made ready, a city is builded, and rest is allowed, yea perfect goodness and wisdom.

53 The root of evil is sealed up from you,

you; weakneſs and the moth is hid from you; and corruption is fled into || hell to be forgotten;

|| Or, into grave

54 Sorrows are paſſed, and in the end is ſhewed the treaſure of immortality.

55 And therefore ask thou no more queſtions concerning the multitude of them that periſh.

56 For when they had taken liberty, they deſpiſed the moſt High, thought ſcorn of his law, and forſook his ways.

57 Moreover they have troden down his righteous,

58 And [e] ſaid in their heart that there is no God; yea, and that knowing they muſt die.

[e] Pſal. 14. 1 & 53. 1.

59 For as the things aforeſaid ſhall receive you, ſo thirſt and pain are prepared for them: for it was not his will that men ſhould come to nought.

60 But they which be created have defiled the name of him that made them, and were unthankfull unto him which prepared life for them.

61 And therefore is my judgement now at hand.

62 Theſe things have I not ſhewed unto all men, but unto thee, and a few like thee. Then anſwered I, and ſaid,

63 Behold, O Lord, now haſt thou ſhewed me the multitude of the wonders which thou wilt begin to do in the laſt times: but at what time, thou haſt not ſhewed me.

CHAP. IX.

7 Who ſhall be ſaved, and who not. 19 All the world is now corrupted: 22 yet God doth ſave a few. 33 Eſdras complaineth that thoſe periſh which keep Gods law; 38 and ſeeth a woman lamenting in a field.

HE anſwered me then, and ſaid, Meaſure thou the time diligently in it ſelf: and when thou ſeeſt part of the ſigns paſt which I have told thee before,

2 Then ſhalt thou underſtand that it is the very ſame time wherein the Higheſt will begin to viſit the world which he made.

3 Therefore when there ſhall be ſeen [a] earthquakes, and uproars of the people in the world,

[a] Mat. 24. 7.

4 Then ſhalt thou well underſtand that the moſt High ſpake of thoſe things from the days that were before thee, even from the beginning.

5 For like as all that is made in the world hath a beginning and an end, and the end is manifeſt;

6 Even ſo the times alſo of the Higheſt have plain beginnings in wonders and powerfull works, and endings in effects and ſigns.

7 And every one that ſhall be ſaved, and ſhall be able to eſcape by his works, and by faith, whereby ye have beleeved,

8 Shall be preſerved from the ſaid perils, and ſhall ſee my ſalvation in my land and within my borders: for I have ſanctified them for me from the beginning.

9 Then || ſhall they be in pitifull caſe which now have abuſed my ways; and they that have caſt them away deſpitefully ſhall dwell in torments.

|| Or, when ſhall be marvelled

10 For ſuch as in their life have received benefits, and have not known me;

11 And they that have lothed my law, while they had yet liberty; and when as yet place of repentance was open unto them, underſtood not, but deſpiſed it;

12 The ſame muſt know it after death by pain.

13 And therefore be thou not curious how the ungodly ſhall be puniſhed, and when: but enquire how the righteous ſhall be ſaved, whoſe the world is, and for whom the world is created.

14 Then anſwered I, and ſaid,

15 I have ſaid before, and now do ſpeak, and will ſpeak it alſo hereafter, That there be many mo of them which periſh then of them which ſhall be ſaved;

16 Like as a wave is greater then a drop.

17 And he anſwered me, ſaying, Like as the field is, ſo is alſo the ſeed; as the flowers be, ſuch are the colours alſo; ſuch as the workman is, ſuch alſo is the work; and as the husbandman is himſelf, ſo is his husbandry alſo: For it was the time of the world.

18 || And now when I prepared the world which was not yet made, even for them

|| And now because the time of the world was not come when I was prepared, neither the world was ſet.

them to dwell in that now live, no man ſpake againſt me:

19 For then every one obeyed: || but now the manners of them which are created in this world that is made, are corrupted by a perpetual ſeed, and by a law which is unſearchable, rid themſelves.

20 So I conſidered the world; and behold, there was peril, becauſe of the devices that were come into it.

21 And I ſaw, and ſpared it greatly; and have kept me a || grape of the cluſter, and a plant of a great people.

22 Let the multitude periſh then which was born in vain, and let my || grape be kept, and my plant: for with great labour have I made it perfect.

23 Nevertheleſs, if thou wilt ceaſe yet ſeven days mo; (but thou ſhalt not faſt in them;

24 But go into a field of flowers, where no houſe is builded, and eat onely the flowers of the field, taſte no fleſh, drink no wine, but eat flowers onely);

25 And pray unto the Higheſt continually; then will I come, and talk with thee.

26 So I went my way into the field which is called Ardath, like as he commanded me: and there I ſat amongſt the flowers, and did eat of the herbs of the field, and the meat of the ſame ſatisfied me.

27 After ſeven days I ſat upon the graſs, and my heart was vexed within me, like as before.

28 And I opened my mouth, and began to talk before the moſt High, and ſaid,

29 O Lord, thou that ſheweſt thy ſelf unto us, thou waſt [b] ſhewed unto our fathers in the wilderneſs, in a place where no man || treadeth, in a barren place, when they came out of Egypt;

30 And thou ſpakeſt, ſaying, Hear me, O Iſrael; and mark my words, thou ſeed of Jacob.

31 For behold, I ſow my law in you; and it ſhall bring fruit in you, and ye ſhall be honoured in it for ever.

32 But our fathers, which received the law, kept it not, and obſerved not thy ordinances: and though the fruit of thy law did not periſh: neither could it; for it was thine:

33 Yet they that received it periſhed, becauſe they kept not the thing that was ſown in them.

34 And lo, it is a cuſtom, when the ground hath received ſeed, or the ſea a ſhip, or any veſſel meat or drink, that that being periſhed wherein it was ſown, or whereinto it was caſt,

35 That thing alſo which was ſown, or caſt therein, or received, doth periſh, and remaineth not with us. But with us it hath not hapned ſo.

36 For we that have received the law periſh by ſin, and our heart alſo which received it:

37 Notwithſtanding the law periſheth not, but remaineth in his force.

38 And when I ſpake theſe things in my heart, I looked back with mine eyes, and upon the right ſide I ſaw [c] a woman, and behold, ſhe mourned and wept with a loud voice, and was much grieved in heart: and her clothes were rent, and ſhe had aſhes upon her head.

39 Then let I my thoughts go that I was in, and turned me unto her,

40 And ſaid unto her, Wherefore weepeſt thou? why art thou ſo grieved in thy mind?

41 And ſhe ſaid unto me, Sir, let me alone, that I may bewail my ſelf, and add unto my ſorrow: for I am ſore vexed in my mind, and brought very low.

42 And I ſaid unto her, What aileth thee? tell me.

43 She ſaid unto me, I thy ſervant have been barren, and had no child, though I had an husband thirty years.

44 And thoſe thirty years I did nothing elſe day and night, and every hour, but make my prayer to the Higheſt.

45 After thirty years God heard me thine handmaid, looked upon my miſery, conſidered my trouble, and gave me a ſon: and I was very glad of him; ſo was my husband alſo, and all my neighbours; and we gave great honour unto the Almighty.

[c] Chap. 10. 44.

46 And I nouriſhed him with great travel.

47 So when he grew up, and came to the time that he ſhould have a wife, I made a feaſt.

CHAP. X.

1 Eſdras comforteth the woman in the field. 17 She vaniſheth away, and a city appeareth in her place. 40 The angel declareth theſe viſions in the field.

AND it ſo came to paſs, that when my ſon was entred into his wedding-chamber, he fell down, and died.

2 Then we all overthrew the lights, and all my † neighbours roſe up to comfort me. So I took my reſt unto the ſecond day at night.

† Or, countreymen. Lat. citizens.

3 And it came to paſs when they had all left off to comfort me, to the end I might be quiet; then roſe I up by night, and fled, and came hither into this field, as thou ſeeſt.

4 And I do now purpoſe not to return into the city, but here to ſtay, and neither to eat nor drink, but continually to mourn, and to faſt untill I die.

§ Or, ſpeeches.

5 Then left I the § meditations wherein I was, and ſpake to her in anger, ſaying,

6 Thou fooliſh woman above all other, ſeeſt not thou our mourning, and what happeneth unto us?

7 How that Sion our mother is full of all heavineſs, and much humbled, mourning very ſore?

8 And now ſeeing we all mourn and are ſad, for we are all in heavineſs, art thou grieved for one ſon?

9 For ask the earth, and ſhe ſhall tell thee, that it is ſhe which ought to mourn for the fall of ſo many that grow upon her.

10 For out of her came all at the firſt, and out of her ſhall all others come: and behold, they walk almoſt all into deſtruction, and a multitude of them is utterly ‖ rooted out.

‖ Or, aboliſhed.

11 Who then ſhould make more mourning then ſhe that hath loſt ſo great a multitude; and not thou, which art ſorry but for one?

12 But if thou ſayeſt unto me, My lamentation is not like the earths, becauſe I have loſt the fruit of my womb, which I brought forth with pains, and bare with ſorrows;

13 ‖ But the earth *not ſo*: for the multitude preſent in it, according to the courſe of the earth, is gone, as it came:

‖ Or, But the earth of her ſelf, without the company of the earth, ſubject to the preſent ordinance made in the beginning, is gone as it came.

14 Then ſay I unto thee, Like as thou haſt brought forth with labour: even ſo the earth alſo hath given her fruit, namely man, ever ſince the beginning, unto him that made her.

15 Now therefore keep thy ſorrow to thy ſelf, and bear with a good courage that which hath befallen thee.

16 For if thou ſhalt acknowledge the determination of God to be juſt, thou ſhalt both receive thy ſon in time, and ſhalt be commended amongſt women.

17 Go thy way then into the city, to thine husband.

18 And ſhe ſaid unto me, That will I not do: I will not go into the city, but here will I die.

19 So I proceeded to ſpeak further unto her, and ſaid,

20 Do not ſo, but be counſelled by me. For how many are the adverſities of Sion? Be comforted in regard of the ſorrow of Jeruſalem.

21 For thou ſeeſt that our ſanctuary is laid waſte, our altar broken down, our temple deſtroyed:

22 Our pſaltery is laid on the ground, our ſong is put to ſilence, our rejoycing is at an end, the light of our candleſtick is put out, the ark of our covenant is ſpoiled, our holy things are defiled, and the name that is called upon us is almoſt profaned: our children are put to ſhame, our prieſts are burnt, our Levites are gone into captivity, our virgins are defiled, and our wives raviſhed, our righteous men carried away, our little ones deſtroyed, our young men are brought in bondage, and our ſtrong men are become weak:

23 And, which is the greateſt of all, the ſeal of Sion hath now loſt her honour: for ſhe is delivered into the hands of them that hate us.

24 And

24 And therefore ſhake off thy great heavineſs, and put away the multitude of ſorrows, that the Mighty may be merciſull unto thee again, and the Higheſt ſhall give thee reſt, and eaſe from thy labour.

25 And it came to paſs while I was talking with her, behold, her face upon a ſudden ſhined exceedingly, and her countenance gliſtered; ſo that I was afraid of her, and muſed what it might be.

26 And behold, ſuddenly ſhe made a great cry very fearfull; ſo that the earth ſhook at the noiſe of the woman.

27 And I looked, and behold, the woman appeared unto me no more: but there was a city builded, and a large place ſhewed it ſelf from the foundations. Then was I afraid, and cried with a loud voice, and ſaid,

28 Where is [a] Uriel the angel, who came unto me at the firſt? for he hath cauſed me to fall || into many trances; and mine end is turned into corruption, and my prayer to rebuke.

29 And as I was ſpeaking theſe words, behold, he came unto me, and looked upon me.

30 And lo, I lay as one that had been dead, and mine underſtanding was taken from me. And he took me by the right hand, and comforted me, and ſet me upon my feet, and ſaid unto me,

31 What aileth thee? and why art thou ſo diſquieted? and why is thine underſtanding troubled, and the thoughts of thine heart?

32 And I ſaid, Becauſe thou haſt forſaken me: and yet I did according to thy [b] words, and I went into the field, and lo, I have ſeen, and yet ſee that I am not able to expreſs.

33 And he ſaid unto me, Stand up manfully, and I will adviſe thee.

34 Then ſaid I, Speak on, my lord, in me: onely forſake me not, leſt I die fruſtrate of my hope.

35 For I have ſeen that I knew not, and hear that I do not know.

36 Or is my ſenſe deceived, or my ſoul in a dream?

37 Now therefore, I beſeech thee, that thou wilt ſhew thy ſervant of this || viſion.

38 He anſwered me then, and ſaid, Hear me, and I ſhall inform thee, and tell thee wherefore thou art afraid: for the Higheſt will reveal many ſecret things unto thee.

39 He hath ſeen that thy || way is right: for that thou ſorroweſt continually for thy people, and makeſt great lamentation for Sion.

40 This therefore is the meaning of the viſion which thou lately ſaweſt.

41 Thou ſaweſt a woman mourning, and thou beganſt to comfort her:

42 But now ſeeſt thou the likeneſs of the woman no more, but there appeared unto thee a city builded.

43 And whereas ſhe told thee of the death of her ſon, this is the || ſolution.

44 This woman whom thou ſaweſt is Sion: and whereas ſhe ſaid unto thee, even ſhe whom thou ſeeſt as a city builded,

45 Whereas, *I ſay*, ſhe ſaid unto thee that ſhe hath been thirty years barren; thoſe are the thirty years wherein there was no offering made in her.

46 But after thirty years Solomon builded the city, and offered offerings: and then bare the barren a ſon.

47 And whereas ſhe told thee that ſhe nouriſhed him with labour; that was the dwelling in Jeruſalem.

48 But whereas ſhe ſaid unto thee, That my ſon coming into his marriage-chamber happened to have a fall, and died; this was the deſtruction that came to Jeruſalem.

49 And behold, thou ſaweſt her likeneſs, and becauſe ſhe mourned for her ſon, thou beganſt to comfort her. And of theſe things which have chanced, theſe are to be opened unto thee.

50 For now the moſt High ſeeth that thou art grieved unfeignedly, and ſuffereſt from thy whole heart for her; ſo hath he ſhewed thee the brightneſs of her glory, and the comelineſs of her beauty:

51 And therefore I bad thee remain

|| Or, trance.

|| Or, purpoſe.

|| Or, interpretation.

in the field where no houſe was builded.

52 For I knew that the Higheſt would ſhew this unto thee.

53 Therefore I commanded thee to go into the field where no foundation of any building was.

54 For in the place wherein the Higheſt beginneth to ſhew his city, there can no mans building be able to ſtand.

55 And therefore fear not, let not thine heart be affrighted; but go thy way in, and ſee the beauty and greatneſs of the building, as much as thine eyes be able to ſee.

56 And then ſhalt thou hear as much as thine ears may comprehend.

57 For thou art bleſſed above many other, and ‖ art called with the Higheſt; and ſo are but few.

‖ Or, art called to be with, &c.

58 But to morrow at night thou ſhalt remain here;

59 And ſo ſhall the Higheſt ſhew thee viſions of the ‖ high things which the moſt High will do unto them that dwell upon earth in the laſt days. So I ſlept that night and another, like as he commanded me.

‖ Or, laſt things.

CHAP. XI.

1 He ſeeth in his dream an eagle coming out of the ſea 37 and a lion out of a wood talking to the eagle.

THen ſaw I a dream, and behold, there came up from the ſea an eagle, which had twelve feathered wings, and three heads.

2 And I ſaw, and behold, ſhe ſpread her wings over all the earth; and all the winds of the air blew on her, and were gathered together.

3 And I beheld, and out of her feathers there grew other contrary feathers; and they became little feathers and ſmall.

4 But her heads were at reſt: the head in the midſt was greater then the other, yet reſted † it with the reſidue.

† Or, reſted.

5 Moreover I beheld, and lo, the eagle flew with her feathers, and reigned upon earth, and over them that dwelt therein.

6 And I ſaw that all things under heaven were ſubject unto her, and no man ſpake againſt her, no, not one creature upon earth.

7 And I beheld, and lo, the eagle roſe upon her talons, and ſpake to her feathers, ſaying,

8 Watch not all at once: ſleep every one in his own place, and watch by courſe.

9 But let the heads be preſerved for the laſt.

10 And I beheld, and lo, the voice went not out of her heads, but from the midſt of her body.

11 And I numbred her contrary feathers, and behold, there were eight of them.

12 And I looked, and behold, on the right ſide there aroſe one feather, and reigned over all the earth.

13 And ſo it was that when it reigned, the end of it came, and the place thereof appeared no more. So the next following ſtood up, and reigned, and had a great time,

14 And it hapned that when it reigned, the end of it came alſo, like as the firſt, ſo that it appeared no more.

15 Then came there a voice unto it, and ſaid,

16 Hear thou that haſt born rule over the earth ſo long: This I ſay unto thee, before thou beginneſt to appear no more;

17 There ſhall none after thee attain unto thy time, neither unto the half thereof.

18 Then aroſe the third, and reigned as the other before, and appeared no more alſo.

19 So went it with all the reſidue one after another, as that every one reigned, and then appeared no more.

20 Then I beheld, and lo, in proceſs of time the feathers that followed ſtood up upon the right ſide, that they might rule alſo: and ſome of them ruled; but within a while they appeared no more:

21 For ſome of them were ſet up, but ruled not.

22 After this I looked, and behold, the twelve feathers appeared no more, nor the two little feathers.

23 And there was no more upon the eagles body but three heads that reſted, and ſix little wings.

24 Then

24 Then ſaw I alſo that two little feathers divided themſelves from the ſix, and remained under the head that was upon the right ſide: for the four continued in their place.

25 And I beheld, and lo, the feathers that were under the wing thought to ſet up themſelves, and to have the rule.

26 And I beheld, and lo, there was one ſet up, but ſhortly it appeared no more.

27 And the ſecond was ſooner away then the firſt.

28 And I beheld, and lo, the two that remained thought alſo in themſelves to reign:

29 And when they ſo thought, behold, there awaked one of the heads that were at reſt, namely, it that was in the midſt: for that was greater then the two other heads.

30 And then I ſaw that the two other heads were joyned with it.

31 And behold, the head was turned with them that were with it, and did eat up the two feathers under the wing that would have reigned.

32 But this head put the whole earth in fear, and bare rule in it over all thoſe that dwelt upon the earth with much oppreſſion: and it had the governance of the world, more then all the wings that had been.

33 And after this I beheld, and lo, the head that was in the midſt ſuddenly appeared no more, like as the wings.

34 But there remained the two heads; which alſo in like ſort ruled upon the earth, and over thoſe that dwelt therein.

35 And I beheld, and lo, the head upon the right ſide devoured it that was upon the left ſide.

36 Then I heard a voice, which ſaid unto me, Look before thee, and conſider the thing that thou ſeeſt.

37 And I beheld, and lo, as it were a roaring lion chaſed out of the wood: and I ſaw that he ſent out a mans voice unto the eagle, and ſaid,

38 Hear thou, I will talk with thee, and the Higheſt ſhall ſay unto thee,

39 Art not thou it that remaineſt of the four beaſts, whom I made to reign in my world, that the end of their times might come through them?

40 And the fourth came, and overcame all the beaſts that were paſt, and had power over the world with great fearfulneſs, and over the whole compaſs of the earth with much wicked oppreſſion, and ſo long time dwelt he upon the earth with deceit.

41 For the earth haſt thou not judged with truth.

42 For thou haſt afflicted the meek, thou haſt hurt the peaceable, thou haſt loved liars, and deſtroyed the dwellings of them that brought forth fruit, and haſt caſt down the walls of ſuch as did thee nor harm.

43 Therefore is thy wrongfull dealing come up unto the Higheſt, and thy pride unto the Mighty.

44 The Higheſt alſo hath looked upon the proud times, and behold they are ended, and his abominations are fulfilled.

45 And therefore appear no more, thou eagle, nor thy horrible wings, nor thy wicked feathers, nor thy malicious heads, nor thy hurtfull claws, nor all thy vain body:

46 That all the earth may be refreſhed, and may return, being delivered from thy violence, and that ſhe may hope for the judgement and mercy of him that made her.

CHAP. XII.

1 The eagle, which he ſaw, is deſtroyed. 10 The viſion is interpreted. 37 He is bid to write his viſions, 39 and to faſt, that he may ſee more. 46 He comforteth thoſe that were grieved for his abſence.

AND it came to paſs whiles the lion ſpake theſe words unto the eagle, I ſaw,

2 And behold, the head that remained, and the four wings appeared no more: and the two went unto it, and ſet themſelves up to reign; and their kingdom was ſmall and full of uproar.

3 And I ſaw, and behold, they appeared no more; and the whole body

of

of the eagle was burnt; ſo that the earth was in great fear. Then awaked I out of the trouble and trance of my mind, and from great fear, and ſaid unto my ſpirit,

4 Lo, this haſt thou done unto me, in that thou ſearcheſt out the ways of the Higheſt.

5 Lo, yet am I weary in my mind, and very weak in my ſpirit; and little ſtrength is there in me, for the great fear wherewith I was affrighted this night.

6 Therefore will I now beſeech the Higheſt that he will comfort me unto the end.

7 And I ſaid, Lord that beareſt rule, If I have found grace before thy ſight, and if I am juſtified with thee before many others, and if my prayer indeed be come up before thy face;

8 Comfort me then, and ſhew me thy ſervant the interpretation and plain difference of this fearfull viſion, that thou mayeſt perfectly comfort my ſoul.

9 For thou haſt judged me worthy to ſhew me the laſt times.

10 And he ſaid unto me, This is the interpretation of the viſion.

11 The eagle whom thou ſaweſt come up from the ſea, is the kingdom which was ſeen in the [a] viſion of thy brother Daniel.

[a] Dan. 7. 7.

12 But it was not expounded unto him; therefore now I declare it unto thee.

13 Behold, the days will come that there ſhall riſe up a kingdom upon earth, and it ſhall be feared above all the kingdoms that were before it.

14 In the ſame ſhall twelve kings reign, one after another:

15 Whereof the ſecond ſhall begin to reign, and ſhall have more time then any of the twelve.

16 And this do the twelve wings ſignifie which thou ſaweſt.

17 As for the voice which thou heardeſt ſpeak, and that thou ſaweſt not to go out from the heads, but from the mids of the body thereof, this is the interpretation;

18 That after the time of that kingdom there ſhall ariſe great ſtrivings, and it ſhall ſtand in peril of falling: nevertheleſs it ſhall not then fall, but ſhall be reſtored again to his beginning.

19 And whereas thou ſaweſt the eight ſmall under-feathers ſticking to her wings, this is the interpretation;

20 That in him there ſhall ariſe eight kings, whoſe time ſhall be but ſmall, and their years ſwift.

21 And two of them ſhall periſh: the middle time approaching, four ſhall be kept untill their end begin to approach: but two ſhall be kept unto the end.

22 And whereas thou ſaweſt three heads reſting, this is the interpretation:

23 In his laſt days ſhall the moſt High raiſe up three kingdoms, and renew many things therein: and they ſhall have the dominion of the earth

24 And of thoſe that dwell therein with much oppreſſion, above all thoſe that were before them: therefore are they called the heads of the eagle.

25 For theſe are they that ſhall accompliſh his wickedneſs, and that ſhall finiſh his laſt end.

26 And whereas thou ſaweſt that the great head appeared no more, it ſignifieth that one of them ſhall die upon his bed, and yet with pain.

27 For the two that remain ſhall be ſlain with the ſword.

28 For the ſword of the one ſhall devour the other: but at the laſt ſhall he fall through the ſword himſelf.

29 And whereas thou ſaweſt two feathers under the wings paſſing over the head that is on the right ſide;

30 It ſignifieth that theſe are they whom the Higheſt hath kept unto their end This is the ſmall kingdom, and full of trouble, as thou ſaweſt.

31 And the lion whom thou ſaweſt riſing up out of the wood, and roaring, and ſpeaking to the eagle, and rebuking her for her unrighteouſneſs with all the words which thou haſt heard,

32 This is the anointed which the Higheſt hath kept for them, and for their

Lat. wind, or ſpirit.

their wickedneſs unto the end: he ſhall reprove them, and ſhall upbraid them with their cruelty.

33 For he ſhall ſet them before him alive in judgement, and ſhall rebuke them, and correct them.

34 For the reſt of my people ſhall he deliver with mercy, thoſe that have been preſerved upon my borders: and he ſhall make them joyfull untill the coming of the day of judgement; whereof I have ſpoken unto thee from the beginning.

35 This is the dream that thou ſaweſt, and theſe are the interpretations.

36 Thou onely haſt been meet to know this ſecret of the Higheſt.

37 Therefore write all theſe things that thou haſt ſeen in a book, and hide them.

38 And teach them to the wiſe of the people, whoſe hearts thou knoweſt may comprehend and keep theſe ſecrets.

39 But wait thou here thy ſelf yet ſeven days more, that it may be ſhewed thee whatſoever it pleaſeth the Higheſt to declare unto thee. And with that he went his way.

40 And it came to paſs, when all the people ſaw that the ſeven days were paſt, and I not come again into the city, they gathered them all together, from the leaſt unto the greateſt, and came unto me, and ſaid,

41 What have we offended thee, and what evil have we done againſt thee, that thou forſakeſt us, and ſitteſt here in this place?

42 For of all the ‖ prophets thou onely art left us, as a cluſter of the vintage, and as a candle in a dark place, and as a haven or ſhip preſerved from the tempeſt.

43 Are not the evils which are come to us ſufficient?

44 If thou ſhalt forſake us, how much better had it been for us if we alſo had been burnt in the midſt of Sion?

45 For we are not better then they that died there. And they wept with a loud voice. Then anſwered I them, and ſaid,

46 Be of good comfort, O Iſrael; and be not heavy, thou houſe of Jacob:

47 For the Higheſt hath you in remembrance, and the Mighty hath not forgotten you in temptation.

48 As for me, I have not forſaken you, neither am I departed from you: but am come into this place to pray for the deſolation of Sion, and that I might ſeek mercy for the low eſtate of your ſanctuary.

49 And now go your way home every man, and after theſe days will I come unto you.

50 So the people went their way into the city, like as I commanded them.

51 But I remained ſtill in the field ſeven days, as the angel commanded me; and did eat onely in thoſe days of the flowers of the field, and had my meat of the herbs.

CHAP. XIII.

1 He ſeeth in his dream a man coming out of the ſea. 25 The declaration of his dream. 54 He is praiſed, and promiſed to ſee more.

AND it came to paſs after ſeven days, I dreamed a dream by night.

2 And lo, there aroſe ‖ a wind from the ſea, that it moved all the waves thereof. ‖ *a certain man as the wind,* Junius.

3 And I beheld, and lo, that man waxed ſtrong with the ‖ thouſands of heaven: and when he turned his countenance to look, all the things trembled that were ſeen under him. ‖ *clouds.*

4 And whenſoever the voice went out of his mouth, all they burnt that heard his voice, like as the earth faileth when it feeleth the fire.

5 And after this I beheld, and lo, there was gathered together a multitude of men out of number, from the four winds of the heaven, to ſubdue the man that came out of the ſea.

6 But I beheld, and lo, he had graved himſelf a great mountain, and flew up upon it.

7 But I would have ſeen the region or place whereout the hill was graven, and I could not.

8 And after this I beheld, and lo, all

all they which were gathered together to subdue him were sore afraid, and yet durst fight.

9 And lo, as he saw the violence of the multitude that came, he neither lift up his hand, nor held sword, nor any instrument of war.

10 But onely I saw that he sent out of his mouth as it had been a blast of fire, and out of his lips a flaming breath, and out of his tongue he cast out sparks and tempests.

11 And they were all mixt together, the blast of fire, the flaming breath, and the great tempest, and fell with violence upon the multitude which was prepared to fight, and burnt them up every one; so that upon a sudden of an innumerable multitude nothing was to be perceived but onely dust and smell of smoke. When I saw this, I was afraid.

12 Afterward I saw the same man come down from the mountain, and call unto him another peaceable multitude.

13 And there came much people unto him, whereof some were glad, some were sorry, some of them were bound, and other some brought || of them that were offered. Then was I sick through great fear; and I awaked, and said,

14 Thou hast shewed thy servant these wonders from the beginning, and hast counted me worthy that thou shouldst receive my prayer:

15 Shew me now yet the interpretation of this dream.

16 For, as I conceive in mine understanding, wo unto them that shall be left in those days; and much more wo unto them that are not left behind.

17 For they that were not left were in heaviness.

18 Now understand I the things that are laid up in the latter days, which shall happen unto them, and to those that are left behind.

19 Therefore are they come into great perils and many necessities, like as these dreams declare.

20 Yet is it easier for him that is in danger to come into || these things, then to pass away as a cloud out of the world, and not to see the things that happen in the last days. And he answered unto me, and said,

21 The interpretation of the vision shall I shew thee, and I will open unto thee the thing that thou hast required.

22 Whereas thou hast spoken of them that are left behind, this is the interpretation:

23 He that shall endure the peril in that time, hath kept himself: they that be fallen into danger are such as have works and faith towards the Almighty.

24 Know this therefore, that they which be left behind are more blessed then they that be dead.

25 This is the meaning of the vision; Whereas thou sawest a man coming up from the midst of the sea;

26 The same is he whom God the Highest hath kept a great season, which by his own self shall deliver his creature: and he shall order them that are left behind.

27 And whereas thou sawest that out of his mouth there came as a blast of wind, and fire, and storm;

28 And that he held neither sword nor any instrument of war, but that the rushing in of him destroyed the whole multitude that came to subdue him; this is the interpretation;

29 Behold, the days come when the most High will begin to deliver them that are upon the earth.

30 And he shall come to the astonishment of them that dwell on the earth.

31 And one shall undertake to fight against another, one city against another, one place against another, [a] one people against another, and one realm against another.

32 And the time shall be when these things shall come to pass, and the signs shall happen which I shewed thee before, and then shall my Son be declared, whom thou sawest as a man ascending.

33 And when all the people hear his voice,

Tiſunius, of the things that were offered.

|| Or, when days.

[a] Mat. 24. 7.

voice, every man ſhall in their own land leave the battel they have one againſt another.

34 And an innumerable multitude ſhall be gathered together, as thou ſaweſt them willing to come and to overcome him by fighting.

35 But he ſhall ſtand upon the top of the mount Sion.

36 And Sion ſhall come and ſhall be ſhewed to all men, being prepared and builded like as thou ſaweſt the hill graven without hands.

37 And this my Son ſhall rebuke the wicked inventions of thoſe nations which for their wicked life are fallen into the tempeſt;

38 And ſhall lay before them their evil thoughts, and the torments wherewith they ſhall begin to be tormented, which are like unto a flame: and he ſhall deſtroy them without labour by the law, which is like unto fire.

39 And whereas thou ſaweſt that he gathered another peaceable multitude unto him;

40 Thoſe are the ten tribes which were carried away priſoners out of their own land in the time of Oſea the king, whom [b] Salmanaſar the king of Aſſyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and ſo came they into another land.

41 But they took this counſel among themſelves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further countrey where never mankind dwelt,

42 That they might there keep their ſtatutes, which they never kept in their own land.

43 And they entred into Euphrates by the narrow paſſages of the river.

44 For the moſt High then ſhewed [c] ſigns for them, and held ſtill the floud till they were paſſed over.

45 For through that countrey there was a great way to go, namely of a year and a half: and the ſame region is called Arſareth.

46 Then dwelt they there untill the latter time. And now when they ſhall begin to come,

47 The Higheſt ſhall ſtay the ſprings of the ſtream again, that they may go through. Therefore ſaweſt thou the multitude with peace.

48 But thoſe that be left behind of thy people are they that are found within my borders.

49 Now when he deſtroyeth the multitude of the nations that are gathered together, he ſhall defend his people that remain.

50 And then ſhall he ſhew them great wonders.

51 Then ſaid I, O Lord that beareſt rule, ſhew me this: Wherefore have I ſeen the man coming up from the midſt of the ſea?

52 And he ſaid unto me, Like as thou canſt neither ſeek out nor know the things that are in the deep of the ſea, even ſo can no man upon the earth ſee my Son, or thoſe that be with him, but in the day-time.

53 This is the interpretation of the dream which thou ſaweſt, and whereby thou onely art here lightned.

54 For thou haſt forſaken thine own way, and applied thy diligence unto my law, and ſought it.

55 Thy life haſt thou ordered in wiſdom, and haſt called underſtanding thy mother.

56 And therefore have I ſhewed thee the treaſures of the Higheſt. After other three days I will ſpeak other things unto thee, and declare unto thee mighty and wondrous things.

57 Then went I forth into the field, giving praiſe and thanks greatly unto the moſt High, becauſe of his wonders which he did in time,

58 And becauſe he governeth the ſame, and ſuch things as fall in their ſeaſons. And there I ſat three days.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *A voice out of a buſh calleth Eſdras,* 10 *and telleth him that the world waxeth old.* 22 *He deſireth, becauſe the law was burnt, to write all again.*

again, 24 and is bid to get swift writers. 39 He and they are filled with understanding. 45 But he is charged not to publish all that is written.

AND it came to pass upon the third day I sat under an oak, and behold, there came a voice out of a bush over against me, and said, Esdras, Esdras.

2 And I said, Here am I, Lord, and I stood up upon my feet.

3 Then said he unto me, [a] In the bush I did manifestly reveal my self unto Moses, and talked with him, when my people served in Egypt. [a] Exod. 3. 2.

4 And I sent him, and led my people out of Egypt, and brought him up to the mount of Sinai, where I held him by me a long season,

5 And told him many wondrous things, and shewed him the secrets of the times, and the end: and commanded him, saying,

6 These words shalt thou declare, and these shalt thou hide.

7 And now I say unto thee,

8 That thou lay up in thy heart the signs that I have shewed, and the dreams that thou hast seen, and the interpretations which thou hast heard.

9 For thou shalt be taken away from all, and from henceforth thou shalt remain with my || Son, and with such as be like thee, until the times be ended. || Or, servant.

10 For the world hath lost his youth, and the times begin to wax old.

11 For the world is divided into twelve parts, and ten parts of it are gone already, and half of a tenth part:

12 And there remaineth that which is after the half of the tenth part.

13 Now therefore set thine house in order, and reprove thy people, comfort such of them as be in trouble, and now renounce corruption.

14 Let go from thee mortal thoughts, cast away the burdens of man, put off now the weak nature,

15 And set aside the thoughts that are most heavy unto thee, and haste thee to flee from these times.

16 For [b] yet greater evils then those which thou hast seen happen shall be done hereafter. [b] 4 Mac. 15. 7.

17 For look how much the world shall be weaker through age, so much the more shall evils increase upon them that dwell therein.

18 For the truth is fled far away, and leasing is hard at hand: for now hasteth the vision to come which thou hast seen.

19 Then answered I before thee, and said,

20 Behold, Lord, I will go as thou hast commanded me, and reprove the people which are present: but they that shall be born afterward, who shall admonish them? Thus the world is set in darkness, and they that dwell therein are without light.

21 For thy law is burnt: therefore no man knoweth the things that are done of thee, or the works that shall begin.

22 But if I have found grace before thee, send the holy Ghost into me; and I shall write all that hath been done in the world since the beginning, which were written in thy law, that men may find thy path, and that they which will live in the latter days may live.

23 And he answered me, saying, Go thy way, gather the people together, and say unto them that they seek thee not for fourty days.

24 But look thou prepare thee many || box trees, and take with thee Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, Ecanus and Asiel, these five, which are ready to write swiftly. || Or, boxes to write in.

25 And come hither, and I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out till the things be performed which thou shalt begin to write. || Or, Ezra.

26 And when thou hast done, some things shalt thou publish, and some things shalt thou shew secretly to ỳ wise. To morrow this hour shalt thou begin to write.

27 Then went I forth as he commanded, and gathered all the people together, and said,

28 Hear these words, O Israel.

29 [c] Our fathers at the beginning were strangers in Egypt: from whence they were delivered; [c] Gen. 47. 4.

30 [d] And

30 [d] And received the law of life, which they kept not; which ye also have transgressed after them.

31 Then was the land, even the land of Sion, parted among you by lot. But your fathers and ye your selves have done unrighteousness, and have not kept the ways which the Highest commanded you:

32 And for as much as he is a righteous Judge, he took from you in time the thing that he had given you.

33 And now are you here, and your brethren amongst you.

34 Therefore if so be that you will subdue your own understanding, and reform your hearts, ye shall be kept alive, and after death ye shall obtain mercy.

35 For after death shall the judgement come, when we shall live again: and then shall the names of the righteous be manifest, and the works of the ungodly shall be declared.

36 Let no man therefore come unto me now, nor seek after me, these fourty days.

37 So I took the five men as he commanded me, and we went into the field, and remained there.

38 And the next day, behold, a voice called me, saying, Esdras, open thy mouth, and drink that I give thee to drink.

39 Then opened I my mouth, and behold, he reached me a full cup, which was full as it were with water, but the colour of it was like fire.

40 And I took it, and drank: and when I had drunk of it, my heart uttered understanding, and wisdom grew in my breast: for my spirit strengthned my memory.

41 And my mouth was opened, and shut no more.

42 The Highest gave understanding unto the five men; and they wrote the wonderfull visions of the night that were told, which they knew not: and they sat fourty days; and they wrote in the day, and at night they ate bread.

43 As for me, I spake in the day, and held not my tongue by night.

44 In fourty days they wrote || two hundred and four books. || Or, nine hundred and four.

45 And it came to pass when the fourty days were fulfilled, that the Highest spake, saying, The first that thou hast written, publish openly, that the worthy and unworthy may read it.

46 But keep the seventy last, that thou mayest deliver them onely to such as be wise among the people.

47 For in them is the spring of understanding, the fountain of wisdom, and the || stream of knowledge. || Or, light.

48 And I did so.

CHAP. XV.

1 *This prophesie is certain.* 5 *God will take vengeance upon the wicked,* 12 *upon Egypt.* 28 *An horrible vision.* 43 *Babylon and Asia are threatned.*

BEhold, speak thou in the ears of my people the words of prophesie which I will put in thy mouth, saith the Lord.

2 And cause them to be written in paper: for they are faithfull and true.

3 Fear not the imaginations against thee; let not the incredulity of them trouble thee that speak against thee.

4 For [a] all the unfaithfull shall die in their unfaithfulness. [a] Jer. 3. 36.

5 Behold, saith the Lord, I will bring plagues upon the world; the sword, famine, death and destruction.

6 For wickedness hath exceedingly polluted the whole earth, and their hurtfull works are fulfilled.

7 Therefore saith the Lord,

8 I will hold my tongue no more as touching their wickedness which they profanely commit, neither will I suffer them in those things in which they wickedly exercise themselves: behold, the [b] innocent and righteous bloud crieth unto me, and the souls of the just complain continually. [b] Rev. 6. 10. & 19. 2.

9 And therefore, saith the Lord, I will surely avenge them, and receive unto me all the innocent bloud from among them.

10 Behold, my people is led as a flock to the slaughter: I will not suffer them now to dwell in the land of Egypt.

11 But I will bring them with a mighty hand

hand and a ſtretched out arm, and ſmite Egypt with plagues as before, and will deſtroy all the land thereof.

12 Egypt ſhall mourn, and the foundation of it ſhall be ſmitten with the plague and puniſhment that God ſhall bring upon it.

13 They that till the ground ſhall mourn: for their ſeeds ſhall fail through the blaſting, and hail, and with a fearfull conſtellation.

14 Wo to the world, and them that dwell therein.

15 For the ſword and their deſtruction draweth nigh: and one people ſhall ſtand up to fight againſt another, and ſwords in their hands.

16 For there ſhall be ſedition among men, and invading one another: they ſhall not regard their kings nor princes, and the courſe of their actions ſhall ſtand in their power.

17 A man ſhall deſire to go into a city, and ſhall not be able.

18 For becauſe of their pride the cities ſhall be troubled, the houſes ſhall be deſtroyed, and men ſhall be afraid.

19 A man ſhall have no pity upon his neighbour, but ſhall deſtroy their houſes with the ſword, and ſpoil their goods, becauſe of the lack of bread and for great tribulation.

20 Behold, ſaith God, I will call together all the kings of the earth to reverence me, which are from the riſing of the ſun, from the ſouth, from the eaſt, and Libanus; to turn themſelves one againſt another, and repay the things that they have done to them.

21 Like as they do yet this day unto my choſen, ſo will I do alſo, and recompenſe in their boſom. Thus ſaith the Lord God,

22 My right hand ſhall not ſpare the ſinners, and my ſword ſhall not ceaſe over them that ſhed innocent bloud upon the earth.

23 The fire is gone forth from his wrath, and hath conſumed the foundations of the earth, and the ſinners like the ſtraw that is kindled.

24 Wo to them that ſin, and keep not my commandments, ſaith the Lord.

25 I will not ſpare them. Go your way, ye children, from the power; defile not my ſanctuary.

26 For the Lord knoweth all them that ſin againſt him, and therefore delivereth he them unto death and deſtruction.

27 For now are the plagues come upon the whole earth, and ye ſhall remain in them: for God ſhall not deliver you, becauſe ye have ſinned againſt him.

28 Behold, an horrible viſion, and the appearance thereof from the eaſt:

29 Where the nations of the dragons of Arabia ſhall come out with many chariots, and the multitude of them ſhall be carried as the wind upon earth; that all they which hear them may fear and tremble.

30 Alſo the Carmanians raging in wrath ſhall go forth as the wild bores of the wood, and with great power ſhall they come, and joyn battel with them, and ſhall waſte a portion of the land of the Aſſyrians.

31 And then ſhall the dragons have the upper hand, remembring their nature: and if they ſhall turn themſelves, conſpiring together in great power to perſecute them,

32 Then theſe ſhall be troubled, and keep ſilence through their power, and ſhall flee.

33 And from the land of the Aſſyrians ſhall the enemy beſiege them, and conſume ſome of them: and in their hoſt ſhall be fear and dread, and ſtrife || among their kings.

34 Behold clouds from the eaſt, and from the north, unto the ſouth; and they are very horrible to look upon, full of wrath and ſtorm.

35 They ſhall ſmite one upon another, and [c] they ſhall ſmite down a great multitude of ſtars upon the earth, even their own ſtar: and [d] bloud ſhall be from the ſword unto the belly,

36 And dung of men unto the camels || hough.

37 And there ſhall be great fearfulneſs and

|| Or, againſt.

[c] Mat. 24. 29. [d] Rev. 14. 20.

|| Or, paſtern, or limb.

and trembling upon earth: and they that see the wrath shall be afraid, and trembling shall come upon them.

38 And then shall there come great storms from the south and from the north, and another part from the west.

39 And strong winds shall arise from the east, and shall open it, and the cloud which he raised up in wrath; and the star stirred to cause fear toward the east and west wind shall be destroyed.

40 The great and mighty clouds shall be lifted up full of wrath, and the star, that they may make all the earth afraid, and them that dwell therein: and they shall pour out over every high and eminent place an horrible star,

41 Fire and hail, and flying swords, and many waters, that all fields may be full, and all rivers with the abundance of great waters.

42 And they shall break down the cities and walls, mountains and hills, trees of the wood, and grass of the medows, and their corn.

43 And they shall go stedfastly unto Babylon, and || make her afraid.

44 They shall come to her, and besiege her, the star and all wrath shall they pour out upon her: then shall the dust and smoke go up unto the heaven, and all they that be about her shall bewail her.

45 And they that remain under her shall do service unto them ý have put her in fear.

46 And thou, Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon, and art the glory of her person;

47 Wo be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thy self like unto her, and hast deckt thy daughters in whoredom, that they might please and glory in thy lovers, which have alway desired to commit whoredom with thee.

48 Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her works and inventions. Therefore, saith God,

49 [c] I will send plagues upon thee, widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death.

50 And the glory of thy power shall be dried up as a flower, when the heat shall arise that is sent over thee.

51 Thou shalt be weakned as a poor woman with stripes, and as one chastised with wounds, so that the mighty and lovers shall not be able to receive thee.

52 Would I with jealousie have so proceeded against thee, saith the Lord,

53 If thou hadst not always slain my chosen, exalting the stroke of thine hands, and saying over their † dead, when thou wast drunken,

54 Set forth the beauty of thy countenance?

55 The reward of thy whoredom shall be in thy bosom: therefore shalt thou receive recompense.

56 Like as thou hast done unto my chosen, saith the Lord, even so shall God do unto thee, and shall deliver thee into mischief.

57 Thy children shall die of hunger, and thou shalt fall through the sword: thy cities shall be broken down, and all thine shall perish with the sword in the field.

58 They that be in the mountains shall die of hunger, and eat their own flesh, and drink their own blood, for very hunger of bread, and thirst of water.

59 Thou as unhappy shalt come through the sea, and receive plagues again.

60 And in the passage they shall rush on the idle city, and shall destroy some portion of thy land, and consume part of thy glory, and shall return to Babylon that was destroyed.

61 And thou shalt be cast down by them as stubble, and they shall be unto thee as fire,

62 And shall consume thee and thy cities, thy land, and thy mountains: all thy woods and thy fruitfull trees shall they burn up with fire.

63 Thy children shall they carry away captive: and look what thou hast, they shall spoil it, and || mar the beauty of thy face.

|| Or, against.

[c] Mat. 24. 29. 4 Rev. 14. 20.

|| Or, passing or time.

† Or, death.

|| Or, deface.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Babylon and other places are threatned with plagues that cannot be avoided, 23 and with deſolation. 40 The ſervants of the Lord muſt look for troubles: 51 and not hide their ſins, 74 but leave them, and they ſhall be delivered.

WO be unto thee, Babylon and Aſia: wo be unto thee, Egypt and Syria.

2 Gird up your ſelves with clothes of ſack and hair, bewail your children and be ſorry: for your deſtruction is at hand.

3 A ſword is ſent upon you; and who may turn it back?

4 A fire is ſent among you: and who may quench it?

5 Plagues are ſent unto you; and what is he that may drive them away?

6 May any man drive away an hungry lion in the wood? or may any one quench the fire in ſtubble when it hath begun to burn?

7 May one turn again the arrow that is ſhot of a ſtrong archer?

8 The mighty Lord ſendeth the plagues; and who is he that can drie them away?

9 A fire ſhall go forth from his wrath; and who is he that may quench it?

10 He ſhall caſt lightnings; and who ſhall not fear? he ſhall thunder; and who ſhall not be afraid?

11 The Lord ſhall threaten; and who ſhall not be utterly beaten to powder at his preſence?

12 The earth quaketh, and the foundations thereof, the ſea ariſeth up with waves from the deep, and the waves of it are troubled, and the fiſhes thereof alſo before the Lord, and before the glory of his power.

13 For ſtrong is his right hand that bendeth the bowe; his arrows that he ſhooteth are ſharp, and ſhall not miſs when they begin to be ſhot into the ends of the world.

14 Behold, the plagues are ſent, and ſhall not return again untill they come upon the earth.

15 The fire is kindled, and ſhall not be put out till it conſume the foundation of the earth.

16 Like as an arrow which is ſhot of a mighty archer returneth not backward; even ſo the plagues that ſhall be ſent upon earth ſhall not return again.

17 Wo is me, wo is me, who will deliver me in thoſe days?

18 The beginning of ſorrows, and great mournings; the beginning of famine, and great death; the beginning of wars, and the powers ſhall ſtand in fear; the beginning of evils, and all ſhall tremble. What ſhall I do when theſe evils ſhall come?

19 Behold, famine and plague, tribulation and anguiſh are ſent as ſcourges for amendment.

20 But for all theſe things they ſhall not turn from their wickedneſs, nor be alway mindfull of thy ſcourges.

21 Behold, victuals ſhall be ſo good cheap upon earth that they ſhall think themſelves to be in good caſe; and even then ſhall || evils grow upon earth, ſword, famine, and great confuſion. || Or, plagues

22 For many of them that dwell upon earth ſhall periſh of famine; and the other, that eſcape the hunger, ſhall the ſword deſtroy.

23 And the dead ſhall be caſt out as dung, and there ſhall be no man to comfort them: for the earth ſhall be waſted, and the cities ſhall be caſt down.

24 There ſhall be no man left to till the earth and to ſow it.

25 The trees ſhall give fruit; and who ſhall gather them?

26 The grapes ſhall ripen; and who ſhall tread them? for all places ſhall be deſolate of men,

27 So that one man ſhall deſire to ſee another, and to hear his voice.

28 For of a city there ſhall be ten left, and two of the field, which ſhall hide themſelves in the thick groves, and in the clefts of the rocks.

29 As in an orchard of olives upon every tree there are left three or four olives;

30 Or as when a vineyard is gathered, there are left ſome cluſters of them that diligently ſeek through the vineyard;

31 Even ſo in thoſe days there ſhall be three or four left by them that ſearch their houſes with the ſword.

32 And

32 And the earth ſhall be laid waſte, and the fields thereof ſhall wax old, and her ways and all her paths ſhall grow full of thorns, becauſe no man ſhall travel therethrough.

33 The virgins ſhall mourn, having no bridegrooms; the women ſhall mourn, having no husbands; their daughters ſhall mourn, having no helpers.

34 In the wars ſhall their bridegrooms be deſtroyed, and their husbands ſhall periſh of famine.

35 Hear now theſe things, and underſtand them, ye ſervants of the Lord.

36 Behold, the word of the Lord, receive it: beleeve not the gods of whom the Lord ſpake.

37 Behold, the plagues draw nigh, and are not ſlack.

38 As when a woman with child in the ninth moneth bringeth forth her ſon, within two or three hours of her birth great pains compaſs her womb, which pains, when the child cometh forth, they ſlack not a moment:

39 Even ſo ſhall not the plagues be ſlack to come upon the earth, and the world ſhall mourn, and ſorrows ſhall come upon it on every ſide.

40 O my people, hear my word: make you ready to the battel, and in thoſe evils be even as pilgrims upon the earth.

41 [a] He that ſelleth, let him be as he that fleeth away; and he that buyeth, as one that will loſe;

42 He that occupieth merchandiſe, as he that had no profit by it; and he that buildeth, as he that ſhall not dwell therein;

43 He that ſoweth, as if he ſhould not reap; ſo alſo he that planteth the vineyard, as he that ſhall not gather the grapes;

44 They that marry, as they that ſhall get no children; and they that marry not, as the widowers.

45 And therefore they that labour labour in vain.

46 For ſtrangers ſhall reap their fruits, & ſpoil their goods, overthrow their houſes, and take their children captives, for in captivity & famine ſhall they get children.

47 And they that occupy their merchandiſe with robbery, the more they deck their cities, their houſes, their poſſeſſions, and their own perſons,

48 The more will I be angry with them for their ſin, ſaith the Lord.

49 Like as an whore envieth a right honeſt and virtuous woman,

50 So ſhall righteouſneſs hate iniquity when ſhe decketh her ſelf, and ſhall accuſe her to her face, when he cometh that ſhall defend him that diligently ſearcheth out every ſin upon earth.

51 And therefore be ye not like thereunto, nor to the works thereof.

52 For yet a little, and iniquity ſhall be taken away out of the earth, and righteouſneſs ſhall reign among you.

53 Let not the ſinner ſay that he hath not ſinned: for God ſhall burn coals of fire upon his head which ſaith before the Lord God and his glory, I have not ſinned.

54 Behold, the Lord knoweth all the works of men, [b] their imaginations, their thoughts, and their hearts. [b] Luke 16. 15.

55 Which ſpake but the word, Let the earth be made, [c] and it was made; Let the heaven be made, and it was created. [c] Gen. 1. 1.

56 In his word were the ſtars made, and [d] he knoweth the number of them. [d] Pſal. 147. 4.

57 He ſearcheth the deep, and the treaſures thereof; he hath meaſured the ſea, and what it containeth.

58 He hath ſhut the ſea in the midſt of the waters, and with his word hath he hanged the earth upon the waters.

59 He ſpreadeth out the heavens like a vault, upon the waters hath he founded it.

60 In the deſert hath he made ſprings of water, and pools upon the tops of the mountains, that the ſtreams might pour down from the high rocks to water the earth.

61 He made man, and put his heart in the midſt of the body, and gave him breath, life, and underſtanding.

62 Yea, and the Spirit of Almighty God, which made all things, and ſearcheth out all hidden things in the ſecrets of the earth,

63 Surely he knoweth your inventions, and what you think in your hearts, even them that ſin, and would hide their ſin.

64 Therefore hath the Lord exactly ſearched out all your works, and he will put you all to ſhame.

65 And when your ſins are brought forth, ye ſhall be aſhamed before men, and your own ſins ſhall be your accuſers in that day.

66 What will ye do? or how will ye hide your ſins before God and his angels?

67 Behold, God himſelf is the judge; fear him. Leave off from your ſins, and forget your iniquities, to meddle no more with them for ever: ſo ſhall God lead you forth, and deliver you from all trouble.

68 For behold, the burning wrath of a great multitude is kindled over you, and they ſhall take away certain of you, and feed you, || being idle, with things offered unto idols.

|| Or, being unable to reſiſt.

69 And they that conſent unto them ſhall be had in deriſion and in reproach, and troden under foot.

70 For there ſhall be in every place and in the next cities a great inſurrection upon thoſe that fear the Lord.

71 They ſhall be like mad men, ſparing none, but ſtill ſpoiling and deſtroying thoſe that fear the Lord.

72 For they ſhall waſte and take away their goods, and caſt them out of their houſes.

73 Then ſhall they be known who are my choſen; and they ſhall be tried as the gold in the fire.

74 Hear, O ye my beloved, ſaith the Lord: Behold, the days of trouble are at hand; but I will deliver you from the ſame.

75 Be ye not afraid, neither doubt: for God is your guide,

76 And the guide of them who keep my commandments and precepts, ſaith the Lord God. Let not your ſins weigh you down, and let not your iniquities lift up themſelves.

77 Wo be unto them that are bound with their ſins and covered with their iniquities, like as a field is covered over with buſhes, and the path thereof covered with thorns, that no man may travel through.

78 It is || left undreſſed, and is caſt into the fire to be conſumed therewith.

|| Or, ſent.

TOBIT.

CHAP. I.

1 Tobit his ſtock, and devotion in his youth. 9 His marriage, 10 captivity, 13 preferment, 16 alms, and charity in burying the dead: 19 for which he is accuſed, and fleeth, 22 and after returneth to Nineve.

THE book of the || words of Tobit, ſon of Tobiel, the ſon of Ananiel, the ſon of Aduel, the ſon of Gabael, of the ſeed of Aſael, of the tribe of Nephthali,

|| Or, acts.

2 Who in the time of || Enemeſſar king of the Aſſyrians was led captive out of [a] Thisbe, which is at the right hand of that city which is called || properly Nephthali in Galilee above Aſer.

|| Or, Shalmaneſer. [a] 2 Kin. 17. 3. || Or, Kedeſh of Naphthalia Or the Judges 4. 6.

3 I Tobit have walked all the days of my life in the way of truth and juſtice, and I did many alms deeds to my brethren, and my nation, who came with me to Nineve, into the land of the Aſſyrians.

4 And when I was in mine own countrey in the land of Iſrael, being but young, all the tribe of Nephthali my father fell from the houſe of Jeruſalem, which was choſen out of all the tribes of Iſrael that all the tribes ſhould ſacrifice *there*, where the temple of the habitation of the moſt High was conſecrated & built for all ages.

5 Now all the tribes which together revolted, and the houſe of my father Nephthali, ſacrificed || unto the [b] heifer Baal:

|| Or, to the power Baal, the god Baal. [b] 1 Kin. 12. 30. [c] Exod. 22. 29. Deut. 12. 6.

6 But I alone went often to Jeruſalem at the feaſts, as it was ordained unto all the people of Iſrael by an everlaſting decree, [c] having the firſt fruits, and tenths of increaſe, with that which was firſt ſhorn: and them gave I at the altar to the prieſts the children of Aaron.

7 The firſt tenth part of all increaſe I gave

gave to the ſons of ‖ Aaron, who miniſtred at Jeruſalem: another tenth part I ſold away, and went, and ſpent it every year at Jeruſalem:

8 And the third I gave unto them to whom it was meet, as Debora my fathers mother had commanded me, becauſe I was left an orphan by my father.

9 Furthermore, when I was come to the age of a man, I married Anna of mine [d] own kindred, and of her I begat Tobias.

10 And when we were carried away captives to Nineve, all my brethren, and thoſe that were of my kindred, did eat of the [e] bread of the Gentiles:

11 But I kept † my ſelf from eating;

12 Becauſe I remembred God with all my heart.

13 And the moſt High gave me grace and favour before Enemeſſar, ſo that I was his † purveyour.

14 And I went into Media, and left in truſt with Gabael, the brother of Gabrias, ‖ at Rages a city of Media, ten talents of ſilver.

15 Now when Enemeſſar was dead, Sennacherib his ſon reigned in his ſtead; † whoſe eſtate was troubled, that I could not go into Media.

16 And in the time of Enemeſſar I gave many alms to my brethren, and gave my bread to the hungry,

17 And my clothes to the naked: and if I ſaw any of my nation dead, or caſt ‖ about the walls of Nineve, [f] I buried him.

18 And if the king Sennacherib had ſlain any, when he was come and [g] fled from Judea, I buried them privily; for in his wrath he killed many: But the bodies were not found, when they were ſought for of the king.

19 And when one of the Ninevites went and complained of me to the king that I buried them, and hid my ſelf, underſtanding that I was ſought for to be put to death, I withdrew my ſelf for fear.

20 Then all my goods were forcibly taken away: neither was there any thing left me, beſides my wife Anna, and my ſon Tobias.

21 And there paſſed not five and fifty days before two of his ſons [h] killed him, and they fled into the mountains of Ararath. And ‖ Sarchedonus his ſon reigned in his ſtead; who appointed over his fathers accounts and over all his affairs Achiacharus my brother Anaels ſon.

22 And Achiacharus intreating for me, I returned to Nineve. Now Achiacharus was cup-bearer, and keeper of the ſignet, and ſteward, and overſeer of the accounts: and Sarchedonus appointed him next unto him. And he was my brothers ſon.

CHAP. II.

1 Tobit leaveth his meat to bury the dead, 10 and becometh blind. 11 His wife taketh in work to get her living. 14 Her husband and ſhe fall out about a kid.

NOw when I was come home again, and my wife Anna was reſtored unto me, with my ſon Tobias, in the feaſt of Pentecoſt, which is the holy feaſt of the ſeven weeks, there was a good dinner prepared me, in the which I ſat down to eat.

2 And when I ſaw abundance of meat, I ſaid to my ſon, Go, and bring what poor man ſoever thou ſhalt find out of our brethren, who is mindfull of the Lord; and lo, I tarry for thee.

3 But he came again, and ſaid, Father, one of our nation is ſtrangled, and is caſt out in the market-place.

4 Then before I had taſted of any meat, I ſtart up, and took him up into a room untill the going down of the ſun.

5 Then I returned, and waſhed my ſelf, and ate my meat in heavineſs,

6 Remembring that propheſie of [a] Amos, as he ſaid, [b] Your feaſts ſhall be turned into mourning, and all your mirth into lamentation.

7 Therefore I wept. And after the going down of the ſun I went and made a grave, and buried him.

8 But my neighbours mocked me, and ſaid, This man is not yet afraid to be put to death for this matter: [c] Who fled away; and yet lo, he burieth the dead again.

9 The ſame night alſo I returned from the burial, and ſlept by the wall of my court-

† 2 d 3

[d] Or, to the power Baal, the god Baal. [e] 1 Kin. 12. 19. [e] Exod. 22. 29. Deut. 12. 6.

[f] Or, ſent me.

[g] 2 Kin. 19. 37. 2 Chron. 32. 21. ‖ Or, Eſarhaddon.

[a] Amos 8. 10. [b] 1 Mac. 1. 39.

[c] Chap. 1. 19.

court-yard, being polluted, and my face was uncovered.

10 And I knew not that there were || sparrows in the wall: and mine eyes being open, the sparrows muted warm dung into mine eyes, and || a whiteness came in mine eyes: and I went to the physicians; but they helped me not. Moreover, Achiacharus did nourish me untill I went into Elymais.

11 And my wife Anna || did take womens works to do.

12 And when she had sent || them home to the owners, they paid her wages, and gave her also besides a kid.

13 And when it was in my house, and began to cry, I said unto her, From whence is this kid? is it not stolen? render it to the owners: [d] for it is not lawfull to eat any thing that is stolen.

14 [e] But she replied upon me, It was given for a gift more then the wages. Howbeit I did not believe her, but bad her render it to the owners: and I was abashed at her. But she replied upon me, Where are thine alms, and thy righteous deeds? || behold, thou and all thy works are known.

CHAP. III.

1 Tobit, grieved with his wives taunts, prayeth. 11 Sara, reproached by her fathers maids, prayeth also. 17 An angel is sent to help them both.

THen I being grieved did weep, and in my sorrow prayed, saying,

2 O Lord, thou art just, and all thy works and all thy ways are mercy and truth, and thou judgest truly and justly for ever.

3 Remember me, and look on me: punish me not for my sins and ignorances, and *the sins of* my fathers, who have sinned before thee.

4 For they obeyed not thy commandments: wherefore thou hast delivered us [a] for a spoil, and unto captivity, and unto death, and for a proverb of reproach to all the nations among whom we are dispersed.

5 And now thy judgements are many and true: deal with me according to my sins, and my fathers: because we have not kept thy commandments, neither have walked in truth before thee.

6 Now therefore deal with me as seemeth best unto thee, and command my spirit to be taken from me, that I may be || dissolved, and become earth: for it is profitable for me to die rather then to live, because I have heard false reproaches, and have much sorrow. Command therefore that I may now be delivered out of this distress, and go into the everlasting place: turn not thy face away from me.

7 It came to pass the same day, that in Ecbatane a city of Media Sara the daughter of Raguel was also reproached by her fathers maids;

8 Because that she had been married to seven husbands, whom Asmodeus the evil spirit had killed before they had lien with her. Dost thou not know, said they, that that thou hast strangled thine husbands? thou hast had already seven husbands, neither wast thou named after any of them.

9 Wherefore dost thou beat us for them? If they be dead, go thy ways after them: let us never see of thee either son or daughter.

10 When she heard these things, she was very sorrowful, so that she thought to have strangled her self. And she said, I am ỹ onely daughter of my father, & if I do this it shall be a reproach unto him, and I shall bring his old age wth sorrow unto ỹ grave.

11 Then she prayed toward the window, and said, Blessed art thou, O Lord my God, and thine holy and glorious name is blessed and honourable for ever: let all thy works praise thee for ever.

12 And now, O Lord, I set mine eyes and my face toward thee,

13 And say, Take me out of the earth, that I may hear no more the reproach.

14 Thou knowest, Lord, that I am pure from all sin with man,

15 And that I never polluted my name, nor the name of my father in the land of my captivity. I am the onely daughter of my father, neither hath he any child to be his heir, neither any near || kinsman, nor

‖ Or, swallows.

‖ Or, white films.

‖ Or, was hired to spin in the womens rooms.

‖ Or, her work.

d Deut. 22. 1.

e Job 2. 9.

‖ Or, lo, all things are known to thee.

a Deut. 28. 15, 37.

‖ Or, dismissed, or delivered.

‖ Or kinsman,

nor any ſon of his alive, to whom I may keep my ſelf for a wife. My ſeven husbands are already dead, and why ſhould I live? But if it pleaſe not thee that I ſhould die, command ſome regard to be had of me, and pity taken of me, that I hear no more reproach.

16 So the prayers of them both were heard before the majeſty of the great God.

17 And Raphael was ſent to heal them both, that is, to ſcale away the whiteneſs of Tobits eyes, and to give Sara the daughter of Raguel for a wife to Tobias the ſon of Tobit, and to bind Aſmodeus the evil ſpirit; becauſe ſhe belonged to Tobias by right of inheritance. The ſelf-ſame time came Tobit home, and entred into his houſe, and Sara the daughter of Raguel came down from her upper chamber.

CHAP. IV.

3 Tobit giveth inſtructions to his ſon Tobias, 20 and telleth him of money left with Gabael in Media.

IN that day Tobit remembred [a] the money which he had committed to Gabael in Rages of Media,

2 And ſaid with himſelf, I have wiſhed for death. Wherefore do I not call for my ſon Tobias, that I may ſignifie to him *of the money* before I die?

3 And when he had called him, he ſaid, My ſon, when I am dead, bury me, and deſpiſe not thy mother, [b] but honour her all the days of thy life, and do that which ſhall pleaſe her, and grieve her not.

4 Remember, my ſon, that ſhe ſaw many dangers for thee *when thou waſt* in her womb. And when ſhe is dead, bury her by me in one grave.

5 My ſon, be mindful of the Lord our God all thy days; and let not thy will be ſet to ſin, or to tranſgreſs his commandments. Do uprightly all thy life long, and follow not the ways of unrighteouſneſs.

6 For if thou deal truly, thy doings ſhall proſperouſly ſucceed to thee, and to all them that live juſtly.

7 [c] Give alms of thy ſubſtance: and when thou giveſt alms, let not thine eye be envious, neither turn thy face from any poor; and the face of God ſhall not be turned away from thee.

8 [d] If thou haſt abundance, give alms accordingly: if thou have but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little.

9 For thou layeſt up a good treaſure for thy ſelf againſt the day of neceſſity.

10 [e] Becauſe that alms doth deliver from death, and ſuffereth not to come into darkneſs.

11 For alms is a good gift unto all that give it in the ſight of the moſt High.

12 Beware of all [f] whoredom, my ſon. And chiefly take a wife of the ſeed of thy fathers; and take not a ſtrange woman to wife, which is not of thy fathers tribe. For we are the children of the prophets, Noe, Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob. Remember, my ſon, that our fathers from the beginning, even that they all, married wives of their own kindred, and were bleſſed in their children, and their ſeed ſhall inherit the land.

13 Now therefore, my ſon, love thy brethren, and deſpiſe not in thy heart thy brethren, the ſons and daughters of thy people, in *not* taking a wife of them. For in pride is deſtruction and much trouble, and in lewdneſs is decay and great want: for lewdneſs is the mother of famine.

14 Let not the [g] wages of any man, which hath wrought for thee, tarry with thee, but give him it out of hand: for if thou ſerve God, he will alſo repay thee: be circumſpect, my ſon, in all things thou doeſt, and be wiſe in all thy converſation.

15 [h] Do that to no man which thou hateſt. Drink not wine to make thee drunken; neither let drunkenneſs go with thee in thy journey.

16 [i] Give of thy bread to the hungry, and of thy garments to them that are naked: and according to thine abundance [k] give alms; and let not thine eye be envious when thou giveſt alms.

17 Pour out thy bread on the burial of the juſt, but give nothing to the wicked.

18 Ask counſel of all that are wiſe, and deſpiſe not any counſel that is profitable.

[a] Ecclus 35. 10.

[c] Eccles 29. 13.

[f] 1 Theſſ. 4. 3.

[g] Levit. 19. 13. Deut. 24. 14, 15.

[h] Mat. 7. 12. Luke 6. 31.

[i] Luke 14. 13.

[k] Matth. 6. 1.

19 Bleſs the Lord thy God alway, and deſire of him that thy ways may be directed, and that all thy paths and counſels may proſper. For every nation hath not counſel: but the Lord himſelf giveth all good things, and he humbleth whom he will, as he will. Now therefore, my ſon, remember my commandments, neither let them be put out of thy mind.

20 And now I ſignifie this to thee, that I committed ten talents to Gabael the ſon of Gabrias at Rages in Media.

21 And fear not, my ſon, that we are made poor: for thou haſt much wealth, if thou fear God, and depart from all ſin, and do that which is pleaſing in his ſight.

CHAP. V.

4 Young Tobias ſeeketh a guide into Media. 6 The angel Raphael will go with him, 12 and ſaith he is his kinſman. 16 Tobias and the angel depart together. 17 But his mother is grieved for her ſons departing.

TOBIAS then anſwered, and ſaid, Father, I will do all things which thou haſt commanded me.

2 But how can I receive the money, ſeeing I know him not?

3 Then he gave him the hand-writing, and ſaid unto him, Seek thee a man which may go with thee whiles I yet live, and I will give him wages: and go, and receive the money.

4 Therefore when he went to ſeek a man, he found Raphael, that was an angel.

5 But he knew not. And he ſaid unto him, Canſt thou go with me to Rages? and knoweſt thou thoſe places well?

6 To whom the angel ſaid, I will go with thee, and I know the way well: for I have lodged with our brother Gabael.

7 Then Tobias ſaid unto him, Tarry for me till I tell my father.

8 Then he ſaid unto him, Go, and tarry not. So he went in, and ſaid to his father, Behold, I have found one which will go with me. Then he ſaid, Call him unto me, that I may know of what tribe he is, and whether he be a truſty man to go with thee.

9 So he called him: and he came in, and they ſaluted one another.

10 Then Tobit ſaid unto him, Brother, ſhew me of what tribe and family thou art.

11 To whom he ſaid, Doſt thou ſeek for a tribe or family, or an hired man to go with thy ſon? Then Tobit ſaid unto him, I would know, brother, thy kindred and name.

12 Then he ſaid, I am Azarias, the ſon of Ananias the great, and of thy brethren.

13 Then Tobit ſaid, Thou art welcome, brother. Be not now angry with me, becauſe I have enquired to know thy tribe and thy family. For thou art my brother, of an honeſt and good ſtock. For I know Ananias, and Jonathas, ſons of that great Samaias, as we went together to Jeruſalem to worſhip, and offered the firſt born, and the tenths of the fruits: and they were not ſeduced with the errour of our brethren. My brother, thou art of a good ſtock.

14 But tell me, what wages ſhall I give thee? *wilt thou* a drachme a day, and things neceſſary as to mine own ſon?

15 Yea, moreover, if ye return ſafe, I will add ſomething to thy wages.

16 So they were well pleaſed. Then ſaid he to Tobias, Prepare thy ſelf for the journey; and God ſend you a good journey. And when his ſon had prepared all things for the journey, his father ſaid, Go thou with this man: and God, which dwelleth in heaven, proſper your journey, and the angel of God keep you company. So they went forth both, and the young mans dog with them.

17 But Anna his mother wept, and ſaid to Tobit, Why haſt thou ſent away our ſon? is he not the ſtaff of our hand, in going in and out before us?

18 ‖ Be not greedy *to add* money to money: but let it be as refuſe in reſpect of our child.

19 ‖ For that which the Lord hath given us to live with doth ſuffice us.

20 Then ſaid Tobit to her, Take no care, my ſiſter: he ſhall return in ſafety,

‖ Or, *Let money perish, &c. added, but be liberal of ſparing of one ſon.*

‖ Or, *So long as God hath granted us to live this is ſufficient.*

safety, and thine eyes ſhall ſee him.

21 For the good angel will keep him company; and his journey ſhall be proſperous, and he ſhall return ſafe.

22 Then ſhe made an end of weeping.

CHAP. VI.

4 The angel biddeth Tobias to take the liver, heart and gall out of a fiſh, 10 and to marry Sara the daughter of Raguel: 16 and teacheth how to drive the wicked ſpirit away.

AND as they went on their journey, they came in the evening to the river Tigris, and they lodged there.

2 And when the young man went down to waſh himſelf, a fiſh leaped out of the river, and would have devoured him.

3 Then the angel ſaid unto him, Take the fiſh. And the young man laid hold of the fiſh, and ‖ drew it to land.

4 To whom the angel ſaid, Open the fiſh, and take the heart, and the liver, and the gall, and put them up ſafely.

5 So the young man did as the angel commanded him. And when they had roſted the fiſh, they did eat it. Then they both went on their way till they drew near to Ecbatane.

6 Then the young man ſaid to the angel, Brother Azarias, to what uſe is the heart and the liver and the gall of the fiſh?

7 And he ſaid unto him, Touching the heart and the liver, if a devil or an evil ſpirit trouble any, we muſt make a ſmoke thereof before the man or the woman, and the party ſhall be no more vexed.

8 As for the gall, *it is good* to anoint a man that hath whiteneſs in his eyes, and he ſhall be healed.

9 And when they were come near to Rages,

10 The angel ſaid to the young man, Brother, to day we ſhall lodge with Raguel, who is thy couſin. He alſo hath one onely daughter, named Sara: I will ſpeak for her, ỹ ſhe may be given thee for a wife.

11 For to thee doth the ‖ [a] right of her appertain, ſeeing thou onely art of her kindred.

12 And the maid is fair and wiſe. Now therefore hear me, and I will ſpeak to her father; and when we return from Rages, we will celebrate the marriage. For I know that Raguel cannot marry her to another, according to the law of Moſes, but he ſhall be guilty of death; becauſe the right of inheritance doth rather appertain to thee then to any other.

13 Then the young man anſwered the angel, I have heard, brother Azarias, that this maid hath been given to ſeven men, who all died in the marriage-chamber.

14 And now I am the onely ſon of my father: and I am afraid leſt, if I go in unto her, I die, as the other before. For a wicked ſpirit loveth her, which hurteth no body but thoſe which come unto her. Wherefore I alſo fear leſt I die, and bring my fathers and my mothers life, becauſe of me, to the grave with ſorrow: for they have no other ſon to bury them.

15 Then the angel ſaid unto him, Doſt thou not remember the precepts which thy father gave thee, that thou ſhouldſt marry a wife of thine own kindred? Wherefore hear me, O my brother; for ſhe ſhall be given thee to wife. And make thou no reckoning of the evil ſpirit: for this ſame night ſhall ſhe be given thee in marriage.

16 And when thou ſhalt come into the marriage-chamber, thou ſhalt take the ‖ aſhes of perfume, and ſhalt lay upon them ſome of the heart and liver of the fiſh, and ſhalt make a ſmoke with it:

17 And the devil ſhall ſmell it, and flee away, and never come again any more. But when thou ſhalt come to her, riſe up both of you, and pray to God, which is merciſull, who will have pity on you, and ſave you. Fear not: for ſhe is appointed unto thee from the beginning: and thou ſhalt preſerve her, and ſhe ſhall go with thee. Moreover, I ſuppoſe that ſhe ſhall bear thee children. Now when Tobias had heard theſe things, he loved her, and his heart was ‖ effectually joyned to her.

‖ Or, embers.

‖ Or, vehemently.

CHAP. VII.

11 Raguel telleth Tobias what had happed to his daughter: 12 and giveth her in marriage unto him.

him. 17 *She is conveyed to her chamber, and weepeth.* 18 *Her mother comforteth her.*

AND when they were come to Ecbatane, they came to the house of Raguel: and Sara met them; and after they had saluted one another, she brought them into the house.

2 Then said Raguel to Edna his wife, How like is this young man to Tobit my cousin!

3 And Raguel asked them, From whence are you, brethren? To whom they said, We are of the sons of Nephthalim, which are captives in Nineve.

4 Then he said to them, Do ye know Tobit our kinsman? And they said, We know him. Then said he, Is he in good health?

5 And they said, He is both alive and in good health. And Tobias said, He is my father.

6 Then Raguel leaped up, and kissed him, and wept,

7 And blessed him, and said unto him, Thou art the son of an honest and good man. But when he had heard that Tobit was blind, he was sorrowfull, and wept.

8 And likewise Edna his wife and Sara his daughter wept. Moreover, they entertained them chearfully: and after that they had killed ‖ a ram of the flock, they set store of meat on the table. Then said Tobias to Raphael, Brother Azarias, speak of those things of which thou didst talk in the way, and let this business be dispatched.

‖ a sacrificing ram, or lamb, Junius.

9 So he communicated the matter with Raguel. And Raguel said to Tobias, Eat, and drink, and make merry:

10 For it is meet that thou shouldst marry my daughter. Nevertheless I will declare unto thee the truth.

11 I have given my daughter in marriage to seven men, who died that night they came in unto her. Nevertheless, for the present be merry. But Tobias said, I will eat nothing here till we agree, and swear one to another.

12 Raguel said, Then take her from henceforth according to the ‖ manner: for thou art her cousin, and she is thine: and the mercifull God give you good success in all things.

‖ Or, law.

13 Then he called his daughter Sara: And she came to her father; and he took her by the hand, and gave her to be wife to Tobias, saying, Behold, take her after [a] the law of Moses, and lead her away to thy father. And he blessed them,

[a] Numb. 36. 6.

14 And called Edna his wife, and took paper, and did write an instrument *of covenants*, and sealed it.

15 Then they began to eat.

16 After Raguel called his wife Edna, and said unto her, Sister, prepare another chamber, and bring her in thither.

17 Which when she had done as he had bidden her, she brought her thither, and she wept, and she ‖ received the tears of her daughter, and said unto her,

‖ Or, accepted.

18 Be of good comfort, my daughter, the Lord of heaven and earth give thee joy for this thy sorrow: be of good comfort, my daughter.

CHAP. VIII.

3 *Tobias driveth the wicked spirit away, as he was taught.* 4 *He and his wife rise up to pray,* 10 *Raguel thought he was dead:* 15 *but finding him alive, praiseth God,* 19 *and maketh a wedding-feast.*

AND when they had supped, they brought Tobias in unto her.

2 And as he went he remembred the words of Raphael, and took the ‖ ashes of the perfumes, and put the heart and the liver of the fish thereupon, and made a smoke *therewith.*

‖ Or, embers.

3 The which smell when the evil spirit had smelled, he fled into the utmost parts of Egypt. And the angel bound him.

4 And after that they were both shut in together, Tobias rose out of the bed, and said, Sister, arise, and let us pray, that God would have pitie on us.

5 Then began Tobias to say, Blessed art thou, O God of our fathers, and blessed *is* thy holy and glorious name for ever: let the heavens bless thee, and all thy creatures.

6 [a] Thou madest Adam, and gavest him

[a] Gen. 2. 7, & 22.

him Eve his wife for an helper and ſtay: of them came mankind. Thou haſt ſaid, It is not good that man ſhould be alone: let us make unto him an aid like unto himſelf.

7 And now, O Lord, I take not this my ſiſter for luſt, but uprightly. *Therefore* mercifully ordain that we may become aged together.

8 And ſhe ſaid with him, Amen.

9 So they ſlept both that night. And Raguel aroſe, and went, and made a grave,

10 Saying, *I fear* leſt he alſo be dead.

11 But when Raguel was come into his houſe,

12 He ſaid unto his wife Edna, Send one of the maids, and let her ſee whether he be alive: if *he be* not, that we may bury him, and no man know it.

13 So the maid opened the door, and went in, and found them both aſleep,

14 And came forth, and told them that he was alive.

15 Then Raguel praiſed God, and ſaid, O God, thou art worthy to be praiſed with all pure and holy praiſe: therefore let thy ſaints praiſe thee, with all thy creatures; and let all thine angels and thine elect praiſe thee for ever.

16 Thou art to be praiſed: for thou haſt made me joyfull; and that is not come to me which I ſuſpected; but thou haſt dealt with us according to thy great mercy.

17 Thou art to be praiſed, becauſe thou haſt had mercy of two that were the onely-begotten children of their fathers. Grant them mercy, O Lord, and finiſh their life in health, with joy and mercy.

18 Then Raguel bad his ſervants to fill the grave.

19 And he kept the wedding feaſt fourteen days.

20 For before the days of the marriage were finiſhed, Raguel had ſaid unto him by an oath, that he ſhould not depart till the fourteen days of the marriage were expired;

21 And then he ſhould take the half of his goods, and go in ſafety to his father; and ſhould have the reſt when I and my wife be dead.

CHAP. IX.

1 Tobias ſendeth the angel unto Gabael for the money. 9 The angel bringeth it, and Gabael to the wedding.

THen Tobias called Raphael, and ſaid unto him,

2 Brother Azarias, take with thee a ſervant, and two camels, and go to Rages of Media, to Gabael, and bring me the money, and bring him to the wedding.

3 For Raguel hath ſworn that I ſhall not depart.

4 But my father counteth the days; and if I tarry long, he will be very ſorry.

5 So Raphael went out, and lodged with Gabael, and gave him the hand-writing: who brought forth bags which were ſealed up, and gave them to him.

6 And early in the morning they went forth both together, and came to the wedding. And || Tobias bleſſed his wife.

|| Or, *Gabael bleſſed Tobias and his wife.* Junius.

CHAP. X.

1 Tobit and his wife long for their ſon. 7 She will not be comforted by her husband. 10 Raguel ſendeth Tobias and his wife away with half their goods, 12 and bleſſeth them.

NOw Tobit his father counted every day. And when the days of the journey were expired, and they came not,

2 Then Tobit ſaid, Are they detained? or is Gabael dead, and there is no man to give him the money?

3 Therefore he was very ſorry.

4 Then his wife ſaid unto him, My ſon is dead, ſeeing he ſtayeth long. And ſhe began to bewail him, and ſaid,

5 *Now I care for nothing*, my ſon, *ſince I have let thee go*, the light of mine eyes.

6 To whom Tobit ſaid, Hold thy peace, take no care: for he is ſafe.

7 But ſhe ſaid, Hold thy peace, and deceive me not: my ſon is dead. And ſhe went out every day into the way which they went, and did eat no meat on the day-time, and ceaſed not whole nights to bewail her ſon Tobias, untill the fourteen days of

of the wedding were expired which Raguel had sworn that he should spend there. Then Tobias said to Raguel, Let me go: for my father and my mother look no more to see me.

8 But his father in law said unto him, Tarry with me, and I will send to thy father, and they shall declare unto him how things go with thee.

9 But Tobias said, No; but let me go to my father.

10 Then Raguel arose, and gave him Sara his wife, and half his goods, servants, and cattel, and money:

11 And he blessed them, and sent them away, saying, The God of heaven give you a prosperous journey, my children.

12 And he said to his daughter, Honour thy father and thy mother in law, which are now thy parents, that I may hear good report of thee. And he kissed her. Edna also said to Tobias, The Lord of heaven restore thee, my dear brother, and grant that I may see thy children of my daughter Sara before I die, that I may rejoyce before the Lord: behold, I commit my daughter unto thee || of special trust; wherefore do not intreat her evil.

|| Or, to be safely kept.

CHAP. XI.

6 Tobias mother spieth her son coming. 10 His father meeteth him at the door, and recovereth his sight. 14 He praiseth God, 17 and welcometh his daughter in law.

AFter these things Tobias went his way, praising God that he had given him a prosperous journey; and blessed Raguel, and Edna his wife, and went on his way till they drew near unto Nineve.

2 Then Raphael said to Tobias, Thou knowest, brother, how thou didst leave thy father.

3 Let us haste before thy wife, and prepare the house.

4 And take in thine hand the gall of the fish. So they went their way, and the dog went after them.

5 Now Anna sat looking about towards the way for her son.

6 And when she espied him coming, she said to his father, Behold, thy son cometh, and the man that went with him.

7 Then said Raphael, I know, Tobias, that thy father will open his eyes.

8 Therefore anoint thou his eyes with the gall: and being pricked therewith he shall rub, and the whiteness shall fall away, and he shall see thee.

9 Then Anna ran forth, and fell upon the neck of her son, and said unto him, Seeing I have seen thee, my son, from henceforth I am content to die. And they wept both.

10 Tobit also went forth toward the door, and stumbled: but his son ran unto him,

11 And took hold of his father. And he strake of the gall on his fathers eyes, saying, Be of good hope, my father.

12 And when his eyes began to smart, he rubbed them;

13 And the whiteness pilled away from the corners of his eyes. And when he saw his son, he fell upon his neck:

14 And he wept, and said, Blessed art thou, O God, and blessed is thy name for ever, and blessed are all thine holy angels.

15 For thou hast scourged, and hast taken pity *on me*: for behold, I see my son Tobias. And his son went in rejoycing, and told his father the great things that had happened to him in Media.

16 Then Tobit went out to meet his daughter in law at the gate of Nineve, rejoycing, and praising God And they which saw him go marvelled, because he had received his sight.

17 But Tobit gave thanks before them, because God had mercy on him And when he came near to Sara his daughter in law, he blessed her, saying, Thou art welcome, daughter. God be blessed, which hath brought thee unto us, and *blessed be* thy father and thy mother. And there was joy amongst all his brethren which were at Nineve.

18 And Achiacharus || and Nasbas his brothers son came.

|| Jamnes who is also called Nasbas.

19 And Tobias wedding was kept seven days with great joy.

CHAP

CHAP. XII.

5 Tobit offereth half to the angel for his pains. 6 But he calleth them both aside, and exhorteth them, 15 and telleth them that he was an angel, 21 and was seen no more.

THen Tobit called his son Tobias, and said unto him, My son, see that the man have his wages which went with thee: and thou must give him more.

2 And Tobias said unto him, O father, it is no harm to me to give him half of those things which I have brought.

3 For he hath brought me again to thee in safety, and made whole my wife, and brought me the money, and likewise healed thee.

4 Then the old man said, It is due unto him.

5 So he called the angel, and he said unto him, Take half of all that ye have brought, and go away in safety.

6 Then he took them both apart, and said unto them, Bless God, praise him, and magnifie him; and praise him for the things which he hath done unto you in the sight of all that live. It is good to praise God, and exalt his name, and ‖ honourably to shew forth the works of God: therefore be not slack to praise him.

7 It is good to keep close the secrets of a king; but it is honourable to reveal the works of God. Do that which is good, and no evil shall touch you.

8 Prayer is good with fasting, and alms, and righteousness. A little with righteousness is better then much with unrighteousness. It is better to give alms then to lay up gold:

9 For alms doth deliver from death, and shall purge away all sin. Those that exercise alms and righteousness shall be filled with life:

10 But they that sin are enemies to their own life.

11 Surely, I will keep close nothing from you. For I said it was good to keep close the secrets of a king, but that it was honourable to reveal the works of God.

12 Now therefore when thou didst pray, and Sara thy daughter in law, I did bring the remembrance of your prayers before the holy One. And when thou didst bury the dead, I was with thee likewise.

13 And when thou didst not delay to rise up, and leave thy dinner, to go and † cover the dead, thy good deed was not hid from me: but I was with thee.

† Gr. bury.

14 And now God hath sent me to heal thee, and Sara thy daughter in law.

15 I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels which present the prayers of the saints, and which go in and out before the glory of the holy One.

16 Then they were both troubled, and fell upon their faces: for they feared.

17 But he said unto them, Fear not: for it shall go well with you. Praise God therefore.

18 For not of any favour of mine, but by the will of our God I came. Wherefore praise him for ever.

19 [a] All these days I did appear unto you: but I did neither eat, nor drink; but you did see a vision.

[a] Gen. 18. 8. & 19. 3. Judg. 13. 16.

20 Now therefore give God thanks: for I go up to him that sent me. But write all things which are done in a book.

21 And when they arose, they saw him no more.

22 Then they confessed the great and wonderfull works of God, and how the angel of the Lord had appeared unto them.

CHAP. XIII.

The thanksgiving unto God which Tobit wrote.

THen Tobit wrote a prayer of rejoycing, and said, Blessed be God that liveth for ever, and blessed be his kingdom.

2 [a] For he doth scourge, and hath mercy: he leadeth down to hell, and bringeth up again: neither is there any that can avoid his hand.

[a] Deut. 32. 39. 1 Sam. 2. 6. Wisd. 16. 13.

3 Confess him before the Gentiles, ye children of Israel: for he hath scattered us among them.

4 There declare his greatness, and extoll him before all the living: for he is our Lord, and he is the God our Father for ever.

5 And he will scourge us for our iniquities, and will have mercy again, and will

will gather us out of all nations, among whom he hath ſcattered us.

6 If you turn to him with your whole heart and with your whole mind, and deal uprightly before him, then will he turn unto you, and will not hide his face from you. Therefore ſee what he will do with you, and confeſs him with your whole mouth, and praiſe the Lord of might, and extoll the everlaſting King. In the land of my captivity do I praiſe him, and declare his might and majeſty to a ſinfull nation. O ye ſinners, turn, and do juſtice before him: who can tell if he will accept you, and have mercy on you?

7 I will extoll my God, and my ſoul ſhall praiſe the king of heaven, and ſhall rejoyce in his greatneſs.

8 Let all men ſpeak, and let all praiſe him for *his* righteouſneſs.

9 O Jeruſalem the holy city, ‖ he will ſcourge thee for thy childrens works, and will have mercy again on the ſons of the righteous.

‖ Or, *he will lay a ſcourge upon the works of thy children.*

10 Give praiſe to the Lord; for he *is* good: and praiſe the everlaſting King; that his tabernacle may be builded in thee again with joy: and ‖ let him make joyfull there in thee thoſe that are captives, and love in thee for ever thoſe that are miſerable.

‖ Or, *to make.*

11 Many nations ſhall come from far to the name of the Lord God, with gifts in their hands, even gifts to the King of heaven. All generations ſhall praiſe thee with great joy.

12 Curſed *are* all they which hate thee, and bleſſed ſhall all be which love thee for ever.

13 Rejoyce and be glad for the children of the juſt: for they ſhall be gathered together, and ſhall bleſs the Lord of the juſt.

14 O bleſſed *are* they which love thee; *for* they ſhall rejoyce in thy ‖ peace: bleſſed *are* they which have been ſorrowfull for all thy ſcourges; for they ſhall rejoyce for thee, when they have ſeen all thy glory, and ſhall be glad for ever.

‖ Or, *proſperity.*

15 Let my ſoul bleſs God the great King.

16 For Jeruſalem ſhall be built up with ſapphires, and emeralds, and precious ſtone; thy walls and towres and battlements, with pure gold.

17 And the ſtreets of Jeruſalem ſhall be paved with beryll, and carbuncle, and ſtones of Ophir.

18 And all her ſtreets ſhall ſay, Alleluia: and they ſhall praiſe him, ſaying, Bleſſed be God, which hath extolled it for ever.

CHAP. XIV.

3 Tobit giveth inſtructions to his ſon, 8 ſpecially to leave Nineve. 11 He and his wife die, and are buried. 12 Tobias removeth to Ecbatane, 14 and there dieth, after he had heard of the deſtruction of Nineve.

SO Tobit made an end of praiſing God.

2 And he was eight and fifty years old when he loſt his ſight, which was reſtored to him after eight years. And he gave alms; and he ‖ increaſed in the fear of the Lord God, and praiſed him.

‖ Or, *did more and more fear.*

3 And when he was very aged, he called his ſon, and the ſix ſons of his ſon, and ſaid to him, My ſon, take thy children: for behold, I am aged, and am ready to depart out of this life.

4 Go into Media, my ſon. For I ſurely beleeve thoſe things which Jonas the prophet ſpake of Nineve, that it ſhall be overthrown; and that for a time peace ſhall rather be in Media; and that our brethren ſhall lie ſcattered in the earth from that good land; and Jeruſalem ſhall be deſolate, and the houſe of God in it ſhall be burned, and ſhall be deſolate for a time;

5 [a] And that again God will have mercy on them, and bring them again into the land; where they ſhall build a temple, but not like to the firſt, untill the time of that age be fulfilled: and afterward they ſhall return from *all* places of their captivity, and build up Jeruſalem gloriouſly; and the houſe of God ſhall be built in it ‖ for ever with a glorious building, as the prophets have ſpoken thereof.

[a] Ezra. 3. 8. & 6. 14.

‖ For ever, not in the Romane copy.

6 And all nations ſhall turn, and fear the Lord God truly, and ſhall bury their idols.

7 So ſhall all nations praiſe the Lord: and his people ſhall confeſs God, and the Lord

Lord ſhall exalt his people; and all thoſe which love the Lord God in truth and juſtice ſhall rejoyce, ſhewing mercy to our brethren.

8 And now, my ſon, depart out of Nineve: becauſe that thoſe things which the prophet Jonas ſpake ſhall ſurely come to paſs.

9 But keep thou the law and the commandments, and ſhew thy ſelf mercifull and juſt, that it may go well with thee.

10 And bury me decently, and thy mother with me; but tarry no longer at Nineve. Remember, my ſon, how Aman handled Achiacharus that brought him up, how out of light he brought him into darkneſs, and how he rewarded him again: yet Achiacharus was ‖ ſaved, but the other had his reward: for he went down into darkneſs. ‖ Manaſſes gave alms, and eſcaped the ſnares of death ‖ which they had ſet for him: but Aman fell into the ſnare, and periſhed.

‖ Or, did make and make fear.

11 Wherefore now, my ſon, conſider what alms doeth, and how righteouſneſs doth deliver. When he had ſaid theſe things, he gave up the ghoſt in the bed, being an hundred and eight and fifty years old: and ‖ he buried him honourably.

‖ Or, they.

12 And when Anna his mother was dead, he buried her with his father. But Tobias departed with his wife and children to Ecbatane to Raguel his father in law;

13 Where he became old with honour. And he buried his father and mother in law honourably; and he ‖ inherited their ſubſtance, and his father Tobits.

‖ Or, poſſeſſed.

14 And he died at Ecbatane in Media, being an hundred and ſeven and twenty years old.

15 But before he died he heard of the deſtruction of Nineve, which was taken by Nabuchodonoſor and Aſſuerus: and before his death he rejoyced over Nineve.

JUDITH.

CHAP. I.

1 Arphaxad doth fortifie Ecbatane. 5 Nabuchodonoſor maketh war againſt him, 7 and craveth aid. 12 He threatneth thoſe that would not aid him, 15 and killeth Arphaxad, 16 and returneth to Nineve.

IN the twelfth year of the reign of Nabuchodonoſor, who reigned in Nineve the great city, in the days of Arphaxad, which reigned over the Medes in Ecbatane,

2 And built in Ecbatane walls round about, of ſtones hewn three cubits broad and ſix cubits long; and made the height of the wall ſeventy cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits;

3 And ſet the towres thereof upon the gates of it, an hundred cubits *high*, and the breadth thereof in the foundation threeſcore cubits;

4 And made the gates thereof, even gates that were raiſed to the height of ſeventy cubits, and the breadth of them was fourty cubits, for the going forth of his mighty armies, and for the ſetting in aray of his footmen:

5 Even in thoſe days king Nabuchodonoſor made war with king Arphaxad in the great plain, which is the plain in the borders of Ragau.

6 And there came unto him all they that dwelt in the hill-countrey, and all that dwelt by Euphrates, and Tigris, and Hydaſpes, and the plain of Arioch the king of the Elymeans; and very many nations of the ſons of Chelod aſſembled themſelves to the battel.

7 Then Nabuchodonoſor king of the Aſſyrians ſent unto all that dwelt in Perſia, and to all that dwelt weſt ward, and to thoſe that dwelt in Cilicia, and Damaſcus, and Libanus, and Antilibanus, and to all that dwelt upon the ſea-coaſt;

8 And to thoſe amongſt the nations that were of Carmel, and Galaad, and the higher

higher Galilee, and the great plain of Esdrelom;

9 And to all that were in Samaria and the cities thereof, and beyond Jordan unto Jerusalem, and Betane, and Chellus, and Kades, and the river of Egypt, and Taphnes, and Ramesse, and all the land of Gesem,

10 Untill you come beyond Tanis and Memphis; and to all the inhabitants of Egypt, untill you come to the borders of Ethiopia.

11 But all the inhabitants of the land made light of the commandment of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians, neither went they with him to the battel. For they were not afraid of him: yea, he was before them as one man: and they sent away his ambassadours from them without effect, and with disgrace.

12 Therefore Nabuchodonosor was very angry withall this countrey, and sware by his throne and kingdom that he would surely be avenged upon all those coasts of Cilicia, and Damascus, and Syria: and that he would slay with the sword all the inhabitants of the land of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and all Judea, and all that were in Egypt, till you come to the borders of the two seas.

13 Then he marched in battel aray with his power against king Arphaxad in the seventeenth year: and he prevailed in his battel: for he overthrew all the power of Arphaxad, and all his horsemen, and all his chariots,

14 And became lord of his cities, and came unto Ecbatane, and took the towres, and spoiled the streets thereof, and turned the beauty thereof into shame.

15 He took also Arphaxad in the mountains of Ragau, and smote him through with his darts, and destroyed him utterly that day.

16 So he returned afterwards to Nineve, both he and all his company of sundry nations, being a very great multitude of men of war: and there he took his ease, and banqueted, both he and his army, an hundred and twenty days.

CHAP. II.

4 Holofernes is appointed general, 11 and charged to spare none that will not yield. 15 His army and provision. 23 The places which he won and wasted as he went.

AND in the eighteenth year, the two and twentieth day of the first moneth, there was talk in the house of Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians, that he should, as he said, avenge himself on all the earth.

2 So he called unto him all his officers and all his nobles, and communicated with them his secret counsel, and [a] concluded the afflicting of the whole earth out of his own mouth. [a] 1 Sam. 20. 7. 25. 17.

3 Then they decreed to destroy all flesh that did not obey the commandment of his mouth.

4 And when he had ended his counsel, Nabuchodonosor king of the Assyrians called Holofernes the chief captain of his army, which was [†] next unto him, and said unto him, [†] Or, secret man.

5 Thus saith the great king, the lord of the whole earth, Behold, thou shalt go forth from my presence, and take with thee men that trust in their own strength, of footmen an hundred and twenty thousand, and the number of horses with their riders, twelve thousand.

6 And thou shalt go against all the west-countrey, because they disobeyed my commandment.

7 And thou shalt declare unto them that they prepare for me earth and water: for I will go forth in my wrath against them, and will cover the whole face of the earth with the feet of mine army, and I will give them for a spoil unto them: [‡] After the manner of the kings of Persia, to whom earth and water was offered, in acknowledge that they were lords of land and sea. Herodotus.

8 So that their slain shall fill their valleys and brooks, and the river shall be filled with their dead till it overflow.

9 And I will lead them captives to the utmost parts of all the earth.

10 Thou therefore shalt go forth, and take before hand for me all their coasts. And if they will yeeld themselves unto thee, thou shalt reserve them for me till the day of their punishment.

11 But

11 But concerning them that rebell, let not thine eyes ſpare them; but put them to the ſlaughter, and ſpoil them whereſoever thou goeſt.

12 For as I live, and by the power of my kingdom, whatſoever I have ſpoken, that will I do by mine hand.

13 And take thou heed that thou tranſgreſs none of the commandments of thy lord, but accompliſh them fully, as I have commanded thee, and defer not to do them.

14 Then Holofernes went forth from the preſence of his lord, and called all the governours and captains, and the officers of the army of Aſſur,

15 And he muſtered the choſen men for the battel, as his lord had commanded him, unto an hundred and twenty thouſand, and twelve thouſand archers on horſeback.

16 And he ranged them as a great army is ordered for the war.

17 And he took camels and aſſes for their carriages, a very great number; and ſheep and oxen and goats without number, for their proviſion;

18 And plenty of victual for every man of the army; and very much gold and ſilver out of the kings houſe.

19 Then he went forth and all his power to go before king Nabuchodonoſor in the voyage, and to cover all the face of the earth weſt ward with their chariots and horſemen and their choſen footmen.

20 A great multitude alſo of ſundry countreys came with them like locuſts, and like the ſand of the earth: for the multitude was without number.

21 And they went forth of Nineve, three days journey toward the plain of Bectileth, and pitched from Bectileth near the mountain which is at the left hand of the upper Cilicia.

22 Then he took all his army, his footmen, and horſemen, and chariots, and went from thence into the hill-country;

23 And deſtroyed Phud and Lud, and ſpoiled all the children of Raſſes, and the children of Iſmael, which were toward the wilderneſs at the ſouth of the land of the Chellians.

24 Then he went over Euphrates, and went through Meſopotamia, and deſtroyed all the high cities that were upon the river Arbonai, till you come to the ſea.

25 And he took the borders of Cilicia, and killed all that reſiſted him; and came to the borders of Japheth, which were toward the ſouth, over againſt Arabia.

26 He compaſſed alſo all the children of Madian, and burnt up their tabernacles, and ſpoiled their ſheep-cotes.

27 Then he went down into the plain of Damaſcus in the time of wheat-harveſt, and burnt up all their fields, and deſtroyed their flocks and herds; alſo he ſpoiled their cities, and utterly waſted their countreys, and ſmote all their young men with the edge of the ſword.

28 Therefore the fear and dread of him fell upon all the inhabitants of the ſea-coaſts which were in Sidon and Tyrus, and them that dwelt in Sur, and Ocina, and all that dwelt in Jemnaan; and they that dwelt in Azotus and Aſcalon feared him greatly.

CHAP. III.

1 *They of the ſea-coaſts intreat for peace.* 7 *Holofernes is received there.* 8 *Yet he deſtroyeth their gods, that they might worſhip onely Nabuchodonoſor.* 9 *He cometh near to Judea.*

SO they ſent ambaſſadours unto him to treat of peace, ſaying,

2 Behold, we the ſervants of Nabuchodonoſor the great king lie before thee; uſe us as ſhall be good in thy ſight.

3 Behold, our houſes, and all our places, and all our fields of wheat, and flocks and herds, and all the lodges of our tents, lie before thy face; uſe them as it pleaſeth thee.

4 Behold, even our cities, and the inhabitants thereof are thy ſervants; come, and deal with them as ſeemeth good unto thee.

5 So the men came to Holofernes, and declared unto him after this manner.

6 Then came he down toward the ſea-coaſt, both he and his army, and ſet gariſons in the high cities, and took out of them choſen men for aid.

7 So they and all the countrey round about received them with garlands, with dances, and with timbrels.

8 Yet he did caſt down their frontiers, and cut down their groves: for he had decreed to deſtroy all the gods of the land, that all nations ſhould worſhip Nabuchodonoſor onely, and that all tongues and tribes ſhould call upon him as god.

9 Alſo he came over againſt ‖ Eſdraelon near unto ‖ Judea, over againſt the † great ſtrait of Judea.

10 And he pitched between Geba and Scythopolis: and there he tarried a whole moneth, that he might gather together all the carriages of his army.

‖ Or, *Eſdrelon*
‖ Or, *Dotea*, *Dothan*, Junius. Gen. 37. 17.
† Gr. *great ſtreit*

CHAP. IV.

4 The Jews are afraid of Holofernes. 5 and fortifie the hills. 6 They of Bethulia take charge of the paſſages. 9 All Iſrael fall to faſting and prayer.

NOw the children of Iſrael that dwelt in Judea heard all that Holofernes the chief captain of Nabuchodonoſor king of the Aſſyrians had done to the nations, and after what manner he had ſpoiled all their temples, and brought them to nought.

2 Therefore they were exceedingly afraid of him, and were troubled for Jeruſalem and for the temple of the Lord their God.

3 For they were newly returned from the captivity, and all the people ‖ of Judea were lately gathered together: and the veſſels and the altar and the houſe were ſanctified after the profanation.

‖ Or, *out of Judea*

4 Therefore they ſent into all the coaſts of Samaria, and the villages, and to Bethoron, and Belmen, and Jericho, and to Choba, and Eſora, and to the valley of Salem;

5 And poſſeſſed themſelves before-hand of all the tops of the high mountains, and fortified the villages that were in them, and laid up victuals for the proviſion of war. For their fields were of late reaped.

6 Alſo Joacim the high prieſt, which was in thoſe days in Jeruſalem, wrote to them that dwelt in Bethulia, and Betomeſtham, which is over againſt ‖ Eſdraelon toward the ‖ open countrey, near to Dothaim,

‖ Or, *Eſdrelon*
‖ Or, *plain.*

7 Charging them to keep the paſſages of the hill countrey. For by them there was an entrance into Judea: and it was eaſie to ſtop them that would come up, becauſe the paſſage was ſtraight, ‖ for two men at the moſt.

‖ Or, *was ſtraitned*

8 And the children of Iſrael did as Joacim the high prieſt had commanded them, with the ‖ ancients of all the people of Iſrael, which dwelt at Jeruſalem.

‖ Or, *ſenate*

9 Then every man of Iſrael cried to God with great fervency, and with great vehemency did they humble their ſouls;

10 Both they, and their wives, and their children, and their cattel, and every ſtranger and hireling, and their ſervants bought with money, put ſackcloth upon their loyns.

11 Thus every man and woman, and the little children, and the inhabitants of Jeruſalem fell before the temple, and caſt aſhes upon their heads, and ſpread out their ſackcloth before the face of the Lord. Alſo they put ſackcloth about the altar,

12 And cried to the God of Iſrael all with one conſent earneſtly, that he would not give their children for a prey, and their wives for a ſpoil, and the cities of their inheritance to deſtruction, and the ſanctuary to profanation and reproach, and for the nations to rejoyce at.

13 So God heard their prayers, and looked upon their afflictions. For the people faſted many days in all Judea and Jeruſalem before the ſanctuary of the Lord Almighty.

14 And Joacim the high prieſt, and all the prieſts that ſtood before the Lord, and they which miniſtred unto the Lord, had their loyns girt with ſackcloth, and offered the daily burnt-offerings, with the vows and free gifts of the people,

15 And had aſhes on their mitres, and cried unto the Lord with all their power, that

that he would look upon all the house of Israel graciously.

CHAP. V.

5 Achior telleth Holofernes what the Jews are, 8 and what their God had done for them; 21 and adviseth, not to meddle with them. 22 All that heard him were offended at him.

THen was it declared to Holofernes the chief captain of the army of Assur that the children of Israel had prepared for war, and had shut up the passages of the hill countrey, and had fortified † all the tops of the high hills, and had laid impediments in the champian countreys.

2 Whereat he was every angry, and called all the princes of Moab, and the captains of Ammon, and all the governours of the sea-coast:

3 And he said unto them, Tell me now, ye sons of Chanaan, who this people is that dwelleth in the hill countrey, and what are the cities that they inhabit, and what is the multitude of their army, and wherein is their power and strength, and what king is set over them, or captain of their army.

4 And why have they determined not to come and meet me, more then all the inhabitants of the west?

5 Then said [a] Achior the captain of all the sons of Ammon, Let my Lord now hear a word from the mouth of thy servant, and I will declare unto thee the truth concerning this people which dwelleth near thee, and inhabiteth the hill-countreys: and there shall no lie come out of the mouth of thy servant.

6 This people are descended of the Chaldeans.

7 [b] And they sojourned heretofore in Mesopotamia, because they would not follow the gods of their fathers which were in the land of Chaldea.

8 For they ‖ left the way of their ancestours, and worshipped the God of heaven, the God whom they knew. So they cast them out from the face of their gods; and they fled into Mesopotamia, and sojourned there many days.

9 Then [c] their God commanded them to depart from the place where they sojourned, and to go into the land of Chanaan: Where they dwelt, and were increased with gold and silver, and with very much cattel.

10 But when a famine covered all the land of Chanaan, they went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, while they were nourished, and became there a great multitude, so that one could not number their nation.

11 Therefore the king of Egypt rose up against them, and dealt subtilly with them, and brought them low with labouring in [d] brick, and made them slaves.

12 Then they cried unto their God; and he smote all the land of Egypt with incurable plagues. So [e] the Egyptians cast them out of their sight.

13 And [f] God dried the Red sea before them,

14 And [g] brought them † to mount Sina, and Cades-barne, and cast forth all that dwelt in the wilderness.

15 So they dwelt in the land of the Amorites: and they destroyed by their strength all them of Esebon; and passing over Jordan they possessed all the hill-countrey.

16 [h] And they cast forth before them the Chanaanite, the Pherezite, the Jebusite, and the Sychemite, and all the Gergesites, and they dwelt in that countrey many days.

17 And whilest they sinned not before their God, they prospered; because the God that hateth iniquity was with them.

18 But [i] when they departed from the way which he appointed them, they were destroyed in many battels very sore, [k] and were led captives into a land that was not theirs: and the temple of their God was cast to the ground, and their cities were taken by the enemies.

19 But [l] now are they returned to their God, and are come up from the places where they were scattered, and have possessed Jerusalem, where their sanctuary is, and ‖ are seated in the hill-countrey; for it was desolate.

20 Now

[a] Or, Esai. [b] Or, plain. [c] Or, was up, [d] Or, two [e] Or, against all. [f] Or, to [g] Or, great [h] Or, ils; [i] Or, and [k] Or, ever- [l] Or, oth [m] Or, the [n] Or, Je- [o] Or, cast [p] Or, out [q] Or, ord. [r] Or, all [s] Or, uld [t] Or, and [u] Or, s of [v] Or, the [w] Or, ch, [x] Or, and [y] Or, eo- [z] Or, Je- [a] Or, ord [b] Or, and [c] Or, ord, [d] Or, ord, [e] Or, and [f] Or, the [g] Or, and [h] Or, er, [i] Or, hat

[a] Exod. 1. 8.

[c] Exod. 12. 31, 33

[f] Exod. 14. 21.

[g] Exod. 19 1. † Gr. into the way of the wilderness of Sina.

[h] Josh. 12. 8.

[i] Judg. 2. 11. & 3. 8.

[k] 2 Kin. 25. 1. 11.

[l] Ezra 1. 1, 3.

‖ Or, have their dwellings

20 Now therefore, my lord and governour, if there be any errour in this people, and they ſin againſt their God, let us conſider that this ſhall be their ruine; and let us go up, and we ſhall overcome them.

21 But if there be no iniquity in their nation, let my lord now paſs by, leſt their Lord defend them, and their God be for them, and we become a reproach before all the world.

22 And when Achior had finiſhed theſe ſayings, all the people ſtanding round about the tent murmured: and the chief men of Holofernes, and all that dwelt by the ſea ſide, and in Moab, ſpake that he ſhould kill him.

23 For, *ſay they*, we will not be afraid of the face of the children of Iſrael: for lo, it is a people that have no ſtrength nor power † for a ſtrong battel.

† Gr. *againſt a mighty army.*

24 Now therefore, lord Holofernes, we will go up, and they ſhall be a prey to be devoured of all thine army.

CHAP. VI.

1 Holofernes deſpiſeth God. 7 He threatneth Achior, and ſendeth him away. 14 The Bethulians receive and hear him. 18 They fall to prayer, and comfort Achior.

AND when the tumult of men that were about the council was ceaſed, Holofernes the chief captain of the army of Aſſur ſaid unto Achior and all the Moabites before all the company of other nations,

2 And who art thou, Achior, and the hirelings of Ephraim, that thou haſt propheſied amongſt us as to day, and haſt ſaid that we ſhould not make war with the people of Iſrael, becauſe their God will defend them? and who is God but Nabuchodonoſor?

3 He will ſend his power, and will deſtroy them from the face of the earth; and their God ſhall not deliver them: but we his ſervants will deſtroy them as one man; for they are not able to ſuſtain the power of our horſes:

4 For with them we will tread them under foot: and their mountains ſhall be drunken with their bloud, and their fields ſhall be filled with their dead bodies, and their footſteps ſhall not be able to ſtand before us. For they ſhall utterly periſh, ſaith king Nabuchodonoſor, lord of all the earth. For he ſaid, None of my words ſhall be in vain.

5 And thou, Achior, an hireling of Ammon, which haſt ſpoken theſe words in the day of thine iniquity, ſhalt ſee my face no more from this day, untill I take vengeance of this nation that came out of Egypt.

6 And then ſhall the ſword of mine army, and the multitude of them that ſerve me, paſs through thy ſides, and thou ſhalt fall among their ſlain, when I return.

7 Now therefore my ſervants ſhall bring thee back into the hill-countrey, and ſhall ſet thee in one of the cities of the paſſages.

8 And thou ſhalt not periſh till thou be deſtroyed with them.

9 And if thou perſwade thy ſelf in thy mind that they ſhall not be taken, let not thy countenance fall. I have ſpoken it, and none of my words ſhall be in vain.

10 Then Holofernes commanded his ſervants, that waited in his tent, to take Achior, and bring him to Bethulia, and deliver him into the hands of the children of Iſrael.

11 So his ſervants took him, and brought him out of the camp into the plain: and they went from the midſt of the plain into the hill-countrey, and came unto the fountains that were under Bethulia.

12 And when the men of the city ſaw them, they took up their weapons, and went out of the city to the top of the hill: and every man that uſed a ſling kept them from coming up by caſting of ſtones againſt them.

13 Nevertheleſs, having gotten privily under the hill, they bound Achior, and caſt him down, and left him at the foot of the hill, and returned to their lord.

14 But the Iſraelites deſcended from their city, and came unto him, and looſed him, and brought him into Bethulia, and pre-

presented him to the governours of the city;

15 Which were in those days Ozias the son of Micha of the tribe of Simeon, and Chabris the son of Gothoniel, and Charmis the son of Melchiel.

16 And they called together all the ancients of the city: and all their youth ran together and their women to the assembly; and they set Achior in the midst of all their pepole. Then Ozias asked him of that which was done.

17 And he answered, and declared unto them the words of the council of Holofernes, and all the words that he had spoken in the midst of the princes of Assur, and whatsoever Holofernes had spoken proudly against the house of Israel.

18 Then the people fell down, and worshipped God, and cried unto God, saying,

19 O Lord God of heaven, behold their pride, and pity the low estate of our nation, and look upon the face of those that are sanctified unto thee this day.

20 Then they comforted Achior, and praised him greatly.

21 And Ozias took him out of the assembly unto his house, and made a feast to the elders. And they called on the God of Israel all that night for help.

CHAP. VII.

1 *Holofernes besiegeth Bethulia, and stoppeth the water from them.* 22 *They faint, and murmure against the governours,* 30 *who promise to yeeld within five days.*

THE next day Holofernes commanded all his army, and all his people which were come to take his part, that they should remove their camp against Bethulia, to take afore-hand the ascents of the hill countrey, and to make war against the children of Israel.

2 Then their strong men removed their camps in that day. And the army of the men of war was an hundred and seventy thousand footmen, and twelve thousand horsemen, beside the baggage, and other men that were afoot amongst them, a very great multitude.

3 And they camped in the valley near unto Bethulia, by the fountain: and they spread themselves in breadth ‖ over Dothaim, even to Belmaim, and in length from Bethulia unto † Cyamon, which is over against Esdraelom.

‖ *from Dothaim,* Junius. † Gr. *beanfield.*

4 Now the children of Israel, when they saw the multitude of them, were greatly troubled, and said every one to his neighbour, Now will these men lick up the face of the earth: for neither the high mountains, nor the valleys, nor the hills are able to bear their weight.

5 Then every man took up his weapons of war, and when they had kindled fires upon their towres, they remained and watched all that night.

6 But in the second day Holofernes brought forth all his horsemen in the sight of the children of Israel which were in Bethulia,

7 And viewed the passages up to the city, and came to the fountains of their waters, and took them, and set garisons of men of war over them: and he himself removed towards his people.

8 Then came unto him all the chief of the children of Esau, and all the governours of the people of Moab, and the captains of the sea-coast, and said,

9 Let our lord now hear a word, that there be not an overthrow in thine army.

10 For this people of the children of Israel do not trust in their spears, but in the height of the mountains wherein they dwell, because it is not easie to come up to the tops of their mountains.

11 Now therefore, my lord, fight not against them in battel-aray, and there shall not so much as one man of thy people perish.

12 Remain in thy camp, and keep all the men of thine army, and let thy servants get into their hands the fountain of water, which issueth forth of the foot of the mountain.

13 For all the inhabitants of Bethulia have their water thence. So shall thirst kill them, and they shall give up their city: and we and our people shall go up to the tops of the mountains that are near,

and will camp upon them, to watch that none go out of the city.

14 So they and their wives and their children ſhall be conſumed with famine; and before the ſword come againſt them, they ſhall be overthrown in the ſtreets where they dwell.

15 Thus ſhalt thou render them an evil reward, becauſe they rebelled and met not thy perſon peaceably.

16 And theſe words pleaſed Holofernes and all his ſervants; and he appointed to do as they had ſpoken.

17 So the camp of the children of Ammon departed, and with them five thouſand of the Aſſyrians; and they pitched in the valley, and took the waters and the fountains of the waters of the children of Iſrael.

18 Then the children of Eſau went up with the children of Ammon, and camped in the hill countrey over againſt Dothaim. And they ſent ſome of them toward the ſouth, and toward the eaſt, over againſt Ekrebel, which is near unto Chuſi, that is upon the brook Mochmur: and the reſt of the army of the Aſſyrians camped in the plain, and covered the face of the whole land; and their tents and carriages were pitched to a very great multitude.

19 Then the children of Iſrael cried unto the Lord their God, becauſe their heart failed. For all their enemies had compaſſed them round about, and there was no way to eſcape out from among them.

20 Thus all the company of Aſſur remained about them, both their footmen, chariots and horſemen, four and thirty days, ſo that all their veſſels of water failed all the inhabitants of Bethulia.

21 And the || ciſterns were emptied, and they had not water to drink their fill for one day: for they gave them drink by meaſure.

22 Therefore their young children were out of heart, and their women and young men fainted for thirſt, and fell down in the ſtreets of the city, and by the paſſages of the gates: and there was no longer any ſtrength in them.

23 Then all the people aſſembled to Ozias and the chief of the city, both young men and women and children, and cried with a loud voice, and ſaid before all the elders,

24 God be [a] judge between us and you: for you have done us great injury, in that you have not required peace of the children of Aſſur. [a] Exod. 5. 21.

25 For now we have no helper: but God hath ſold us into their hands, that we ſhould be thrown down before them with thirſt and great deſtruction.

26 Now therefore call them unto you, and deliver the whole city for a ſpoil to the people of Holofernes, and to all his army.

27 For it is better for us to be made a ſpoil unto them then to die for thirſt: for we will be his ſervants, that our ſouls may live, and not ſee the death of our infants before our eyes, nor our wives nor our children to die.

28 We take to witneſs againſt you the heaven and the earth, and our God and Lord of our fathers, which puniſheth us according to our ſins and the ſins of our fathers, || that he do not according as we have ſaid this day.

29 Then there was great weeping with one conſent in the midſt of the aſſembly: and they cried unto the Lord God with a loud voice.

30 Then ſaid Ozias to them, Brethren, be of good courage: let us yet endure five days, in the which ſpace the Lord our God may turn his mercy towards us: for he will not forſake us utterly.

31 And if theſe days paſs, and there come no help unto us, I will do according to your word.

32 And he diſperſed the people every one to their own charge, and they went unto the walls and towers of their city, and ſent the women and children into their houſes. And they were very low brought in the city.

CHAP. VIII.

1 *The ſtate and behaviour of Judith a widow.* 12 *She blameth the governours for their promiſe to yeeld,* 17 *and*

|| Or, pits.

|| Or, leſt he do according as we have ſaid this day. The Hebrew is, that he do not.

17 and adviseth them to trust in God. 28 They excuse their promise. 32 She promiseth to do something for them.

NOw at that time Judith heard thereof; Which was the daughter of Merari, the son of Ox, the son of Joseph, the son of Oziel, the son of Elcia, the son of Ananias, the son of Gedeon, the son of Raphaim, the son of Acitho, the son of Eliu, the son of Eliab, the son of Nathanael, the son of || Samael, the son of Salasadai, the son of Israel.

2 And Manasses was her husband, of her tribe and kindred; who died in the barley-harvest.

3 For as he stood overseeing them that bound sheaves in the field, the heat came upon his head; and he fell on his bed, and died in the city of Bethulia; and they buried him with his fathers in the field between Dothaim and Balamon.

4 So Judith was a widow in her house three years and four moneths.

5 And she made her a tent upon the top of her house, and put on sackcloth upon her loyns, and ware her widows apparel.

6 And she fasted all the days of her widow hood, save the eves of the sabbaths, and the sabbaths, and the eves of the new-moons, and the new-moons, and the feasts, and solemn days of the house of Israel.

7 She was also of a goodly countenance, and very beautifull to behold, and her husband Manasses had left her gold and silver, and men servants and maid-servants, and cattel, and lands, || and she remained upon them.

8 And there was none that gave her an ill word: for she feared God greatly.

9 Now when she heard the evil words of the people against the governour, that they fainted for lack of water: for Judith had heard all [a] the words that Ozias had spoken unto them, and that he had sworn to deliver the city unto the Assyrians after five days:

10 Then she sent her waiting-woman, that had the government of all things that she had, to call Ozias and Chabris and Charmis, the ancients of the city.

11 And they came unto her: and she said unto them, Hear me now, O ye governours of the inhabitants of Bethulia: for your words ẏ you have spoken before the people this day are not right, touching this oath which ye made and pronounced between God and you, and have promised to deliver ẏ city to our enemies, unless within these days the Lord turn to help you.

12 And now, who are you that have tempted God this day, and stand in stead of God amongst the children of men?

13 And now try the Lord Almighty, but you shall never know any thing.

14 For you cannot find the depth of the heart of man, neither can ye perceive the things that he thinketh: then how can you search out God, that hath made all these things, and know his mind, or comprehend his purpose? Nay, my brethren; provoke not the Lord our God to anger.

15 For if he will not help us within these five days, he hath power to defend us when he will, even every day; or to destroy us before our enemies.

16 Do not || bind the counsels of the Lord our God: for [b] God is not as man, that he may be threatned; neither is he as the son of man, that he should be wavering.

17 Therefore let us wait for salvation of him, and call upon him to help us; and he will hear our voice, if it please him.

18 For there arose none in our age, neither is there any now in these days, neither tribe, nor family, nor || people, nor city among us, which worship gods made with hands, [c] as hath been aforetime.

19 For the which cause our fathers were given to the sword and for a spoil, and had a great fall before our enemies.

20 But we know none other god: therefore we trust that he will not despise us, nor any of our nation.

21 For if we be taken so, all Judea shall lie waste, and our sanctuary shall be spoiled, and he will require the profanation thereof at our mouth.

22 And || the slaughter of our brethren and the captivity of the countrey and the desolation of our inheritance will

|| Or, engage.
[b] Num. 23. 19.
|| Or, town.
[c] Judg. 2. 11. & 4. 1. & 6. 1.
|| Or, fear.

he turn upon our heads among the Gentiles, whereſoever we ſhall be in bondage: and we ſhall be an offence and a reproach to all them that poſſeſs us.

23 For our ſervitude ſhall not be directed to favour; but the Lord our God ſhall turn it to diſhonour.

24 Now therefore, O brethren, let us ſhew an example to our brethren, becauſe their hearts depend upon us, and the ſanctuary and the houſe and the altar reſt upon us.

25 Moreover, let us give thanks to the Lord our God, which trieth us, even as he did our fathers.

26 Remember what things he did to [d] Abraham, and how he tried Iſaac, and what hapned to [e] Jacob in Meſopotamia of Syria when he kept the ſheep of Laban his mothers brother.

27 For he hath not tried us in the fire, as he did them for the examination of their hearts, neither hath he taken vengeance on us: but the Lord doth ſcourge them that come near unto him to admoniſh them.

28 Then ſaid Ozias to her, All that thou haſt ſpoken haſt thou ſpoken with a good heart: and there is none that may gainſay thy words.

29 For this is not the firſt day wherein thy wiſdom is manifeſted; but from the beginning of thy days all the people have known thy underſtanding, becauſe the diſpoſition of thine heart is good.

30 But the people were very thirſty, and compelled us to do unto them as we have ſpoken, and to bring an oath upon our ſelves, which we will not break.

31 Therefore now pray thou for us, becauſe thou art a godly woman; and the Lord will ſend us rain to fill our ciſterns, and we ſhall faint no more.

32 Then ſaid Judith unto them, Hear me, and I will do a thing which ſhall go throughout all generations to the children of our nation.

33 You ſhall ſtand this night in the gate; and I will go forth with my waiting woman: and within the days that you have promiſed to deliver the city to our enemies, the Lord will viſit Iſrael by mine hand.

34 But enquire not you of mine act: for I will not declare it unto you, till the things be finiſhed that I do.

35 Then ſaid Ozias and the princes unto her, Go in peace: and the Lord God be before thee to take vengeance on our enemies.

36 So they returned from the tent, and went to their wards.

[d] Gen. 22. 1. [e] Gen. 28. 7.

CHAP. IX.

1 Judith humbleth her ſelf, 2 and prayeth God to preſper her purpoſe againſt the enemies of his ſanctuary.

THen Judith fell upon her face, and put aſhes upon her head, and uncovered the ſackcloth wherewith ſhe was clothed: and about the time that the incenſe of that evening was offered in Jeruſalem in the houſe of the Lord, Judith cried with a loud voice, and ſaid,

2 O Lord God of my father [a] Simeon, to whom thou gaveſt a ſword to take vengeance of the ſtrangers who looſened the girdle of a maid to defile her, and diſcovered the thigh to her ſhame, and polluted her virginity to her reproach: for thou ſaidſt, It ſhall not be ſo; and yet they did ſo:

[a] Gen. 34. 25.

3 Wherefore thou gaveſt their rulers to be ſlain, ſo that they died their bed in bloud, being deceived, and ſmoteſt the ſervants with their lords, and the lords upon their thrones;

4 And haſt given their wives for a prey, and their daughters to be captives, and all their ſpoils to be divided amongſt thy dear children; which were moved with thy zeal, and abhorred the pollution of their bloud, and called upon thee for aid: O God, O my God, hear me alſo a widow.

5 For thou haſt wrought not onely thoſe things, but alſo the things which fell out before, and which enſued after: thou haſt thought upon the things which are now, and which are to come.

6 Yea, what things thou didſt determine were ready at hand, and ſaid, Lo, we are here: for all thy ways are prepared, and thy judge-

judgements are in thy foreknowledge.

7 For behold, the Assyrians are multiplied in their power; they are exalted with horse and man; they glory in the strength of their footmen; they trust in shield, and spear, and bowe, and sling, and know not that thou art the Lord that breakest the battels: the Lord is thy name.

8 Throw down their strength in thy power, and bring down their force in thy wrath: for they have purposed to defile thy sanctuary, and to pollute the tabernacle where thy glorious name resteth, and to cast down with sword ỹ horn of thy altar.

9 Behold their pride, and send thy wrath upon their heads. Give into mine hand, which am a widow, the power that I have conceived.

10 [b] Smite by the deceit of my lips the servant with the prince, and the prince with the servant. Break down their stateliness by the hand of a woman.

11 [c] For thy power standeth not in multitude, nor thy might in strong men. [d] For thou art a God of the afflicted, an helper of the oppressed, an upholder of the weak, a protectour of the forlorn, a saviour of them that are without hope.

12 I pray thee, I pray thee, O God of my father, and God of the inheritance of Israel, Lord of the heavens and earth, Creatour of the waters, King of every creature, hear thou my prayer:

13 And make my speech and deceit to be their wound and stripe, who have purposed cruel things against thy covenant and thy hallowed house, and against the top of Sion, and against the house of the possession of thy children.

14 And make every nation and tribe to acknowledge that thou art the God of all power and might, and that there is none other that protecteth the people of Israel but thou.

CHAP. X.

3 Judith doth set forth her self. 10 She and her maid go forth into the camp. 17 The watch take and conduct her to Holofernes.

NOw after that she had ceased to cry unto the God of Israel, and had made an end of all these words,

2 She rose where she had fallen down, and called her maid, and went down into the house in the which she abode in the sabbath days and in her feast days,

3 And pulled off the sackcloth which she had on, and put off the garments of her widowhood, and washed her body all over with water, and anointed her self with precious ointment, and braided the hair of her head, and put on a † tire upon it, and put on her garments of gladness wherewith she was clad during the life of Manasses her husband. † Gr. mitre.

4 And she took sandals upon her feet, and put about her her bracelets, and her chains, and her rings, and her ear-rings, and all her ornaments, and decked her self bravely, to allure the eyes of all men that should see her.

5 Then she gave her maid a bottle of wine, and a cruse of oyl; and filled a bag with parched corn, and lumps of figs, and with fine bread. So she ‖ folded all these things together, and laid them upon her. ‖ Or, wrapped, or packed.

6 Thus they went forth to the gate of the city of Bethulia, and found standing there Ozias and the ancients of the city, Chabris and Charmis.

7 And when they saw her that her countenance was altered, and her apparel was changed, they wondred at her beauty very greatly, and said unto her,

8 The God, the God of our fathers give thee favour, and accomplish thine enterprises to the glory of the children of Israel, and to the exaltation of Jerusalem. Then they worshipped God.

9 And she said unto them, Command the gates of the city to be opened unto me, that I may go forth to accomplish the things whereof you have spoken with me. So they commanded the young men to open unto her, as she had spoken.

10 And when they had done so, Judith went out, she and her maid with her. And the men of the city looked after her untill she was gone down the mountain, and till she had passed the valley, and they could see her no more.

11 Thus they went straight forth in the

the valley. And the first watch of the Assyrians met her,

12 And took her, and asked her, Of what people art thou? and whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I am a woman of the Hebrews, and am fled from them: for they shall be given you to be consumed.

13 And I am coming before Holofernes the chief captain of your army, to declare words of truth: and I will shew him a way whereby he shall go and win all the hill-country without losing the body or life of any one of his men.

14 Now when the men heard her words, and beheld her countenance, they wondred greatly at her beauty, and said unto her,

15 Thou hast saved thy life, in that thou hast hasted to come down to the presence of our lord: now therefore come to his tent, and some of us shall conduct thee untill they have delivered thee to his hands.

16 And when thou standest before him, be not afraid in thine heart, but shew unto him according to thy word, and he will entreat thee well.

17 Then they chose out of them an hundred men to accompany her and her maid, and they brought her to the tent of Holofernes.

‖ Or, and they prepared a chariot for her.

18 Then was there a concourse throughout all the camp. For her coming was noised among the tents; and they came about her as she stood without the tent of Holofernes, till they told him of her.

19 And they wondred at her beauty, and admired the children of Israel because of her: and every one said to his neighbour, Who would despise this people, that have among them such women? Surely it is not good that one man of them be left, who being let go might deceive the whole earth.

20 And they that lay near Holofernes went out, and all his servants; and they brought her into the tent.

21 Now Holofernes rested upon his bed under a canopy which was woven with purple, and gold, and emeralds, and precious stones.

22 So they shewed him of her: and he came out before his tent, with silver lamps going before him.

23 And when Judith was come before him and his servants, they all marvelled at the beauty of her countenance. And she fell down upon her face, and did reverence unto him. And his servants took her up.

CHAP. XI.

3 Holofernes asketh Judith the cause of her coming. 6 She telleth him how and when he may prevail. 20 He is much pleased with her wisdom and beauty.

THen said Holofernes unto her, Woman, be of good comfort, fear not in thine heart: for I never hurt any that was willing to serve Nabuchodonosor the king of all the earth.

2 Now therefore, if thy people that dwelleth in the mountains had not set light by me, I would not have lifted up my spear against them: but they have done these things to themselves.

3 But now tell me wherefore thou art fled from them, and art come unto us: for thou art come for safeguard. Be of good comfort; thou shalt live this night, and hereafter.

4 For none shall hurt thee, but entreat thee well, as they do the servants of king Nabuchodonosor my lord.

5 Then Judith said unto him, Receive the words of thy servant, and suffer thine handmaid to speak in thy presence, and I will declare no lie to my lord this night.

6 And if thou wilt follow the words of thine handmaid, God will bring the thing perfectly to pass by thee, and my lord shall not fail of his purposes.

7 As Nabuchodonosor king of all the earth liveth, and as his power liveth, who hath sent thee for the upholding of every living thing: for not onely men shall serve him by thee, but also the beasts of the field and the cattel and the fowls of the air shall live by thy power under Nabuchodonosor and all his house.

8 For we have heard of thy wisdom, and thy policies: and it is reported in all the

the earth, that thou onely art || excellent in all the kingdom, and mighty in knowledge, and wonderfull in feats of war.

9 Now as concerning the matter which Achior did ſpeak in thy council, we have heard his words: for the men of Bethulia || ſaved him, and he declared unto them all that he had ſpoken unto thee.

10 Therefore, O Lord and governour, reject not his word, but lay it up in thine heart; for it is true: for our nation ſhall not be puniſhed, neither can the ſword prevail againſt them, except they ſin againſt their God.

11 And now, that my lord be not defeated and fruſtrate of his purpoſe, even death is now fallen upon them, and their ſin hath overtaken them, wherewith they will provoke their God to anger, whenſoever they ſhall do that which is not fit to be done:

12 For their victuals fail them, and all their water is ſcant; and they have determined to lay hands upon their cattel, and purpoſed to conſume all thoſe things that God hath forbidden them to eat by his laws;

13 And are reſolved to ſpend the firſtfruits of the corn, and the tenths of wine and oyl, which they had ſanctified and reſerved for the prieſts that ſerve in Jeruſalem before the face of our God; the which things it is not lawfull for any of the people ſo much as to touch with their hands.

14 For they have ſent ſome to Jeruſalem, becauſe they alſo that dwell there have done the like, to bring them a licenſe from the ſenate.

15 Now when they ſhall bring them word, they will forthwith do it: and they ſhall be given thee to be deſtroyed the ſame day.

16 Wherefore I thine handmaid, knowing all this, am fled from their preſence: and God hath ſent me to work things with thee whereat all the earth ſhall be aſtoniſhed, whoſoever ſhall hear it.

17 For thy ſervant is religious, and ſerveth the God of heaven day and night. Now therefore, my lord, I will remain with thee; and thy ſervant will go out by night into the valley, and I will pray unto God, and he will tell me when they have committed their ſins:

18 And I will come and ſhew it unto thee. Then thou ſhalt go forth with all thine army; and there ſhall be none of them that ſhall reſiſt thee.

19 And I will lead thee through the midſt of Judea, untill thou come before Jeruſalem: and I will ſet thy throne in the midſt thereof, and thou ſhalt drive them as ſheep that have no ſhepherd; and a dog ſhall not ſo much as || open his mouth at thee. For || theſe things were told me according to my foreknowledge, and they were declared unto me, and I am ſent to tell thee.

|| Or, bark. || Or, theſe things have I ſpoken.

20 Then her words pleaſed Holofernes and all his ſervants: and they marvelled at her wiſdom, and ſaid,

21 There is not ſuch a woman from one end of the earth to the other, both for beauty of face, and wiſdom of words.

22 Likewiſe Holofernes ſaid unto her, God hath done well to ſend thee before the people, that ſtrength might be in our hands, and deſtruction upon them that lightly regard my lord.

23 And now thou art both beautifull in thy countenance and witty in thy words: ſurely if thou do as thou haſt ſpoken, thy God ſhall be my God, and thou ſhalt dwell in the houſe of king Nabuchodonoſor, and ſhalt be renowned through the whole earth.

CHAP. XII.

1 Judith will not eat of Holofernes meat. 7 She tarried three days in the camp, and every night went forth to pray. 13 Bagoas moveth her to be merry with Holofernes. 20 who for joy of her company drunk much.

THen he commanded to bring her in where his plate was ſet, and bad that they ſhould prepare for her of his own meats, and that ſhe ſhould drink of his own wine.

2 And Judith ſaid, [a] I will not eat thereof, leſt there be an offence: but proviſion ſhall be made for me of the things that I have brought.

[a] Gen. 43. 32. Dan. 1. 8. Tob. 1. 11.

3 Then

3 Then Holofernes ſaid unto her, If thy proviſion ſhould fail, how ſhould we give thee the like? for there be none with us of thy nation.

4 Then ſaid Judith unto him, As thy ſoul liveth, my lord, thine handmaid ſhall not ſpend thoſe things that I have before the Lord work by mine hand the things that he hath determined.

5 Then the ſervants of Holofernes brought her into the tent: and ſhe ſlept till midnight, and ſhe aroſe when it was towards the morning watch,

6 And ſent to Holofernes, ſaying, Let my lord now command that thine handmaid may go forth unto prayer.

7 Then Holofernes commanded his guard that they ſhould not ſtay her. Thus ſhe abode in the camp three days, and went out in the night into the valley of Bethulia, and waſhed her ſelf in a fountain of water by the camp.

8 And when ſhe came out, ſhe beſought the Lord God of Iſrael to direct her way to the raiſing up of the children of her people.

9 So ſhe came in clean, and remained in the tent, untill ſhe did eat her meat at evening.

10 And in the fourth day Holofernes made a feaſt to his own ſervants onely, and called none of the officers to the banquet.

11 Then ſaid he to Bagoas the eunuch, who had charge over all that he had, Go now, and perſwade this Hebrew woman, which is with thee, that ſhe come unto us, and eat and drink with us.

12 For lo, it will be a ſhame for our perſon, if we ſhall let ſuch a woman go, not having had her company: for if we draw her not unto us, ſhe will laugh us to ſcorn.

13 Then went Bagoas from the preſence of Holofernes, and came to her, and he ſaid, Let not this fair damſel fear to come to my lord, and to be honoured in his preſence, and drink wine, and be merry with us, and be made this day as one of the daughters of the Aſſyrians, which ſerve in the houſe of Nabuchodonoſor.

14 Then ſaid Judith unto him, Who am I now, that I ſhould gainſay my lord? Surely whatſoever pleaſeth him I will do ſpeedily, and it ſhall be my joy unto the day of my death.

15 So ſhe aroſe, and decked her ſelf with her apparel and all her womans attire: and her maid went, and laid ſoft skins on the ground for her over againſt Holofernes, which ſhe had received of Bagoas for her daily uſe, that ſhe might ſit and eat upon them.

16 Now when Judith came in, and ſat down, Holofernes his heart was raviſhed with her, and his mind was moved, and he deſired greatly her company: for he waited a time to deceive her from the day that he had ſeen her.

17 Then ſaid Holofernes unto her, Drink now, and be merry with us.

18 So Judith ſaid, I will drink now, my lord, becauſe my life is magnified in me this day more then all the days ſince I was born.

19 Then ſhe took and ate and drank before him what her maid had prepared.

20 And Holofernes took great delight in her, and drank much more wine then he had drunk at any time in one day ſince he was born.

CHAP. XIII.

2 Judith is left alone with Holofernes in his tent. 4 She prayeth God to give her ſtrength. 7 She cutteth off his head while he ſleepeth, 10 and returneth with it to Bethulia. 17 They ſee it, and commend her.

NOw when the evening was come, his ſervants made haſte to depart: and Bagoas ſhut his tent without, and diſmiſſed the waiters from the preſence of his lord, and they went to their beds. For they were all weary, becauſe the feaſt had been long.

2 And Judith was left alone in the tent, and Holofernes lying along upon his bed: for he was filled with [a] wine. [a] Eccluſ. 31,30,31

3 Now Judith had commanded her maid to ſtand without her bed-chamber, and to wait for her coming forth, as ſhe did daily. For ſhe ſaid ſhe would go forth to

to her prayers. And she spake to Bagoas according to the same purpose.

4 So all went forth, and none was left in the bed-chamber, neither little nor great. Then Judith, standing by his bed, said in her heart, O Lord God of all power, look at this present upon the works of mine hands for the exaltation of Jerusalem.

5 For now is the time to help thine inheritance, and to execute mine enterprises, to the destruction of the enemies which are risen against us.

6 Then she came to the pillar of the bed which was at Holofernes head, and took down his fauchion from thence,

7 And approached to his bed, and took hold of the hair of his head, and said, Strengthen me, O Lord God of Israel, this day.

8 And she smote twice upon his neck with all her might, and she took away his head from him,

9 And tumbled his body down from the bed, and pulled down the canopy from the pillars: and anon after she went forth, and gave Holofernes his head to her maid:

10 And she put it in her bag of meat. So they twain went together according to their custom unto prayer. And when they passed the camp, they compassed the valley, and went up the mountain of Bethulia, and came to the gates thereof.

11 Then said Judith afar off to the watchmen at the gate, Open, open now the gate. God, even our God, is with us, to shew his power yet in Jerusalem, and his forces against the enemy, as he hath even done this day.

12 Now when the men of her city heard her voice, they made haste to go down to the gate of their city: and they called the elders of the city.

13 And then they ran all together both small and great: for it was strange unto them that she was come. So they opened the gate, and received them, and made a fire for a light, and stood round about them.

14 Then she said to them with a loud voice, Praise, praise God, praise God, I *say*: for he hath not taken away his mercy from the house of Israel, but hath destroyed our enemies by mine hands this night.

15 So she took the head out of the bag, and shewed it, and said unto them, Behold the head of Holofernes, the chief captain of the army of Assur, and behold the canopy wherein he did lie in his drunkenness: and the Lord hath smitten him by the hand of a woman.

16 As the Lord liveth, who hath kept me in my way that I went, my countenance hath deceived him to his destruction; and yet hath he not committed sin with me to defile and shame me.

17 Then all the people were wonderfully astonished, and bowed themselves, and worshipped God, and said with one accord, Blessed be thou, O our God, which hast this day brought to nought the enemies of thy people.

18 Then said Ozias unto her, O daughter, blessed art thou of the most High God above all the women upon the earth. And blessed be the Lord God which hath created the heavens and the earth, which hath directed thee to the cutting off of the head of the chief of our enemies.

19 For this thy confidence shall not depart from the heart of men which remember the power of God for ever.

20 And God turn these things to thee for a perpetual praise, to visit thee in good things, because thou hast not spared thy life for the affliction of our nation, but hast revenged our ruine, walking a straight way before our God. And all the people said, So be it, so be it.

CHAP. XIV.

Achior beareth Judith shew what she had done, and is circumcised. 11 *The head of Holofernes is hanged up.* 15 *He is found dead, and much lamented.*

THen said Judith unto them, Hear me now, my brethren, and [a] take this head, and hang it upon the highest place of your walls. [a] 2 Mac. 15. 35.

2 And so soon as the morning shall appear, and the sun shall come forth upon the

the earth, take you every one his weapons, and go forth every valiant man out of the city, and set you a captain over them, as though you would go down into the field toward the watch of the Assyrians, but go not down.

3 Then they shall take their armour, and shall go into their camp, and raise up the captains of the army of Assur, and they shall run to the tent of Holofernes, but shall not find him: then fear shall fall upon them, and they shall flee before your face.

4 So you, and all that inhabit the coast of Israel, shall pursue them, and overthrow them as they go.

5 But before you do these things, call me Achior the Ammonite, that he may see and know him that despised the house of Israel, and that sent him to us as it were to his death.

6 Then they called Achior out of the house of Ozias. And when he was come, and saw the head of Holofernes in a mans hand in the assembly of the people, he fell down on his face, and his spirit failed.

7 But when they had recovered him, he fell at Judiths feet, and reverenced her, and said, Blessed art thou in all the tabernacle of Juda, and in all nations, which hearing thy name shall be astonished.

8 Now therefore tell me all the things that thou hast done in these days. Then Judith declared unto him in the midst of the people all that she had done from the day that she went forth untill that hour she spake unto them.

9 And when she had left off speaking, the people shouted with a loud voice, and made a joyfull noise in their city.

10 And when Achior had seen all that the God of Israel had done, he beleeved in God greatly, and circumcised the flesh of his fore-skin, and was joyned unto the house of Israel unto this day.

11 And assoon as the morning arose, they hanged the head of Holofernes upon the wall: and every man took his weapons, and they went forth by bands unto the ‖ straits of the mountain.

‖ Or, ascents.

12 But when the Assyrians saw them, they sent to their leaders; which came to their captains, and tribunes, and to every one of their rulers.

13 So they came to Holofernes tent, and said to him that had the charge of all his things, Waken now our lord: for the slaves have been bold to come down against us to battel, that they may be utterly destroyed.

14 Then went in Bagoas, and knocked at the door of the tent: for he thought that he had slept with Judith.

15 But because none answered, he opened it, and went into the bed-chamber, and found him cast upon the floor dead, and his head was taken from him.

16 ‖ Therefore he cried with a loud voice, with weeping and sighing and a mighty cry, and rent his garments. ‖ Then,

17 After he went into the tent where Judith lodged: and when he found her not, he leaped out to the people, and cried,

18 These slaves have dealt treacherously. One woman of the Hebrews hath brought shame upon the house of king Nabuchodonosor: for behold, Holofernes *lieth* upon the ground without a head.

19 When the captains of the Assyrians army heard these words, they rent their coats, and their minds were wonderfully troubled. And there was a cry and a very great noise throughout the camp.

CHAP. XV.

1 *The Assyrians are chased and slain.* 8 *The high priest cometh to see Judith.* 11 *The stuff of Holofernes is given to Judith.* 13 *The women crown her with a garland.*

AND when they that were in the tents heard, they were astonished at the thing that was done.

2 And fear and trembling fell upon them, so that there was no man that durst abide in the sight of his neighbour, but rushing out all together they fled into every way of the plain and of the hill-countrey.

3 They also that had camped in the moun-

mountains round about Bethulia, fled away. Then the children of Israel, every one that was a warriour among them, rushed out upon them.

4 Then sent Ozias to Betomasthem; and to Bebai, and Chobai, and Cola, and to all the coasts of Israel, such as should tell the things that were done, and that all should rush forth upon their enemies to destroy them.

5 Now when the children of Israel heard it, they all fell upon them with one consent, and slew them unto Chobai. Likewise also they that came from Jerusalem, and from all the hill-country, (for men had told them what things were done in the camp of their enemies) and they that were in Galaad, and in Galilee, || chased them with a great slaughter, untill they were past Damascus and the borders thereof.

|| Or, Then.

6 And the residue that dwelt at Bethulia fell upon the camp of Assur, and spoiled them, and were greatly enriched.

7 And the children of Israel that returned from the slaughter had that which remained. And the villages and the cities, that were in the mountains and in the plain, gat many spoils: for the multitude was very great.

8 Then Joacim the high priest, and the ancients of the children of Israel that dwelt in Jerusalem, came to behold the good things that God had shewed to Israel, and to see Judith, and to salute her.

9 And when they came unto her, they blessed her with one accord, and said unto her, Thou art the exaltation of Jerusalem, thou art the great glory of Israel, thou art the great rejoycing of our nation.

10 Thou hast done all these things by thine hand; thou hast done much good to Israel: and God is pleased therewith. Blessed be thou of the Almighty Lord for evermore. And all the people said, So be it.

11 And the people spoiled the camp the space of thirty days. And they gave unto Judith Holofernes his tent, and all his plate, and beds, and vessels, and all his stuff. And she took it, and laid it on her mule; and made ready her carts, and laid them thereon.

12 Then all the women of Israel ran together to see her, and blessed her, and made a dance among them for her. And she took branches in her hand, and gave also to the women that were with her.

13 And they put a garland of olive upon her, and her maid that was with her. And she went before all the people in the dance, leading all the women. And all the men of Israel followed in their armour with garlands, and with songs in their mouths.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The song of Judith. 19 She dedicateth the stuff of Holofernes. 23 She dieth at Bethulia, a widow of great honour. 24 All Israel lament her death.

THen Judith began to sing this thanksgiving in all Israel, and all the people sang after her || this song of praise.

|| Or, this praise sung.

2 And Judith said, Begin unto my God with timbrels, sing unto my Lord with cymbals: tune unto him a || new psalm: exalt him, and call upon his name.

|| Or, psalm & praise.

3 For God breaketh the battels. For amongst the camps in the midst of the people he hath delivered me out of the hands of them that persecuted me.

4 Assur came out of the mountains from the north: he came with ten thousands of his army, the [a] multitude whereof stopped the torrents, and their horsemen have covered the hills.

[a] Chap. 2. 19.

5 He bragged that he would burn up my borders, and kill my young men with the sword, and dash the sucking children against the ground, and make mine infants as a prey, and my virgins as a spoil.

6 But the Almighty Lord hath disappointed them by the hand of a woman.

7 For the mighty one did not fall by the young men, neither did the sons of the Titans smite him, nor high giants set upon him: but Judith the daughter of Merari weakned him with the beauty of her countenance.

8 For

8 For she put off the garment of her widowhood for the exaltation of those that were oppressed in Israel, and anointed her face with ointment, and bound her hair in a † tire, and took a linen garment to deceive him.

† Or. mure.

9 Her sandals ravished his eyes; her beauty took his mind prisoner; and the sauchion passed through his neck.

10 The Persians quaked at her boldness, and the Medes were ‖ daunted at her hardiness.

‖ Or. confounded.

11 Then my afflicted shouted for joy, and my weak ones cried aloud; but ‖ they were astonished: these lifted up their voices; but they were overthrown.

‖ the Assyrians.

12 The sons of the damsels have pierced them through, and wounded them as fugitives children. They perished by the battel of the Lord.

13 I will sing unto the Lord ‖ a new song. O Lord, thou art great and glorious, wonderfull in strength, and invincible.

‖ Or. a song of praise.

14 Let all creatures serve thee: for thou spakest, and they were made; thou didst send forth thy spirit, and it created them; and there is none that can resist thy voice.

15 For the mountains shall be moved from their foundations with the waters, the rocks shall melt as wax at thy presence: yet thou art mercifull to them that fear thee.

16 For all sacrifice is too little for a sweet savour unto thee, and all the fat is not sufficient for thy burnt-offering: but he that feareth the Lord is great at all times.

17 Wo to the nations that rise up against my kindred. The Lord Almighty will take vengeance of them in the day of judgement, in putting fire and worms in their flesh: and they shall feel them, and weep for ever.

18 Now assoon as they entred into Jerusalem, they worshipped the Lord. And assoon as the people were purified, they offered their burnt offerings, and their free offerings, and their gifts.

19 Judith also dedicated all the stuff of Holofernes which the people had given her; and gave the canopy, which she had taken out of his bed-chamber, for a gift unto the Lord.

20 So the people continued feasting in Jerusalem before the sanctuary for the space of three moneths; and Judith remained with them.

21 After this time every one returned to his own inheritance: And Judith went to Bethulia, and remained in her own possession, and was in her time honourable in all the countrey.

22 And many desired her: but none knew her all the days of her life, after that Manasses her husband was dead, and was gathered to his people.

23 But she increased more and more in honour, and waxed old in her husbands house, being an hundred and five years old; and made her maid free. So she died in Bethulia: and they buried her in the ‖ cave of her husband Manasses.

‖ Or. sepulcher.

24 And the house of Israel lamented her [b] seven days. And before she died, she did distribute her goods to all them that were neerest of kindred to Manasses her husband, and to them that were the nearest of her kindred.

[b] Gen. 50. 10.

25 And there was none that made the children of Israel any more afraid in the days of Judith, nor a long time after her death.

The

The reſt of the chapters of the book of ESTHER, which are found neither in the Hebrew nor in the Chaldee.

Part of the tenth chapter after the Greek.

5 Mardocheus remembreth and expoundeth his dream of the river and the two dragons.

THen Mardocheus ſaid, God hath done theſe things.

5 For I remember [a] a dream which I ſaw concerning theſe matters; and nothing thereof hath failed.

6 A little fountain became a river; and there was light, and the ſun, and much water. This river is Eſther, whom the king married, and made queen.

7 And the two dragons are I and Aman.

8 And the nations were thoſe that were aſſembled to deſtroy the name of the Jews.

9 And my nation is this Iſrael, which cried to God, and were ſaved. For the Lord hath ſaved his people, and the Lord hath delivered us from all thoſe evils, and God hath wrought ſigns and great wonders, which have not been done among the Gentiles.

10 Therefore hath he made two lots, one for the people of God, and another for all the Gentiles.

11 And theſe two lots came at the hour and time and day of judgement before God amongſt all nations.

12 So God remembred his people, and juſtified his inheritance.

13 Therefore thoſe days ſhall be unto them in the moneth Adar, the fourteenth and fifteenth day of the ſame moneth, with an aſſembly, and with joy and gladneſs before God, according to the generations for ever among his people.

CHAP. XI.

1 The ſtock and quality of Mardocheus. 6 He dreameth of two dragons coming forth to fight, 10 and of a little fountain which became a great water.

IN the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemeus and Cleopatra Doſithe-

us, who ſaid he was a prieſt and Levite, and Ptolemeus his ſon brought this epiſtle of Phurim, which they ſaid was the ſame, and that Lyſimachus the ſon of Ptolemeus, that was in Jeruſalem, had interpreted it.

2 In the ſecond year of the reign of Artaxerxes the great, in the firſt day of the moneth Niſan, Mardocheus the ſon of Jairus, the ſon of Semei, the ſon of Ciſai, of the tribe of Benjamin, had a dream:

3 Who was a Jew, and dwelt in the city of Suſa, a great man, being a ſervitour in the kings court.

4 He was alſo one of the captives which Nabuchodonoſor the king of Babylon carried from Jeruſalem with Jechonias king of Judea. And this was his dream.

5 Behold, a noiſe of a tumult, with thunder, and earthquakes, and uproar in the land.

6 And behold, two great dragons came forth ready to fight; and their cry was great.

7 And at their cry all nations were prepared to battel, that they might fight againſt the righteous people.

8 And lo, a day of darkneſs and obſcurity, tribulation and anguiſh, affliction, and great uproar upon the earth.

9 And the whole righteous nation was troubled, fearing their own evils; and were ready to periſh.

10 Then they cried unto God: and upon their cry, as it were from a little fountain was made a great floud, even much water.

11 The light and the ſun roſe up; and the lowly were exalted, and devoured the glorious.

12 Now when Mardocheus, who had ſeen this dream, and what God had determined to do, was awake, he bare this

dream in mind, and untill night by all means was desirous to know it.

CHAP. XII.

2 The conspiracy of the two eunuchs is discovered by Mardocheus: 5 for which he is entertained by the king, and rewarded.

AND Mardocheus took his rest in the court with Gabatha and Tharra, the two eunuchs of the king, and keepers of the palace.

a Esther 2. 21. & 6. 2. 2 a And he heard their devices, and searched out their purposes, and learned that they were about to lay hands upon Artaxerxes the king: and so he certified the king of them.

3 Then the king examined the two eunuchs, and after that they had confessed it, they were strangled.

4 And the king made a record of these things; and Mardocheus also wrote thereof.

5 So the king commanded Mardocheus to serve in the court, and for this he rewarded him.

6 Howbeit Aman the son of Amadathus the Agagite, who was in great honour with the king, sought to molest Mardocheus and his people, because of the two eunuchs of the king.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The copy of the kings letters to destroy the Jews. 8 The prayer of Mardocheus for them.

Joseph. Antiq. lib. 11. cap. 6. THE copy of the letters was this. The great king Artaxerxes writeth these things to the princes and governours that are under him from India unto Ethiopia in an hundred and seven and twenty provinces.

2 After that I became lord over many nations, and had dominion over the whole world, not lifted up with presumption of my authority, but carrying my self alway with equity & mildness, I purposed to settle my subjects continually in a quiet life; and making my kingdom || peaceable, and open for passage to the utmost coasts, to renew peace, which is desired of all men.

|| Or, mild.

3 Now when I asked my counsellers how this might be brought to pass, Aman, that excelled in wisdom among us, and was approved for his constant good will and stedfast fidelity, and had the honour of the second place in the kingdom,

4 Declared unto us that in all nations throughout the world there was scattered a certain malitious people, that had laws contrary to all nations, and continually despised the commandments of kings, so as the uniting of our kingdoms honourably intended by us cannot || go forward.

|| Or, be stayed.

5 Seeing then we understand that this people alone is continually in opposition unto all men, differing in the strange manner of their laws, and evil-affected to our state, working all the mischief they can, that our kingdom may not be firmly stablished;

6 Therefore have we commanded that all they that are signified in writing unto you by Aman, who is ordained over the affairs, and is || next unto us, shall all with their wives and children be utterly destroyed by the sword of their enemies, without all mercy and pity, the fourteenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar of this present year;

|| Or, second from me.

7 That they, who of old and now also are malicious, may in one day with violence go into the grave, and so ever hereafter cause our affairs to be well settled and without trouble.

8 Then Mardocheus thought upon all the works of the Lord, and made his prayer unto him,

9 Saying, O Lord, Lord, the King Almighty: for the whole world is in thy power; and if thou hast appointed to save Israel, there is no man that can gainsay thee.

10 For thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven.

11 Thou art Lord of all things; and there is no man that can resist thee, which art the Lord.

12 Thou knowest all things; and thou knowest, Lord, that it was neither in contempt nor pride, nor for any desire of glory, that I did not bow down to proud Aman.

13 For

13 For I could have been content with good will for the ſalvation of Iſrael to kiſs the ſoles of his feet.

14 But I did this that I might not prefer the glory of man above the glory of God: neither will I worſhip any but thee, O God; neither will I do it in pride.

15 And now, O Lord God and King, ſpare thy people: for their eyes are upon us to bring us to nought: yea, they deſire to deſtroy the inheritance that hath been thine from the beginning.

16 Deſpiſe not the portion which thou haſt delivered out of Egypt for thine own ſelf.

17 Hear my prayer, and be merciſull unto thine inheritance: turn our ſorrow into joy, that we may live, O Lord, and praiſe thy name: and ‖ deſtroy not the mouths of them that praiſe thee, O Lord.

18 All Iſrael in like manner cried moſt †earneſtly unto the Lord, becauſe their death was before their eyes.

CHAP. XIV.

The prayer of queen Eſther for her ſelf and her people.

QUeen Eſther alſo, being in fear of death, reſorted unto the Lord;

2 And laid away her glorious apparel, and put on the garments of anguiſh and mourning; and in ſtead of precious ointments, ſhe covered her head with aſhes and dung; and ſhe humbled her body greatly, and all the places of her joy ſhe filled with her torn hair.

3 And ſhe prayed unto the Lord God of Iſrael, ſaying, O my Lord, thou onely art our King: help me deſolate woman, which have no helper but thee.

4 For my danger is in mine hand.

5 From my youth up I have heard in the tribe of my family that thou, O Lord, tookeſt Iſrael from among all people, and our fathers from all their predeceſſours, for a perpetuall inheritance; and thou haſt performed whatſoever thou didſt promiſe them.

6 And now we have ſinned before thee: therefore haſt thou given us into the hands of our enemies,

7 Becauſe we worſhipped their gods. O Lord, thou art righteous.

8 Nevertheleſs, it ſatisfieth them not that we are in bitter captivity: but they have ſtricken hands with their idols,

9 That they will aboliſh the thing that thou with thy mouth haſt ordained, and deſtroy thine inheritance, and ſtop the mouth of them that praiſe thee, and quench the glory of thy houſe and of thine altar,

10 And open the mouths of the heathen to ſet forth the praiſes of the † idols, and to magnifie a fleſhly king for ever.

11 O Lord, give not thy ſceptre unto them that † be nothing, and let them not laugh at our fall: but turn their device upon themſelves, and make him an example that hath begun this againſt us.

12 Remember, O Lord, make thy ſelf known in time of our affliction; and give me boldneſs, O King of the ‖ nations, and Lord of all power.

13 Give me eloquent ſpeech in my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him that fighteth againſt us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are like minded to him:

14 But deliver us with thine hand, and help me that am deſolate, and which have no other helper but thee.

15 Thou knoweſt all things, O Lord: thou knoweſt that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumciſed and of † all the heathen.

16 Thou knoweſt my neceſſity: for I abhor the ſign of my † high eſtate which is upon mine head in the days wherein I ſhew my ſelf, and that I abhor it as a menſtruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am † private by my ſelf;

17 And that thine hand-maid hath not eaten at Amans table; and that I have not greatly eſteemed the kings feaſt, nor drunk the wine of the drink-offerings.

18 Neither had thine hand-maid any joy ſince the day † that I was brought hither to this preſent, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.

† Or, vain things.

† Or, be not.

‖ Or, gods.

† Gr. every ſtranger.

† Gr. pride.

† Gr. ſince, or private.

† Gr. of my change.

19 O thou mighty God above all, hear the voice of the forlorn; and deliver us out of the hands of the mischievous, and deliver me out of my fear.

CHAP. XV.

6 Esther cometh into the kings presence. 7 He looketh angerly, and she fainteth. 8 The king doth take her up, and comfort her.

AND upon the third day, when she had ended her prayer, she laid away her mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel.

2 And being gloriously adorned, after she had called upon God, who is the beholder and Saviour of all things, she took two maids with her.

3 And upon the one she leaned, as carrying her self ‖ daintily.

‖ Or, delicately.

4 And the other followed, bearing up her train.

5 And she was ‖ ruddy through the perfection of her beauty, and her countenance was cheerfull and ‖ very amiable; but her heart was in anguish for fear.

‖ Or, to be coloured.
‖ Or, as amiable, or smiling.

6 Then having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king, who sat upon his royal throne, and was clothed with all his robes of majesty, all glittering with gold and precious stones; and he was very dreadfull.

7 Then lifting up his countenance, that shone with majesty, he looked very fiercely upon her. And the queen fell down, and was pale, and fainted, and bowed her self upon the head of the maid that went ‖ before her.

‖ Or, with her, or by her. † Or, in a agony.

8 Then God changed the spirit of the king into mildness; who † in a fear leaped from his throne, and took her in his arms, till she came to her self again, and comforted her with loving words, and said unto her,

9 Esther, what is the matter? I am thy brother: be of good cheer.

10 Thou shalt not die, though our commandment be ‖ general: come near.

‖ Or, or will thine is mine.

11 And so he held up his golden sceptre, and laid it upon her neck,

12 And embraced her, and said, Speak unto me.

13 Then she said unto him, I saw thee, my lord, as an angel of God; and my heart was troubled for fear of thy majesty.

14 For wonderfull art thou, lord; and thy countenance is full of grace.

15 And as she was speaking, she ‖ fell down for faintness.

‖ Or, fell in a swoon.

16 Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The letter of Artaxerxes, 10 wherein he taxeth Aman, 17 and revoketh the decree procured by Aman to destroy the Jews, 22 and commandeth the day of their deliverance to be kept holy.

THE great king Artaxerxes unto the princes and governours of an hundred and seven and twenty provinces from India unto Ethiopia, and unto all ‖ our faithfull subjects, greeting.

Joseph. Ant. lib. 11. cap. 6.

‖ Or, well affected to our state, or, that be assistants.

2 Many, the more often they are honoured with the great bounty of † their gracious princes, the more proud they are waxen;

3 And endeavour to hurt not our subjects onely; but, not being able to bear abundance, do take in hand to practice also against those that do them good:

4 And take not onely thankfulness away from among men; but also, lifted up with the glorious words of ‖ lewd persons that ‖ were never good, they think to escape the justice of God, that seeth all things, and hateth evil.

‖ Or, needy. ‖ Or, never tasted prosperity.

5 Oftentimes also fair speech of ‖ those that are put in trust to manage their friends affairs hath caused many that are in authority to be partakers of innocent bloud, and hath enwrapped them in remediless calamities;

‖ Or, their friends put in trust to manage the affairs.

6 Beguiling with the falshood and deceit of their lewd disposition the innocency and goodness of princes.

7 Now ye may see this, as we have declared, not so much by ancient histories, as ye may if ye search what hath been wickedly done of late through the pestilent behaviour of them that are unworthily placed in authority.

8 And we must take care for the time to come that our kingdom may be

be quiet and peaceable for all men;

9 Both by changing our purposes, and always judging things that are evident with more equal proceeding.

10 For Aman a Macedonian, the son of Amadatha, being indeed a stranger from the Persian bloud, and far distant from our goodness, and as a stranger received of us,

11 Had so far forth obtained the favour that we shew toward every nation, as that he was called our father, and was continually honoured of all men as the next person unto the king.

12 But he, not bearing his great dignity, went about to deprive us of our kingdom and life;

13 Having by manifold and cunning deceits sought of us the destruction as well of Mardocheus, who saved our life and continually procured our good, as also of blameless Esther partaker of our kingdom, with their whole nation.

14 For by these means he thought, finding us destitute of friends, to have translated the kingdom of the Persians to the Macedonians.

15 But we find that the Jews, whom this wicked wretch hath delivered to utter destruction, are no evil doers, but live by most just laws;

16 And that they be children of the most high and most mighty living God, who hath ‖ ordered the kingdom both unto us and to our progenitours in the most excellent manner.

17 Wherefore ye shall do well not to put in execution the letters sent unto you by Aman the son of Amadatha.

18 For he that was the worker of these things is hanged at the gates of Susa, with all his family; God, who ruleth all things, speedily rendring vengeance to him according to his deserts.

19 Therefore ye shall publish the copy of this letter in all places, that the Jews may freely live after their own laws.

20 And he shall aid them, that even the same day, being the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth Adar, they may be avenged on them who in the time of their affliction shall set upon them.

21 For Almighty God hath turned to joy unto them the day wherein the chosen people should have perished.

22 You shall therefore among your solemn feasts keep it an high day with all feasting:

23 That both now and hereafter there may be safety to us and the well-affected Persians; but to those which do conspire against us, a memorial of destruction.

24 Therefore every city and countrey whatsoever which shall not do according to these things, shall be destroyed without mercy, with fire and sword; and shall be made not onely unpassable for men, but also most hatefull to wild beasts and fowls for ever.

The WISDOM of SOLOMON.

CHAP. I.

1 To whom God sheweth himself. 4 and Wisdom herself. 6 An evil speaker cannot lie hid. 12 We procure our own destruction: 13 For God created not death.

LOve a righteousness, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good *heart*, and in simplicity of heart seek him.

2 For b he will be found of them that tempt him not; and sheweth himself unto such as do not distrust him.

3 For froward thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, ‖ reproveth the unwise.

4 For into a malitious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject unto sin.

5 c For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding; and ‖ will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in.

6 For

‖ Or, fell in a swoun.

Joseph. Ant. lib. 11. cap. 6.

‖ Or, well affected to our state. a Or, their benefactours.

‖ Or, ready. ‖ Or, never to shed blood in vain. ‖ Or, our friends put in trust to manage the affairs.

‖ Or, maketh manifest.

c Jer. 4. 22.

‖ Or, is rebuked, or sheweth it self.

6 For wisdom is a [d] loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his ‖ words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue.

7 For the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: and that which ‖ containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice.

8 Therefore he that speaketh unrighteous things cannot be hid: neither shall vengeance, when it punisheth, pass by him.

9 For inquisition shall be made into the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the ‖ manifestation of his wicked deeds.

10 For the ear of jealousie heareth all things; and the noise of murmurings is not hid.

11 Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret that shall go for nought; and the mouth that ‖ belieth slayeth the soul.

12 Seek not death in the errour of your life: and pull not upon your selves [e] destruction with the works of your hands.

13 For [f] God made not death; neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living.

14 For he created all things that they might have their being; and the generations of the world were healthfull, and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth.

15 For righteousness is immortall.

16 But ungodly men with their works and words called *it* to them: for when they thought to have it their friend, they consumed to nought, and made a covenant with it, because they are worthy to take part with it.

CHAP. II.

1 *The wicked think this life short,* 5 *and of no other after this:* 6 *Therefore they will take their pleasure in this,* 10 *and conspire against the just.* 21 *What that is which doth blind them.*

FOr the *ungodly* said, reasoning with themselves, but not aright, [a] Our life is short and tedious, and [b] in the death of a man there is no remedy: neither was there any man known to have returned from the grave.

2 For we are born at all adventure: and we shall be hereafter as though we had never been: for the breath in our nostrils is as smoke, and a little spark in the moving of our heart:

3 Which being extinguished, our body shall be turned into ashes, and our spirit shall vanish as the ‖ soft air,

4 And our name shall be forgotten in time, and no man shall have our works in remembrance; and our life shall pass away as the trace of a cloud, and shall be dispersed as a mist that is driven away with the beams of the sun, and ‖ overcome with the heat thereof.

5 [c] For our time is a very shadow that passeth away: and after our end there is no returning: for it is fast sealed, so that no man cometh again.

6 Come on therefore, let us enjoy the good things [d] that are present; and let us ‖ speedily use the creatures like as in youth.

7 Let us fill our selves with costly wine, and ointments: and let no flower of the spring pass by us.

8 Let us crown our selves with rosebuds before they be withered.

9 Let none of us go without his part of our ‖ voluptuousness; let us leave tokens of our joyfulness in every place: for this is our portion, and our lot is this.

10 Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow, nor reverence the ancient gray hairs of the aged.

11 Let our strength be the law of justice: for that which is feeble is found to be nothing worth.

12 Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous; because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings. He upbraideth us with our offending the law, and objecteth to our infamy the transgressings of our education.

13 He professeth to have the knowledge of

[a] Job 7. 1.
[b] Mat. 22. 23. 1 Cor. 15. 32.
[c] 1 Cor. 7. 31.
[d] Or, *that are present quickly.*
[e] Deut. 4. 23, 24.
[f] Ezek. 18. 32. & 33. 11.
‖ Or, *hast.*
‖ Or, *spirit.*
‖ Or, *reproving.*
‖ Or, *slandereth.*
‖ Or, *voluptuousness.*

of God; and [c] calleth himself the child of the Lord.

14 He was made [f] to reprove our thoughts.

15 [g] He is grievous unto us even to behold: for his life is not like other mens, his ways are of another fashion.

16 We are esteemed of him as [||] counterfeits; he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness: [g] he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his father.

17 Let us see if his words be true; and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him.

18 For if the just man be the [h] son of God, he will help him, and deliver him from the hand of his enemies.

19 Let us [i] examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience.

20 Let us condemn him with a shamefull death: for by his own saying he shall be respected.

21 Such things they did imagine, and were deceived: for their own wickedness hath blinded them.

22 As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not; neither hoped they for the wages of righteousness, nor † discerned a reward for blameless souls.

23 For God created man to be immortall, and made him to be an [k] image of his own eternity.

24 [l] Nevertheless, through envy of the devil came death into the world: and they that do hold of his side do find it.

CHAP. III.

1 The godly are happy in their death, 5 and in their troubles: 10 The wicked are not, nor their children. 13 But they that are pure are happy, though they have no children: 16 For the adulterer and his seed shall perish.

BUt [a] the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; and there shall no torment touch them.

2 [b] In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; and their departure is taken for misery,

3 And their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

4 For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their [c] hope full of immortality.

5 And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly [||] rewarded: for God [d] proved them, and found them [||] worthy for himself.

6 [e] As gold in the furnace hath he tried them, and received them as a burnt-offering.

7 And in the time of their visitation [f] they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble.

8 They [g] shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

9 They that put their trust in him shall understand the truth; [||] and such as be faithfull in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his saints, and he hath care for his elect.

10 But the [h] ungodly shall be punished according to their own imaginations, which have neglected the righteous, and forsaken the Lord.

11 For [m] whoso despiseth wisdom and nurture, he is miserable; and their hope is vain, their labours unfruitfull, and their works unprofitable.

12 Their wives are [||] foolish, and their children wicked.

13 Their off-spring is cursed. Wherefore blessed is the barren that is undefiled, which hath not known the sinfull bed: she [i] shall have fruit in the visitation of souls.

14 And *blessed is* the [k] eunuch which with his hands hath wrought no iniquity, nor imagined wicked things against God: for unto him shall be given † the special gift of faith, and an inheritance [||] in the temple of the Lord more acceptable to his mind.

15 For glorious is the fruit of good labours; and the root of wisdom shall never fall away.

16 As for the children of adulterers, they shall not come to their perfection, and the seed of an unrighteous bed shall be rooted out.

[c] Mat. 22. 23. 1 Cor. 15. 32.
[f] Or, *rebuke*.
[g] Or, *perverse*.
[h] Or, *servant*.
[i] Or, *examine him by despitefulness and torture*.
[c] Rom. 8. 24. 2 Cor. 5. 1. 1 Pet. 1. 13.
[||] Or, *benefited*.
[d] Exod. 16. 4. Deu. 8. 2
[||] Or, *meet*.
[e] Zech. 13. 9. Mal. 3. 3
[f] Mat. 13. 43.
[g] Mat. 19. 28. 1 Cor. 6. 2.
[||] Or, *and such as be faithfull shall remain with him in love*.
[h] Mat. 25. 41.
[||] Or, *light, or uncleanse*.
[i] Isa. 56. 5.
[k] Isa. 56. 4, 5.
† Gr. *the chosen*.
[||] Or, *among st the people*
[l] Or, *be partakers of holy things*.

17 For though they live long, yet ſhall they be nothing regarded; and their laſt age ſhall be without honour.

18 Or, if they die quickly, they have no hope, neither comfort in the day of trial.

‖ Or, hearing.

19 For horrible is the end of the unrighteous generation.

CHAP. IV.

1 The chaſte man ſhall be crowned. 3 Baſtard ſlips ſhall not thrive. 6 They ſhall witneſs againſt their parents. 7 The juſt die young, and are happy. 19 The miſerable end of the wicked.

BEtter it is to have no children, and to have vertue: for the memorial thereof is immortall; becauſe it is ‖ known with God, and with men.

‖ Or, approved.

2 When it is preſent, men take example at it; and when it is gone, they deſire it: [a] it weareth a crown, and triumpheth for ever, having gotten the victory, ſtriving for undefiled rewards.

[a] Jam. 1. 12. 1 Pet. 5. 4 Rev. 2. 10.

3 But the multiplying brood of the ungodly ſhall not thrive, nor take deep rooting from baſtard ſlips, nor lay any faſt foundation.

4 For though they flouriſh in branches for a time; [b] yet ſtanding not faſt, they ſhall be ſhaken with the wind, and through the force of winds they ſhall be rooted out.

[b] Mat. 7. 19.

[c] Chap. 3. 16.

5 The [c] unperfect branches ſhall be broken off, their fruit unprofitable, not ripe to eat, yea, meet for nothing.

6 For children begotten of unlawfull † beds are witneſſes of wickedneſs againſt their parents in their trial.

† Or, ſleeps.

7 But though the righteous be prevented with death, yet ſhall he be in reſt.

8 For honourable age is not that which ſtandeth in length of time, nor that is meaſured by number of years:

9 But wiſdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unſpotted life is old age.

10 [d] He pleaſed God, and was beloved of him: ſo that living amongſt ſinners he was tranſlated:

[d] Gen. 5. 24. Heb. 11. 5. See Iſ. 57. 1.

11 Yea, ſpeedily was he taken away, leſt that wickedneſs ſhould alter his underſtanding, or deceit beguile his ſoul.

12 For the bewitching of naughtineſs doth obſcure things that are honeſt; and the wandring of concupiſcence doth † undermine the ſimple mind.

† Or, pervert. Or, ſcemeth. Or, ſeduced.

13 He being made ‖ perfect in a ſhort time fulfilled a long time.

‖ Or, conſummate.

14 For his ſoul pleaſed the Lord: therefore haſted he *to take him away* from among the wicked.

15 This the people ſaw, and underſtood it not; neither laid they up this in their minds, That his grace and mercy is with his ſaints, and that he hath reſpect unto his choſen.

16 Thus the righteous that is dead ſhall condemn the ungodly which are living; and youth that is ſoon perfected, the many years and old age of the unrighteous.

17 For they ſhall ſee the end of the wiſe, and ſhall not underſtand what God in his counſel hath decreed of him, and to what end the Lord hath ſet him in ſafety.

18 They ſhall ſee him, and deſpiſe him: but God ſhall laugh them to ſcorn; and they ſhall hereafter be a vile carcaſe, and a reproach among the dead for evermore.

19 For he ſhall rend them, and caſt them down headlong, that they ſhall be ſpeechleſs; and he ſhall ſhake them from the foundation: and they ſhall be utterly laid waſte, and be in ſorrow; and their memorial ſhall periſh.

20 And when they caſt up the accounts of their ſins, they ſhall come with fear; and their own iniquities ſhall convince them to their face.

‖ Or, raiſe reaſonings of the wicked.

CHAP. V.

1 The wicked ſhall wonder at the godly, 4 and confeſs their errour, 5 and the vanity of their lives. 15 God will reward the juſt, 17 and war againſt the wicked.

THen ſhall the righteous man ſtand in great boldneſs before the face of ſuch as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labours.

2 When they ſee it, they ſhall be troubled with terrible fear; and ſhall be amazed at the ſtrangeneſs of his ſalvation, ſo far beyond all that they looked for.

3 And they repenting, and groaning for anguiſh of ſpirit, ſhall ſay within themſelves, This was he whom we had ſometimes

times in derision & a proverb of reproach.

4 [a] We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour.

5 How is he numbred among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints!

6 Therefore have we erred from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness hath not shined unto us, and the sun of righteousness rose not upon us.

7 We wearied our selves in the way of wickedness and destruction; yea, we have gone through deserts, where there lay no way: but as for the way of the Lord, we have not known it.

8 What hath pride profited us? or what good hath riches with *our* vaunting brought us?

9 All those things are [b] passed away like a shadow, and as a post that hasteth by;

10 And [c] as a ship that passeth over the waves of the water, which when it is gone by, the trace thereof cannot be found, neither the path-way of the keel in the waves;

11 Or as when a bird || hath flown through the air, there is no token of her way to be found, but the light air being beaten with the stroke of her wings and parted with the violent noise and motion of them is passed through, and therein afterwards no sign where she went is to be found;

12 Or like as when an arrow is shot at a mark, it parteth the air, which immediately cometh together again, so that a man cannot know where it went through:

13 Even so we in like manner, assoon as we were born, began to draw to our end, and had no sign of vertue to shew; but were consumed in our own wickedness.

14 [d] For the hope of the ungodly is like †dust that is blown away with the wind, like a thin froth that is driven away with the storm, like as the || smoke which is [e] dispersed here and there with a tempest, and passeth away as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a day.

15 But the righteous live for evermore: [f] their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most High.

16 Therefore shall they receive a glorious || kingdom, and § a beautifull crown from the Lords hand: for with his right hand shall he cover them, and with his arm shall he protect them:

17 [h] He shall take to him his jealousie for compleat armour, and make the creature his weapon for the revenge of his enemies:

18 He shall put on righteousness as a breast-plate, and true judgement in stead of an helmet:

19 He shall take || holiness for an invincible shield:

20 His severe wrath shall he sharpen for a sword: and the world shall fight with him against the unwise.

21 Then shall the right aiming thunder-bolts go abroad, and from the clouds, as from a well-drawn bowe, shall they flie to the mark:

22 And hailstones full of wrath shall be cast *as* out of a stone-bowe; and the water of the sea shall rage against them, and the flouds shall cruelly drown them:

23 Yea, a mighty wind shall stand up against them, and like a storm shall blow them away. Thus iniquity shall lay waste the whole earth, and ill dealing shall overthrow the thrones of the mighty.

CHAP. VI.

1 *Kings must give ear.* 3 *They have their power from God,* 5 *who will not spare them.* 12 *Wisdom is soon found.* 21 *Princes must seek for it:* 24 *for a wise prince is the stay of his people.*

HEar therefore, O ye kings, and understand; learn, ye that be judges of the ends of the earth.

2 Give ear, you that rule the people, and glory in the multitude of nations.

3 For [a] power is given you of the Lord, and soveraignty from the Highest, who shall try your works, and search out your counsels.

4 Because, being ministers of his kingdom, you have not judged aright, nor kept the law, nor walked after the counsel of God,

5 Hor-

† Gr. *Perverse.* || Or *fond, vain, or false words.*

[a] Wisd. 5. 4.

† Gr. *Perverse.* || Or *false things of the saints.*

[b] Job 9. 25. Psal. 90. 5, 6. Jam. 4. 14.

[c] Wisd. 5. 10.

|| Or *flown*

[d] Job 8. 13. Psal. 1. 4. Isa. 17. 13. Hos. 13. 3.

† Gr. *dust of the threshing floor.* || Or *vapour*

[e] Or *scattered.*

[f] Gen. 15. 1. Rev. 22. 12.

|| Or, *palace*: unless the word be taken unproperly, as 2 Mac. 3. 17. & 5. Chap. 1. 2. 2 Ti. 4. 8. Rev. 4. 4. & 9. 7.

§ Isa. 59. 16, 17.

|| Or, *equity.*

[h] Wisd. 5. 17.

[a] Rom. 13. 1, 2.

5 Hor-

5 Horribly and speedily shall he come upon you: for a sharp judgement shall be to them that be in high places.

6 For [a] mercy will soon pardon the meanest; but mighty men shall be mightily tormented.

7 For he which is Lord over all [c] shall fear no mans person, neither shall he stand in aw of any mans greatness: for he hath made the small and great, and careth for all alike.

8 But a sore trial shall come upon the mighty.

9 Unto you therefore, *O kings*, do I speak, that ye may learn wisdom, and not fall away.

10 For they that keep holiness holily shall be ‖ judged holy; and they that have learned such things shall find ‖ what to answer.

11 Wherefore set your affection upon my words: desire them, and ye shall be instructed.

12 Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away: yea, [d] she is easily seen of them that love her, & found of such as seek her.

13 She preventeth them that desire her, in making her self first known unto them.

14 Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travel; for he shall find her sitting at his doors.

15 To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom: and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care.

16 For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth her self favourably unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought.

17 For the very true beginning of her is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love;

18 And love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption;

19 And incorruption maketh us near unto God.

20 Therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom.

21 If your delight be then in thrones and sceptres, O ye kings of the people, honour wisdom, that ye may reign for evermore.

22 As for wisdom, what she is, and how she came up, I will tell you, and will not hide my secrets from you; but will seek her out from the beginning of her nativity, and bring the knowledge of her into light, and will not pass over the truth.

23 Neither will I go with consuming envy: for such a man shall have no fellowship with wisdom.

24 But the multitude of the wise is the welfare of the world: and a wise king is the upholding of the people.

25 Receive therefore instruction through my words, and it shall do you good.

CHAP. VII.

1 *All men have their beginning and end alike.*
8 *He preferred wisdom before all things else.*
15 *God gave him all the knowledge which he had.*
22 *The praise of wisdom.*

I My self also am a mortall man, like to all, and the offspring of him that was first made of the earth;

2 And in my mothers womb was fashioned to be flesh in the time of ten moneths, [a] being compacted in blood of the seed of man, and the pleasure that came with [b] sleep.

3 And when I was born, I drew in the common air, & fell upon the earth which is of like nature: and the first voice which I uttered was crying, as all others do.

4 I was nursed in swadling clothes, and that with cares.

5 For there is no king that had any other beginning of birth.

6 [c] For all men have one entrance into life, and the like going out.

7 Wherefore [d] I prayed, and understanding was given me: I called *upon God*, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

8 I [e] preferred her before sceptres and thrones, and esteemed riches nothing in comparison of her.

9 Neither compared I unto her any † precious stone; because all gold in respect of her is as a little sand, and silver shall be counted as clay before her.

10 I loved her above health and beau-

ty,

[a] Luk 1. 47, 48.
[c] Deut. 10. 17. 2 Chr. 19. 7. Job 34. 19. Eccl. 35. 12, 16. Acts 10. 34. Rom. 2. 11. Gal. 2. 6. Eph. 6. 9. Col. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17. 1 Or, judged. 1 Or, answer.
[d] Deut. 30. 11, &c. Joh. 7. 17.
‖ Or, martiale
[a] Job 10. 10. Chap. 4. 6.
[b] Job 1. 21. 1 Tim. 6. 7.
[c] Job 1. 21. 1 Tim. 6. 7.
[d] 1 Kin. 3. 7, &c.
[e] Job 28. 15, &c. Pr. 8. 10, 11.
† Gr. stone of immediate price.

ty, and chose to have her in stead of light: for the light that cometh from her never goeth out.

11 † All good things together came to me with her, and innumerable riches in her hands.

12 And I rejoyced in *them* all, because wisdom goeth before them: and I knew not that she was the mother of them.

13 I learned† diligently, and do communicate *her* † liberally; I do not hide her riches.

14 For she is a treasure unto men that never faileth: which they that use become the friends of God, being commended for the gifts that come from learning.

15 ‖ God hath granted me to speak as I would, and to conceive as is meet for the things that ‖ are given me: because it is he that leadeth unto wisdom, and directeth the wise.

16 For in his hand are both we and our words; all wisdom also, and knowledge of workmanship.

17 For he hath given me certain knowledge of the things that are, namely, to know how the world was made, and the operation of the elements;

18 The beginning, ending, and midst of the times; the alterations of the turning *of the sun*, and the change of seasons;

19 The circuits of years, and the positions of stars;

20 The natures of living creatures, and the furies of wild beasts; the violence of winds, and the reasonings of men; the diversities of plants, and the virtues of roots:

21 And all such things as are either secret or manifest, them I know.

22 For wisdom, which is the worker of all things, taught me. For in her is an understanding spirit, holy, † one onely, manifold, subtil, lively, clear, undefiled, plain, not subject to hurt, loving the thing that is good, quick, which cannot be letted, ready to do good,

23 Kind to man, stedfast, sure, free from care, having all power, overseeing all things, and going through all understanding, pure and most subtil spirits.

24 For wisdom is more moving then any motion: she passeth and goeth through all things by reason of her pureness.

25 For she is the ‖ breath of the power of God, and a pure ‖ influence flowing from the glory of the Almighty: therefore can no defiled thing fall into her.

26 For she is the § brightness of the everlasting light, the unspotted mirrour of the power of God, and [h] the image of his goodness.

27 And, being but one, she can do all things; and, remaining in her self, she ‖ maketh all things new; and, in all ages entring into holy souls, she maketh them friends of God, and prophets.

28 For God loveth none but him that dwelleth with wisdom.

29 For she is more beautifull then the sun, and above all the order of stars: being compared with the light, she is found before it.

30 For after this cometh night; but vice shall not prevail against wisdom.

CHAP. VIII.

2 He is in love with wisdom: 4 for he that hath it hath every good thing. 21 It cannot be had but from God.

WISdom reacheth from one end to another mightily; and ‖ sweetly doth she order all things.

2 I loved her, and sought *her* out from my youth: I desired ‖ to make her my spouse, and I was a lover of her beauty.

3 In that she is conversant with God, she magnifieth her nobility: yea, the Lord of all things himself loved her.

4 For she is ‖ privy to the mysteries of the knowledge of God, and a ‖ lover of his works.

5 If riches be a possession to be desired in this life, [a] what is richer then wisdom, [b] that worketh all things?

6 And if [c] prudence work, who of all that are is a more cunning workman then she?

7 And if a man love righteousness, her labours are vertues: for she teacheth tem-

Or, *uttered.*
Or, *breath.*
§ Heb. 1. 3.
[h] 2 Cor. 4. 4. Col. 1. 15.
‖ Or, *createth.*
Or, *profitably*
‖ Or, *to marry her to my self.*
‖ Or, *teacher of.*
‖ Or, *chooser.*
[a] Chap. 7. 8, 9.
[b] Chap. 7. 22.
[c] Exod. 31. 3, 6.

temperance and prudence, justice and fortitude; which are such things as men can have nothing more profitable in their life.

8 If a man desire much experience, she knoweth things of old, and conjecture th *aright* what is to come: she knoweth the subtilties of speeches, and can expound dark sentences: she foreseeth signs and wonders, and the events of seasons and times.

9 Therefore I purposed to take her to me to live with me, knowing that she † would be a counseller of good things, and a comfort in cares and grief.

† Gr. will.

10 For her sake I shall have estimation among the multitude, and honour with the elders, though I be young:

a 1 Kin. 3. 28.

11 [a] I shall be found of a quick conceit in judgement, and shall be admired in the sight of great men.

b Job 29. 8, 9, 10.

12 [b] When I hold my tongue, they shall bide my leisure; and when I speak, they shall give good ear unto me: if I talk much, they shall lay their hands upon their mouth.

c V. 17.

13 Moreover, [c] by the means of her I shall obtain immortality, and leave behind me an everlasting memorial to them that come after me:

‖ Or, govern.

14 I shall ‖ set the people in order, and the nations shall be subject unto me:

‖ Or, appear.

15 Horrible tyrants shall be afraid when they do but hear of me; I shall ‖ be found good among the multitude, and valiant in war.

‖ Or, Being entered into mine house.

16 ‖ After I am come into mine house, I will repose my self with her: for her conversation hath no bitterness, and to live with her hath no sorrow, but mirth & joy.

c Prov. 7. 3.

17 Now when I considered these things in my self, and § pondered them in my heart, how that to be allied unto wisdom

b V. 13.

[b] is immortality,

18 And great pleasure it is to have her friendship, and in the works of her hands are infinite riches, and in the exercise of conference with her prudence, and in talking with her a ‖ good report; I went about seeking how to ‖ take her to me.

‖ Or, fame.

§ Or, marry her.

19 For I was a witty child, and had a good spirit.

20 Yea, rather, being good, I came into a body undefiled.

21 Nevertheless, when I perceived that I could not otherwise obtain her except God gave her me; and that was a point of wisdom also, to know whose gift she was, I prayed unto the Lord, and besought him, and with my whole heart I said,

‖ Or, went.

CHAP. IX.

1 A prayer unto God for his wisdom, 6 without which the best man is nothing worth, 13 neither can be tell how to please God.

a Gen. 1. Ps. 33. 6. Jer. 32. 17.

O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, [a] who hast made all things with thy word,

b Gen. 1. 28.

2 And ordained man through thy wisdom, that he should [b] have dominion over the creatures which thou hast made,

3 And order the world according to equity and righteousness, and execute judgement with an upright heart;

c 1 Kin. 3. 9.

4 Give [c] me wisdom, that sitteth by thy throne, and reject me not from among thy children.

d Ps. 86. 16. & 116. 16.

5 For I [d] thy servant and son of thine hand maid am a feeble person, and of a short time, and too young for the understanding of judgement and laws.

6 For though a man be never so perfect among the children of men, yet if thy wisdom be not with him he shall be nothing regarded.

e 1 Chr. 28. 5. 2 Chr. 1. 7.

7 Thou hast chosen me to be a [e] king of thy people, and a judge of thy sons and daughters.

f Heb. 8. 5. & 9. 23, 24. Rev. 15. 5. & 21. 10.

8 Thou hast commanded me to build a temple upon thy holy mount, and an altar in the city wherein thou dwellest, [f] a resemblance of the holy tabernacle which thou hast prepared from the beginning.

g Prov. 8. 22. John 1. 1, 2, 3, 10.

9 And [g] wisdom was with thee: which knoweth thy works, and was present when thou madest the world, and knew what was acceptable in thy sight, and right in thy commandments.

10 O send her out of thy holy heavens, and from the throne of thy glory, that being present she may labour with me,

me, that I may know what is pleasing unto thee.

11 For she knoweth and understandeth all things; and she shall lead me soberly in my doings, and preserve me || in her power.

12 So shall my works be acceptable; and then shall I judge thy people righteously, and be worthy to sit in my fathers seat.

13 For [i] what man is he that can know the counsel of God? or who can think what the will of the Lord is?

14 For the thoughts of mortal men are || miserable, and our devices are but uncertain.

15 For the corruptible body presseth down the soul and [k] the earthly tabernacle weigheth down the mind that museth upon many things.

16 And hardly do we guess aright at things that are upon earth, and with labour do we find the things that are † before us: but the things that are in heaven who hath searched out?

17 And thy counsel who hath known, except thou give wisdom, and send thy holy Spirit from above?

18 For so the ways of them which lived on the earth were reformed, and men were taught the things that are pleasing unto thee, and were saved through wisdom.

CHAP. X.

1 *What wisdom did for Adam,* 4 *Noe,* 5 *Abraham,* 6 *Lot, and against the five cities,* 10 *for Jacob,* 13 *Joseph,* 16 *Moses,* 17 *and the Israelites.*

SHe preserved the first-formed father of the world, that was created alone, and brought him out of his fall,

2 And [a] gave him power to rule all things.

3 [b] But when the unrighteous went away from her in his anger, he perished also in the fury wherewith he murdered his brother.

4 For whose cause the [c] earth being drowned with the flood, wisdom again preserved it, and directed the course of the righteous in a piece of wood of small value.

5 Moreover, [d] the nations in their wicked conspiracy being confounded, she found out the righteous, and preserved him blameless unto God, and [e] kept him strong || against his tender compassion toward his son.

6 [f] When the ungodly perished, she delivered [g] the righteous man, who fled from the fire which fell down upon † the five cities.

7 Of whose wickedness even to this day the waste land that smoketh is a testimony, and plants bearing fruit that never come to ripeness: and [h] a standing pillar of salt *is* a monument of an unbeleeving soul.

8 For, regarding not wisdom, they gat not onely this hurt that they knew not the things which were good, but also left behind them to the world a memorial of their foolishness; so that in the things wherein they offended they could not so much as be hid.

9 But wisdom delivered from pain those that attended upon her.

10 When [i] the righteous fled from his brothers wrath, she guided him in right paths, shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him knowledge of holy things; made him rich in his travels, and multiplied *the fruit of* his labours.

11 [k] In the covetousness of such as oppressed him she stood by him, and made him rich.

12 She defended him from his enemies, and kept him safe from those that lay in wait; and [l] in a sore conflict she gave him the victory, that he might know that godliness is stronger then all.

13 [m] When the righteous was sold, she forsook him not, but delivered him from sin: [n] she went down with him into the pit,

14 And left him not in bonds, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and || power against those that oppressed him: as for them that had accused him, she shewed them to be liars, and gave him perpetual glory.

15 [o] She delivered the || righteous people and blameless seed from the nation that oppressed them.

16 [p] She

[a] Gen. 11. 9.
[b] Gen. 22. 10. Or, in.
[c] Gen. 19. 16. 2 Pet. 2. 7. † Or. Pentapolis.
[d] Ger. 19. 26.
[e] Gen. 28. 5, 12.
[f] Gen. 31.
[g] Gen. 32. 24.
[h] Gen. 37. 28. & 39. 7. Act. 7. 10.
[i] Gen. 41. 14. Or, he gave them the kingdom over him.
[k] Exod. 3. 10. & 12. 41.
[l] Or, holy.

16 [f] She entred into the ſoul of [g] the ſervant of the Lord, and [h] withſtood dreadfull kings in wonders and ſigns;

17 Rendred to the righteous a reward of their labours; guided them in a marvellous way, and was unto them for a cover by day, and a ‖ light of ſtars in the night-ſeaſon;

18 Brought them through the Red ſea, and led them through much water;

19 But ſhe drowned their enemies, and caſt them up out of the bottom of the deep.

20 Therefore the righteous ſpoiled the ungodly, and [i] praiſed thy holy name, O Lord, and magnified with one accord thine hand that fought for them.

21 For wiſdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of them that cannot ſpeak eloquent.

CHAP. XI.

5 The Egyptians were puniſhed, and the Iſraelites reſcued in the ſame thing. 15 They were plagued by the ſame things wherein they ſinned. 20 God could have deſtroyed them otherwiſe, 23 but he is mercifull to all.

SHe proſpered their works in the hand of the holy prophet.

2 [a] They went through the wilderneſs that was not inhabited, and pitched tents in places where there lay no way.

3 [b] They ſtood againſt their enemies, and were avenged of their adverſaries.

4 When they were thirſty, they called upon thee, and [c] water was given them out of the flinty rock, and their thirſt was quenched out of the hard ſtone.

5 For by what things their enemies were puniſhed, by the ſame they in their need were benefited.

6 For inſtead of a fountain of a perpetual running river [d] troubled with foul bloud

7 For a manifeſt reproof of [e] that commandment whereby the infants were ſlain, thou gaveſt unto them abundance of water by a means which they hoped not for;

8 Declaring by that thirſt then [f] how thou hadſt puniſhed the r adverſaries.

9 For when they were tried, albeit but in mercy chaſtiſed, they knew how the ungodly were judged in wrath and tormented, thirſting in another manner then the juſt.

10 For theſe thou didſt admoniſh and try as a father; but the other as a ſevere king thou didſt condemn and puniſh.

11 Whether they were abſent or preſent, they were vexed alike.

12 For a double grief came upon them, and a groaning for the remembrance of things paſt.

13 For when they heard by their own puniſhments the other to be benefited, they ‖ had ſome feeling of the Lord.

14 For whom they rejected with ſcorn when he was long before thrown out at the caſting forth *of the infants*, him in the end, when they ſaw what came to paſs, they admired.

15 But for the fooliſh devices of their wickedneſs, wherewith being deceived they worſhipped ſerpents void of reaſon, and vile beaſts, thou didſt ſend a multitude of unreaſonable beaſts upon them for vengeance;

16 That they might know that [g] wherewithall a man ſinneth, by the ſame alſo ſhall he be puniſhed.

17 For thy almighty hand, that made the world of matter without form, wanted not means to ſend among them a multitude of bears, or fierce lions,

18 Or unknown wild beaſts full of rage, newly created, breathing out either a fiery vapour, or filthy ſents of ſcattered ſmoke, or ſhooting horrible ſparkles out of their eyes;

19 Whereof not onely the harm might deſpatch them at once, but alſo the terrible ſight utterly deſtroy them.

20 Yea, and without theſe might they have fallen down with one blaſt, being perſecuted of vengeance, and ſcattered abroad through the breath of thy power: but thou haſt ordered all things in meaſure and number and weight.

21 For thou canſt ſhew thy great ſtrength at all times when thou wilt: and who

[f] Exod. 5. 10. [g] Joſh. 10. 1. Pſal. 105. 26. Heb. 3. 5. [h] Exod. 5. 1. ‖ Or, flame.

[i] Exod. 14. 21. 22. Pſal. 78. 13.

[a] Exod. 15. 1.

[b] Exod. 17. 10, 11.

[c] Exod. 17. 5. Numb. 20. 11.

[d] Exod. 7. 17.

[e] Exod. 20. 13. Chap. 18. 5.

[f] Exod. 7. 20.

[g] Chap. 12. 23.

‖ Or, perceived.

who may withstand ỹ power of thine arm?

22 For the whole world before thee is as a || little grain of the balance, yea, as a drop of the morning dew that falleth down upon the earth.

23 But thou hast mercy upon all: for thou canst do all things, and winkest at the sins of men; because they should amend.

24 For thou lovest all the things that are, and abhorrest nothing which thou hast made: for never wouldest thou have made any thing, if thou hadst hated it.

25 And how could any thing have endured, if it had not been thy will? or been preserved, if not called by thee?

26 But [b] thou sparest all: for they are thine, O Lord, thou lover of souls.

CHAP. XII.

2 God did not destroy those of Chanaan all at once. 12 If he had done so, who could controll him? 19 But by sparing them he taught us. 27 They were punished with their gods.

FOr thine uncorruptible Spirit is in all things.

2 Therefore chastenest thou them by little and little that offend, and warnest them by putting them in remembrance wherein they have offended, that leaving their wickedness they may beleeve on thee, O Lord.

3 For it was thy will to destroy by the hands of our fathers both those || old inhabitants of thy holy land,

4 Whom thou hatedst for doing most odious works of || witchcrafts, and wicked sacrifices,

5 And also [a] those mercileſs murderers of children, and devourers of mans flesh, and the feasts of bloud,

6 With their priests out of the midst of their idolatrous crue, and the parents that killed with their own hands souls destitute of help;

7 That the land which thou esteemedst above all other might receive a worthy || colony of Gods children.

8 Nevertheless, even those thou sparedst as men, and didst send [b] wasps, forerunners of thine host, to destroy them by little and little:

9 Not that thou wast unable to bring the ungodly under the hand of the righteous in battel, or to destroy them at once with cruel beasts, or with one rough word;

10 But executing thy judgements upon them by little and little, thou gavest them place of repentance, not being ignorant that they were a naughty generation, and that their malice was bred in them, and that their cogitation would never be changed.

11 For it was a [c] cursed seed from the beginning. Neither didst thou for fear of any man give them pardon for those things wherein they sinned.

12 For who shall say, [d] What hast thou done? or who shall withstand thy judgement? or who shall accuse thee for the nations that perish, whom thou hast made? or who shall come to stand || against thee || to be revenged for the unrighteous men?

13 For neither is there any God but thou, that [e] careth for all, to whom thou mightest shew that thy judgement is not unright.

14 Neither shall king or tyrant be able to set his face against thee for any whom thou hast punished.

15 For so much then as thou art righteous thy self, thou ordereſt all things righteously; [f] thinking it not agreeable with thy power to condemn him that hath not deserved to be punished.

16 For thy power is the beginning of righteousness: and [g] because thou art the Lord of all, it maketh thee to be gracious unto all.

17 For when men will not beleeve that thou art of a || full power, thou shewest thy strength, and among them that know it thou makest their boldness manifest.

18 But thou, mastering thy power, judgest with equity, and ordereſt us with great favour: for thou mayest use power when thou wilt.

19 But by such works hast thou taught thy people that the just man should be merci-

[a] Chap. 12. 23.

|| Or, perished.

[b] Exod. 23. 28. Deut. 7. 20. Josh. 24. 12.

[c] Gen. 9. 25.

[d] Rom. 9. 20.

|| Or, in thy presence.

|| Or, a revenger.

[e] 1 Pet. 5. 7.

[f] Job 10. 2.

[g] Chap. 11. 26.

|| Or, perfect.

mercifull, and haſt made thy children to be of a good hope that thou giveſt repentance for ſins.

20 For if [b] thou didſt puniſh the enemies of thy children and the condemned to death with ſuch deliberation, giving them time and place, whereby they might be delivered from their malice;

21 With how great circumſpection didſt thou judge thine own ſons, unto whoſe fathers thou haſt ſworn, and made covenants of good promiſes?

22 Therefore whereas thou doſt chaſten us, thou ſcourgeſt our enemies a thouſand times more; to the intent that when we judge, we ſhould carefully think of thy goodneſs; and when we our ſelves are judged, we ſhould look for mercy.

23 Wherefore, whereas men have lived diſſolutely and unrighteouſly, [i] thou haſt tormented them with their own || abominations.

24 [k] For they went aſtray very far in the ways of errour, and held them for gods which even amongſt the beaſts of their enemies were deſpiſed, being deceived as children of no underſtanding:

25 Therefore unto them as to children without the uſe of reaſon, thou didſt ſend a judgement to mock them.

26 But they that would not be reformed by that correction wherein he dallied with them, ſhall feel a judgement worthy of God

27 For look for what things they grudged when they were puniſhed, *that is* for them whom they thought to be gods, *now* being puniſhed in them, when they ſaw it they acknowledged him to be the true God whom before they denied to know; and therefore came extreme damnation upon them.

CHAP. XIII.

1 *They were not excuſed that worſhipped any of Gods works:* 10 *But moſt wretched are they that worſhip the works of mens hands.*

SUrely vain are all men by nature, who are ignorant of God, and [a] could not out of the good things that are ſeen know him that is, neither by conſidering the works did they acknowledge the workmaſter;

2 [b] But deemed either fire, or wind, or the ſwift air, or the circle of the ſtars, or the violent water, or the lights of heaven to be the gods which govern the world.

3 With whoſe beauty if they being delighted took them to be gods, let them know how much better the Lord of them is: for the firſt authour of beauty hath created them.

4 But if they were aſtoniſhed at their power and vertue, let them underſtand by them how much mightier he is that made them.

5 For by the greatneſs and beauty of the creatures proportionably the Maker of them is ſeen.

6 But yet for this they are the leſs to be blamed: for they peradventure err ſeeking God, and deſirous to find him:

7 For being [c] converſant in his works they || ſearch *him* diligently, and beleeve their ſight; becauſe the things are beautifull that are ſeen.

8 Howbeit, neither are they to be pardoned.

9 For if they were able to know ſo much that they could aim at the world, how did they not ſooner find out the Lord thereof?

10 But miſerable are they, and in [d] dead things is their hope, who called them gods which are the works of mens hands, gold and ſilver to ſhew art in, and reſemblances of beaſts, or a ſtone good for nothing, the work of an ancient hand.

11 [e] Now a || carpenter that felleth timber, after he hath ſawen down a tree meet for the purpoſe, and taken off all the bark skilfully round about, and hath wrought it handſomely, and made a veſſel thereof fit for the ſervice of mans life,

12 And after, ſpending the || refuſe of his work to dreſs his meat, hath filled himſelf;

13 And taking the very refuſe among thoſe

[a] Rom. 1. 19

[b] Rom. 9. 22.

[i] Chap. 11. 16. & 16. 1. || Or, abominable idols.

[k] Chap. 11. 15. Rom. 1. 23.

[b] Deut. 4. 19. & 17. 3.

[c] Rom. 1. 21. || Or, ſeek.

[d] V. 18. Chap. 15. 17.

[e] Iſa. 44. 13. Jer. 10. 3. || Or, timberwright.

|| Or, chips.

those which served to no use, being a crooked piece of wood and full of knots, hath carved it diligently when he had nothing else to do, and formed it by the skill of his understanding, and fashioned it to the image of a man,

14 Or made it like some vile beast, laying it over with vermilion and with paint, colouring it red, and covering every spot therein;

15 And [f] when he had made a convenient room for it, set it in a wall, and made it fast with iron;

16 For he provided for it that it might not fall, knowing that it was unable to help it self: for it is an image, and hath need of help:

17 Then maketh he prayer for his goods, for his wife and children, and is not ashamed to speak to that which hath no life.

18 For health he calleth upon that which is weak; for life, prayeth to that which is dead; for aid, humbly beseecheth that which †hath least means to help, and for a good journey he asketh of that which cannot set a foot forward;

19 And for gaining and getting, and for good success of his hands, asketh ability to do of him that is most unable to do any thing.

CHAP. XIV.

1 Though men do not pray to their ships, 5 yet are they saved rather by them than by their idols. 8 Idols are accursed, and so are the makers of them. 14 The beginning of idolatry, 23 and the effects thereof. 30 God will punish them that swear falsly by their idols.

AGain, one preparing himself to sail, & about to pass through the raging waves, calleth upon a piece of wood more rotten then the ‖ vessel that carrieth him.

2 For verily desire of gain devised ‖ that, and the workman built it by his skill:

3 But thy providence, O Father, governeth it: for thou hast [a] made a way in the sea, and a safe path in the waves,

4 Shewing that thou canst save from all danger, yea, though a man went to sea without art.

5 Nevertheless thou wouldst not that the works of thy wisdom should be idle: and therefore do men commit their lives to a small piece of wood, and passing the rough sea in a weak vessel are saved.

6 [b] For in the old time also, when the proud giants perished, the hope of the world governed by thy hand escaped in a weak vessel, and left to all ages a seed of generation.

7 For blessed is the wood whereby righteousness cometh.

8 But [c] that which is made with hands is cursed, as well it as he that made it: he, because he made it; and it, because being corruptible it was called God.

9 [d] For the ungodly and his ungodliness are both alike hatefull unto God.

10 For that which is made shall be punished together with him that made it

11 Therefore [e] even ‖ upon the idols of the Gentiles shall there be a visitation; because in the creature of God they are become an abomination, and [f] † stumbling-blocks to the souls of men, and a ‖ snare to the feet of the unwise.

12 For the devising of idols was the beginning of *spiritual* fornication, and the invention of them the corruption of life.

13 For neither were they from the beginning, neither shall they be for ever.

14 For by the vain glory of men they entred into the world; and therefore shall they come shortly to an end.

15 For a father afflicted with untimely mourning, when he hath made an image of his child soon taken away, now honoured him as a God which was then a dead man, and delivered to those that were under him ceremonies and sacrifices.

16 Thus † in process of time an ungodly custom grown strong was kept as a law, and graven images were worshipped by the commandments of ‖ kings.

17 Whom men could not honour ‖ in presence, because they dwelt far off, they took the counterfeit of his visage from far, and made an express image of a king whom they honoured, to the end that by this their forwardness they might flatter him that was absent as if he were present.

[b] Deut. 4. 19. & 17. 3.

[f] Rom. 1. 21. ‖ Or, seek.

[a] V. 18. Chap. 5. 17.

[e] Isa. 44. 13. Jer. 10. 3. ‖ Or, timber-wright.

‖ Or, ships.

[b] Gen. 6. 4. and 7. 10.

[c] Psal. 115. 8. Baruch 6. 4.

[d] Psal. 5. 5.

[e] See Is. 46. 1. Jer. 46. 25. & 49. 3. ‖ Or to, or by.

[f] Jer. 10. 8. Habak. 2. 18. † Gr. scandals. ‖ Or, trap.

[a] V. 27.

† Gr. in time.

‖ Or, tyrants.

‖ Or, in sight.

18 Also the singular diligence of the artificer did help to set forward the ignorant to more superstition.

19 For he, peradventure willing to please one in authority, forced all his skill to make the resemblance † of the best fashion.

† Gr. to the better.

20 And so the multitude, allured by the grace of the work, took him now for a God which a little before was but honoured as a man.

21 And this was an occasion to deceive the world: for men, serving either calamity or tyranny, did ascribe unto stones and stocks the incommunicable ‖ Name.

‖ Or, of God.

22 Moreover, this was not enough for them that they erred in the knowledge of God, but, whereas they lived in the great war of ignorance, those so great plagues called they peace.

23 For whilest they ‖ slew their children in sacrifices, or used secret ceremonies, or made revellings of strange rites,

‖ Deut. 18. 10. Jer. 7. 9. & 19. 4. Chap. 12. 5, 6.

24 They kept neither lives nor marriages any longer undefiled; but either one slew another traiterously, or grieved him by adultery:

25 So that there reigned in all men ‖ without exception bloud, man-slaughter, theft, and dissimulation, corruption, unfaithfulness, tumults, perjury,

‖ Or, confusedly.

26 Disquieting of good men, forgetfulness of good turns, defiling of souls, changing of ‖ kind, disorder in marriages, adultery, and shameless uncleanness.

‖ Or, sex.

27 For the worshipping of idols † not to be named is the beginning, the cause, and the end of all evil.

† Gr, namelesse.

28 For either they are mad when they be merry, or propheſie lies, or live unjustly, or else lightly forswear themselves.

29 For insomuch as their trust is in idols which have no life, though they swear falsly, yet they look not to be hurt.

30 Howbeit for both causes shall they be justly punished; both because they thought not well of God, ‖ giving heed unto idols; and also unjustly swore in deceit, despising holiness.

‖ Or devoted.

31 For it is not the power of them by whom they swear, but it is the just vengeance of sinners that punisheth always the offence of the ungodly.

CHAP. XV.

1 We do acknowledge the true God. 7 The folly of idol-makers, 14 and of the enemies of Gods people; 15 because besides the idols of the Gentiles, 18 they worshipped vile beasts.

BUt thou, O God, art gracious and true, long-suffering, and in mercy ordering all things.

2 For if we sin, we are thine, knowing thy power; but we will not sin, knowing that we are counted thine.

3 For to know thee is perfect righteousness; yea, to know thy power is the root of immortality.

4 For neither did the mischievous invention of men deceive us, nor an image spotted with divers colours, the painters fruitless labour;

5 The sight whereof ‖ enticeth fools to lust after it, and so they desire the form of a dead image that hath no breath.

‖ Or, maketh to provoke to lust.

6 Both they that make them, they that desire them, and they that worship them are lovers of evil things, and are worthy to have such things to trust upon.

7 For the [a] potter tempering soft earth fashioneth every vessel with much labour for our service; yea, of the same clay he maketh both the vessels that serve for clean uses and likewise also all such as serve to the contrary: but what is the use of either sort, the potter himself is the judge.

[a] Rom. 9. 21.

8 And, employing his labours lewdly, he maketh a vain god of the same clay, even he which a little before was made of earth himself, and within a little while after returneth to the same out of the which he was taken, when his [b] life which was lent him shall be demanded.

[b] Luke 12. 20.

9 Notwithstanding his care is, not that he shall ‖ have much labour, nor that his life is short, but he striveth to excell goldsmiths and silver-smiths, & endeavoureth to do like the workers in brass, and counteth it his glory to make counterfeit things.

‖ Or, be set or die.

10 His heart is ashes, his hope is more vile then earth, and his life of less value then clay;

11 For-

11 Forasmuch as he knew not his Maker, and him that inspired into him an active soul, and [c] breathed in a living spirit.

12 But they counted our life a pastime, and our † time here a market for gain: for say they, We must be getting every way, though it be by evil means.

13 ‖ For this man, that of earthly matter maketh brickle vessels and graven images, knoweth himself to offend above all others.

14 And all the enemies of thy people, that hold them in subjection, are most foolish, and are more miserable then very babes.

15 For they counted all the idols of the heathen to be gods; [d] which neither have the use of eyes to see, nor noses to draw ‖ breath, nor ears to hear, nor fingers of hands to handle; and as for their feet, they are slow to go.

16 For man made them, and he that borrowed his own spirit fashioned them: but no man can make a god like unto himself.

17 For, being mortal, he worketh [e] a dead thing with wicked hands: for he himself is better then the things which he worshippeth; whereas he lived *once*, but they never.

18 Yea, they worshipped those beasts also that are most hatefull: for, being compared together, some are worse then others.

19 Neither are they beautifull, so much as to be desired in respect of beasts: but they went without the praise of God and his blessing.

CHAP. XVI.

1 God gave strange meat to his people, to stir up their appetite: and vile beasts to their enemies, to take it from them. 5 He sting with his serpents, 12 but soon healed them by his word onely. 17 The creatures altered their nature to pleasure Gods people, and to offend their enemies.

THerefore [a] by the like were they punished worthily, and by the multitude of beasts [b] tormented.

2 In stead of which punishment, dealing graciously with thine own people, thou preparedst for them meat of a strange taste, even [c] quails, to stir up their appetite:

3 To the end that they desiring food might for the ugly sight of the beasts sent among them lothe even that which they must needs desire; but these, suffering penury for a short space, might be made partakers of a strange taste.

4 For it was requisite that upon them, exercising tyranny, should come penury which they could not avoid; but to these it should onely be shewed how their enemies were tormented.

5 For when the horrible fierceness of beasts came upon ‖ these, and they perished with the [d] stings of crooked serpents, thy wrath endured not for ever:

‖ Or, *thy people.* [4] Num. 21. 6. [1] Cor. 10. 9.

6 But they were troubled for a small season, ỳ they might be admonished, having a [e] sign of salvation, to put them in remembrance of the commandment of thy law.

[e] Num. 21. 9.

7 For he that turned himself towards it was not saved by the thing that he saw, but by thee, that art the saviour of all.

8 And in this thou madest thine enemies confess that it is thou who deliverest from all evil.

9 For [f] them the bitings of grashoppers and flies killed; neither was there found any remedy for their life: for they were worthy to be punished by such:

[f] Exod. 8. 24. & 10. 4. Rev. 9. 3, &c.

10 But thy sons not the very teeth of venemous dragons overcame: for thy mercy was *ever* by them, and healed them.

11 For they were † pricked that they should remember thy words, and were quickly saved, that, not falling into deep forgetfulness, they might be ‖ continually mindfull of thy goodness.

† Gr. *stung.*

‖ Or, *never drawn from.*

12 For it was neither herb nor mollifying plaister that restored them to health; but thy word, O Lord, which healeth all things.

13 For [g] thou hast power of life and death: thou leadest to the gates of hell, and bringest up again.

[g] Deut. 32. 39. [1] Sam. 2. 6. Tob. 13. 2.

14 A man indeed killeth through his malice: and the spirit, when it is gone forth, returneth not; neither the soul received up cometh again.

15 But it is not possible to escape thine hand.

16 [h] For the ungodly, [i] that denied to know thee, were scourged by the strength of thine arm; with strange rains, hails and showers were they persecuted, that they could not avoid, and through fire were they consumed.

17 For, which is most to be wondred at, [k] the fire had more force in the water, that quencheth all things: for the world [l] fighteth for the righteous.

18 For sometime the flame was mitigated, that it might not burn up the beasts that were sent against the ungodly; but themselves might see and perceive that they were persecuted with the judgement of God:

19 And at another time it burneth even in the midst of water, above the power of fire, that it might destroy the fruits of an unjust land.

20 [m] In stead whereof thou feddest thine own people with angels food, & didst send them from heaven bread prepared without their labour, able to content every mans delight, and agreeing to every taste.

21 For thy [n] || sustenance declared thy sweetness unto thy children; and serving to the appetite of the eater, || tempered it self to every mans liking.

22 [o] But snow and ice endured the fire, and melted not; that they might know that fire burning in the hail and sparkling in the rain did destroy the fruits of the enemies.

23 But this again did even forget his own strength, that the righteous might be nourished.

24 For [p] the creature, that serveth thee, who art ŷ Maker, increaseth his strength against the unrighteous for their punishment, and abateth his strength for the benefit of such as put their trust in thee.

25 Therefore even then was it altered into all || fashions, and was obedient to thy grace that nourisheth all things, according to the desire || of them that had need:

26 That thy children, O Lord, whom thou lovest, might know that [q] it is not the growing of fruits that nourisheth man; but that it is thy word which preserveth them that put their trust in thee.

27 For that which was not destroyed of the fire, [r] being warmed with a little sunbeam, soon melted away;

28 That it might be known that [s] we must prevent the sun to give thee thanks, and at the day-spring pray unto thee.

29 For the hope of the unthankfull shall melt away as the winters hoar frost, and shall run away as unprofitable water.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Why the Egyptians were punished with darkness. 4 The terrours of that darkness. 11 The terrours of an ill conscience.

FOr great are thy judgements, and cannot be expressed: therefore || unnur. tured souls have erred.

2 For when unrighteous men thought to oppress the holy nation, [a] they being shut up || in their houses the prisoners of darkness, and fettered with the bonds of a long night, lay *there* || exiled from the eternall providence.

3 For while they supposed to lie hid in their secret sins, they were scattered || under a dark veil of forgetfulness, being horribly astonished, and troubled with *strange* || apparitions.

4 For neither might the corner that held them keep them from fear: but noises *as of waters* falling down sounded about them, and sad visions appeared unto them, with heavy countenances.

5 No power of the fire might give them light: neither could the bright flames of the stars endure to lighten that horrible night.

6 Onely there appeared unto them a fire kindled of it self, very dreadfull: for being much terrified, they thought the things which they saw to be worse then the sight they saw not.

7 [b] As for the illusions of art magick, they were put down, and their vaunting in wisdom was reproved with disgrace.

8 For they that promised to drive away terrours and troubles from a sick soul were sick themselves of fear worthy to be laughed at.

9 For

[h] Exod. 9. 23.
[i] Exod. 5. 2.
[k] Chap. 19. 20.
[l] Judg. 5. 20. See v. 24.
[m] Exod. 16. 14. Num. 11. 7. Psal. 78. 25. John 6. 31.
[n] Judg. 6. 4.
|| Or, manna.
|| Or, was tempered.
[o] Chap. 19. 20.
[p] Chap. 19. 6.
|| Or, things.
|| Or, of them that prayed.
[q] Deut. 8. 3. Matth. 4. 4.
[r] Exod. 16. 21.
[s] Psal. 88. 13.
|| Or, souls that were not to be formed.
[a] Exod. 10. 21.
|| Or, under their secret sins,
|| Or, fugitive.
|| Or, sights.
[b] Exod. 7. 12. 8. 7.

9 For though no terrible thing did fear them, yet being scared with beasts that passed by, and hissing of serpents,

10 They died for fear, ‖ denying that they saw the air, which could of no side be avoided.

11 For wickedness condemned by her own witness is very timorous; and being pressed with conscience, always forecasteth grievous things.

12 For fear is nothing else but a betraying of the succours which reason offereth.

13 And the expectation from within being less counteth the ignorance more then the cause which bringeth ý torment.

14 But they sleeping the same sleep that night, ‖ which was indeed intolerable, and which came upon them out of the bottoms of inevitable hell,

15 Were partly vexed with monstrous apparitions, and partly fainted, their heart failing them: for a sudden fear and not looked for came upon them.

16 So then whosoever there fell down was straitly kept, shut up in a prison without iron bars.

17 For whether he were husbandman, or shepherd, or a labourer in the ‖ field, he was overtaken, and endured that necessity which could not be avoided: for they were all bound with one chain of darkness.

18 Whether it were a whistling wind, or a melodious noise of birds among the spreading branches, or a pleasing fall of water running violently,

19 Or a ‖ terrible sound of stones cast down, or a running that could not be seen of skipping beasts, or a roaring voice of most savage wild beasts, or a rebounding echo from the hollow mountains; these things made them to swoon for fear.

20 For the whole world shined with clear light, and none were hindred in their labour:

21 Over them onely was spread an heavy night, an image of [c] that darkness which should afterward receive them: but yet were they unto themselves more grievous then the darkness.

CHAP. XVIII.

4 Why Egypt was punished with darkness, 5 and with the death of their children. 18 They themselves saw the cause thereof. 20 God also plagued his own people. 21 By what means that plague was stayed.

NEvertheless thy saints had a very great [a] light: whose voice hearing, and not seeing their shape, because they also had not suffered the same things, they counted them happy: [a] Exod. 10. 23.

2 But for that they did not hurt them *now*, of whom they had been wronged before, they thanked them, and besought them pardon, for that they had been enemies.

3 [b] In stead whereof thou gavest them a burning pillar of fire, both to be a guide of the unknown journey, and an harmless sun to entertain them honourably. [b] Exod. 13. 21. & 14. 24. Psal. 78. 14. and 105. 39.

4 For they were worthy to be deprived of light and imprisoned in darkness, who had kept thy sons shut up, by whom the ‖ uncorrupt light of the law was to be given unto the world. ‖ Or, *incorruptible.*

5 [c] And when they had determined to slay the babes of the saints, [d] one child being cast forth and saved to reprove them, [e] thou tookest away the multitude of their children, and [f] destroyedst them altogether in a mighty water. [c] Exod. 1. 16. [d] Exod. 2. 3. [e] Exod. 12. 29. [f] Exod. 14. 24, &c.

6 [g] Of that night were our fathers certified afore, that assuredly knowing unto what oaths they had given credence, they might afterwards be of good cheer. [g] Exod. 11. 4.

7 So of thy people was accepted both the salvation of the righteous, and destruction of the enemies.

8 For wherewith thou didst punish our adversaries, by the same thou didst glorifie us whom thou hadst called.

9 [h] For the righteous children of good men did sacrifice secretly, and with one consent made ‖ a holy law that the saints should be like partakers of the same good and evil, the fathers now singing out the songs of praise. [h] Exod. 12. ‖ Or, *a covenant of God, or league. See Ps. 50. 5.*

10 But on the other side there sounded an ill according cry of the enemies, and a lamentable noise was carried abroad for children that were bewailed.

[a] Exod. 11. 5. & 12. 29.

11 [a] The master and the servant were punished after one manner; and like as the king, so suffered the common person.

12 So they all together had innumerable dead with one kind of death: neither were the living sufficient to bury them; for in one moment the noblest offspring of them was destroyed.

13 For whereas they would not beleeve any thing by reason of the inchantments, upon the destruction of the first-born they acknowledged this people to be the sons of God.

14 For while all things were in quiet silence, and that night was in the midst of her swift course,

15 Thine almighty Word leapt down from heaven out of thy royal throne as a fierce man of war into the midst of a land of destruction,

16 And brought thine unfeigned commandment as a sharp sword, and standing up filled all things with death: and it touched the heaven, but it stood upon the earth.

[‖] Or; Images.

17 Then suddenly [‖] visions of horrible dreams troubled them sore, and terrours came upon them unlooked for.

18 And one thrown here and another there half dead shewed the cause of his death.

19 For the dreams that troubled them did foreshew this; lest they should perish, and not know why they were afflicted.

[b] Num. 16. 46, &c.

20 Yea, the tasting of death touched the righteous also, and [b] there was a destruction of the multitude in the wilderness: but the wrath endured not long.

21 For then the blameless man made haste, and stood forth to defend them; and bringing the shield of his proper ministery, even prayer, and the propitiation of incense, set himself against the wrath, and so brought the calamity to an end, declaring that he was thy servant.

22 So he overcame the destroyer, not with strength of body, nor force of arms; but with a word subdued he him that punished, alledging the oaths and covenants made with the fathers.

23 For when the dead were now fallen down by heaps one upon another, standing between, he [‖] stayed the wrath, and parted the way to the living. [‖] Or, cut off.

[a] Exod. 28. 6, 9, 36.

24 [a] For in the long garment was the whole world, and in the four rows of the stones was the glory of the fathers graven, and thy Majesty upon the diademe of his head.

25 Unto these the destroyer gave place, and was afraid of them. For it was enough that they onely tasted of the wrath.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Why God shewed no mercy to the Egyptians, 5 and how wonderfully he dealt with his people. 14 The Egyptians were worse then the Sodomites. 18 The wonderfull agreement of the creatures to serve Gods people.

AS for the ungodly, wrath came upon them without mercy unto the end. For he knew before what they would do;

2 How that having given them leave to depart, and sent them hastily away, they would repent, and pursue them.

3 For whilest they were yet mourning, and making lamentation at the graves of the dead, they added another foolish device, and pursued them as fugitives whom they had [‖] intreated to be gone. [‖] Or, constrained by intreaty.

4 For the destiny whereof they were worthy drew them unto this end, and made them forget the things that had already hapned, that they might fulfill the punishment which was wanting to their torments:

5 And that thy people might pass a wonderfull way; but they might find a strange death.

[a] See Chap. 16. 24. 5.

6 For [a] the whole creature in his proper kind was fashioned again anew, serving the peculiar commandments that were given unto them, that thy children might be kept without hurt:

7 *As namely*, a cloud shadowing the camp; and where water stood before, dry land appeared; and out of the Red sea, a way without impediment; and out of the violent stream, a green field,

8 Wherethrough all the people went that were defended with thy hand, seeing thy marvellous strange wonders.

9 For

9 For they went at large like horſes, and leaped like lambs, praiſing thee, O Lord, who hadſt delivered them.

10 For they were yet mindfull of the things that were done while they ſojourned in the ſtrange land, how the ground brought forth ‖ flies in ſtead of cattel, and how the river caſt up a multitude of frogs in ſtead of fiſhes.

11 But [b] afterwards they ſaw a new generation of fowls, when being led with their appetite they asked delicate meats.

12 For quails came up unto them from the ſea for their ‖ contentment.

13 And puniſhments came upon the ſinners, not without former ſigns, by the force of thunders. For they ſuffered juſtly according to their own wickedneſs, inſomuch as they uſed a more hard and hateſull behaviour toward ſtrangers.

14 For the *Sodomites* did not receive thoſe whom they knew not when they came; but theſe brought friends into bondage that had well deſerved of them.

15 And not onely ſo, but peradventure ſome reſpect ſhall be had of thoſe, becauſe they uſed ſtrangers not friendly;

16 But theſe very grievouſly afflicted them whom thay had received with feaſting, and who were already made partakers of the ſame laws with them.

17 Therefore even with blindneſs were theſe ſtricken, as [c] thoſe were at the doors of the righteous man, when being compaſſed about with horrible great darkneſs every one ſought [y] paſſage of his own doors.

18 For the elements were changed † in themſelves by a kind of harmony, like as in a pſaltery notes change the name of the tune, and yet are always ſounds: which may well be perceived by the ſight of the things that have been done.

19 For earthly things were turned into watery, & the things that before ſwam in the water now went upon the ground.

20 [d] The fire had power in the water, forgetting his own virtue: and the water forgat his own quenching nature.

21 On the other ſide, the flames waſted not the fleſh of the corruptible living things, though they walked therein; [e] neither melted they the icie kind of heavenly meat that was of nature apt to melt.

22 For in all things, O Lord, thou didſt magnifie thy people, and glorifie them, neither didſt thou lightly regard them, but didſt aſſiſt them in every time and place.

The Wiſdom of *JESUS* the ſon of *SIRACH*, or *ECCLESIASTICUS*.

A prologue made by an uncertain Authour.

THis Jeſus was the ſon of Sirach, and grandchild to Jeſus of the ſame name with him. This man therefore lived in the latter times, after the people had been led away captive, and called home again, and almoſt after all the prophets. Now his grandfather Jeſus, as he himſelf witneſſeth, was a man of great diligence and wiſdom among the Hebrews; who did not onely gather the grave and ſhort ſentences of wiſe men that had been before him, but himſelf alſo uttered ſome of his own full of much underſtanding and wiſdom. When as therefore the firſt Jeſus died, leaving this book almoſt ‖ perfected, Sirach his ſon receiving it after him left it to his own ſon Jeſus, who having gotten it into his hands compiled it all orderly into one volume, & called it Wiſdom, intituling it both by his own name, his fathers name, and his grandfathers, alluring the hearer by the very name of Wiſdom to have a greater love to the ſtudy of this book. It containeth therefore wiſe ſayings, dark ſentences and parables, and certain particular ancient godly ſtories of men that pleaſed God; alſo his prayer and ſong; moreover, what benefits God had vouchſafed his people, and what plagues he had heaped upon their enemies. This Jeſus did imitate Solomon, and was no leſs famous for wiſdom and learning, both being indeed a man of great learning, and ſo reputed alſo.

Some refer this prologue to Athanaſius, becauſe it is found in his Synopſis.

‖ Or, collected.

The prologue of the wisdom of JESUS the son of SIRACH.

WHereas many and great things have been delivered unto us by the law and the prophets, and by others that have followed their steps, for the which things Israel ought to be commended for learning and wisdom; and whereof not onely the readers must needs become skilfull themselves, but also they that desire to learn be able to profit them which are ‖ without both by speaking and writing: my grandfather Jesus, when he had much given himself to the reading of the law and the prophets and other books of our fathers, and had gotten therein good judgement, was drawn on also himself to write something pertaining to learning and wisdom to the intent that those which are desirous to learn and are addicted to these things might profit much more in living according to the law. Wherefore let me intreat you to read it with favour and attention, and to pardon us wherein we may seem to come short of some words which we have laboured to interpret. For the same things uttered in Hebrew, and translated into another tongue, have not the same force in them. And not onely these things, but the law it self, and the † prophets, and the rest of the books, have no small ‖ difference when they are spoken in their own language. For in the eight and thirtieth year when Euergetes was king, coming into Egypt, and continuing there some time, I found a ‖ book of no small learning. Therefore I thought it most necessary for me to bestow some diligence and travel to interpret it, using great watchfulness and skill in that space to bring the book to an end, and set it forth for them also which in a strange countrey are willing to learn, being prepared before in manners to live after the law.

‖ Or, of another nation.

† Or, prophecies.

‖ Or, excellency.

‖ Or, help of learning.

CHAP. I.

1 All wisdom is from God. 10 He giveth it to them that love him. 12 The fear of God is full of many blessings. 28 To fear God without hypocrisie.

ALl [a] wisdom *cometh* from the Lord, and is with him for ever.

[a] 1 King. 3. 9.

2 Who can number the sand of the sea, and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity?

3 Who can find out the height of heaven, and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom?

4 Wisdom hath been created before all things, and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.

5 The word of God most High is the fountain of wisdom; and her ways are everlasting commandments.

[b] Is. 40. 13. Wisd. 9. 13. Rom. 11. 34. 1 Cor. 2. 16.

6 [b] To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? or who hath known her wise counsels?

7 [Unto whom hath the knowledge of wisdom been made manifest? & who hath understood her great experience?]

8 There is one wise, and greatly to be feared; the Lord sitting upon his throne.

9 He created her, and saw her, and numbred her, and poured her out upon all his works.

10 She *is* with all flesh according to his gift; and he hath given her to them that love him.

11 The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory, and gladness, and a crown of rejoycing.

12 The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart, and giveth joy and gladness, and a long life.

13 Whoso feareth the Lord, it shall go well with him at the last, and he ‖ shall find favour in the day of his death.

‖ Or, *shall be blessed.*

[c] Ps. 111. 10. Pr. 1. 7. & 9. 10.

14 [c] To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and it was created with the faithfull in the womb.

15 She hath built an everlasting foundation with men, and she shall continue [d] with their seed.

[d] 2 Chr. 20. 21.

16 To fear the Lord is fulness of wis-

wisdom, and filleth men with her fruits.

17 She filleth all their house with things desireable, and the garners with her increase.

18 The fear of the Lord is a crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health to flourish; both which are the gifts of God: and it enlargeth their rejoycing that love him.

19 Wisdom raineth down skill and knowledge of understanding, and exalteth them to honour that hold her fast.

20 The root of wisdom is to fear the Lord, & the branches thereof are long life.

21 The fear of the Lord driveth away sins: and where it is present, it turneth away wrath.

22 A furious man cannot ‖ be justified: for the sway of his fury shall be his destruction.

23 A patient man will bear for a time; & afterward joy shall spring up unto him.

24 He will hide his words for a time; and the lips of many shall declare his wisdom.

25 The parables of knowledge are in the treasures of wisdom: but godliness is an abomination to a sinner.

26 If thou desire wisdom, keep the commandments, and the Lord shall give her unto thee.

27 For the fear of the Lord is wisdom and instruction: and faith and meekness are his delight.

28 ‖ Distrust not the fear of the Lord when thou art poor: and come not unto him with a double heart.

29 Be not an hypocrite in the sight of men, and take good heed what thou speakest.

30 Exalt not thy self, lest thou fall, and bring dishonour upon thy soul, and so God discover thy secrets, and cast thee down in the midst of the congregation, because thou camest not in truth to the fear of the Lord, but thy heart was full of deceit.

CHAP. II.

1 Gods servants must look for trouble, 7 and be patient, and trust in him. 12 For wo to them that do not so. 15 But they that fear the Lord will do so

MY son, if [a] thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation.

2 Set thy heart aright, & constantly endure, and ‖ make not haste in time of trouble.

3 Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end.

4 Whatsoever is brought upon thee, take cheerfully; and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate.

5 [b] For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity.

6 Beleeve in him, and he will help thee: order thy way aright, and trust in him.

7 Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, and go not aside, lest ye fall.

8 Ye that fear the Lord, beleeve him; and your reward shall not fail.

9 Ye that fear the Lord, hope for good, and for everlasting joy and mercy.

10 Look at the generations of old, and see: [c] did ever any trust in the Lord, and was confounded? or did any abide in his fear, and was forsaken? or whom did he ever despise that called upon him?

11 For the Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and very pitifull, and forgiveth sins, and saveth in time of affliction.

12 Wo be to fearfull hearts, and faint hands, and the sinner that goeth two ways.

13 Wo unto him that is faint-hearted: for he beleeveth not; therefore shall he not be defended.

14 Wo unto you that have lost patience: and what will ye do when the Lord shall visit you?

15 They that fear the Lord will not disobey his word; and [d] they that love him will keep his ways.

16 They that fear the Lord will seek that which is well-pleasing unto him; and they that love him shall be filled with the law.

17 They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and humble their souls in his sight,

18 *Say-*

[a] Matth. 4. 1. 2 Tim. 3. 12. 1 Pet. 4. 12.
‖ Or, *be not.*
[b] Wisd. 3. 6. Prov. 17. 3.
[c] Psal. 37. 25.
[d] John 14. 23.

18 *Saying*, We will fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men: for as his majesty is, so is his mercy.

CHAP. III.

2 *Children must honour and help both their parents.* 21 *We may not desire to know all things.* 26 *The incorrigible must needs perish.* 30 *Alms are rewarded.*

HEar me your father, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe.

[a] Exod. 20. 12. Deut. 5. 16. Matth. 15. 4. Mar. 7. 10. Eph. 6. 2.

2 For the Lord hath given [a] the father honour over the children, and hath confirmed the || authority of the mother over the sons.

|| Or, judgement.

3 Whoso honoureth his father maketh an atonement for his sins.

4 And he that honoureth his mother is as one that layeth up treasure.

5 Whoso honoureth his father shall have joy of *his own* children; and when he maketh his prayer, he shall be heard.

6 He that honoureth his father, shall have a long life: and he that is obedient unto the Lord, shall be a comfort to his mother.

7 He that feareth the Lord, will honour his father, and will do service unto his parents as to his masters.

[b] Verf. 2.

8 [b] Honour thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them.

[c] Gen. 27. 27. Deut. 33. 1.

9 For the [c] blessing of the father establisheth the houses of children: but ỹ curse of the mother rooteth out foundations.

10 Glory not in the dishonour of thy father: for thy fathers dishonour is no glory unto thee.

11 For the glory of a man is from the honour of his father: and a mother in dishonour is a reproach unto the children.

12 My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve him not as long as he liveth.

13 And if his understanding fail, have patience with him: and despise him not when thou art || in thy full strength.

|| Or, in all thine ability.

14 For the relieving of thy father shall not be forgotten: and in stead of sins it shall be added to build thee up.

15 In the day of thine affliction it shall be remembred: thy sins also shall melt away as the ice in the fair warm weather.

16 He that forsaketh his father is as a blasphemer; and he that angreth his mother is cursed of God.

17 My son, go on with thy business in meekness: so shalt thou be beloved of him that is approved.

[d] Phil. 2. 3.

18 [d] The greater thou art, the more humble thy self, and thou shalt find favour before the Lord.

[e] Ps. 25. 9. & 14.

19 Many are in high place and of renown; but [e] mysteries are revealed unto the meek.

[f] Prov. 25. 27. & Rom. 12. 3.

20 For the power of the Lord is great, and he is honoured of the lowly.

21 [f] Seek not out the things that are too hard for thee, neither search the things that are above thy strength.

22 But what is commanded thee, think thereupon with reverence; for it is not needfull for thee *to see with thine eyes* the things that are in secret.

23 Be not curious in unnecessary matters: for mo things are shewed unto thee then men understand.

24 For many are deceived by their own vain opinion, and an evil suspicion hath overthrown their judgement.

25 Without eyes thou shalt want light: profess not the knowledge therefore that thou hast not.

26 A stubborn heart shall fare evil at the last: and he that loveth danger shall perish therein.

27 An obstinate heart shall be laden with sorrows, and the wicked man shall heap sin upon sin.

|| Or, The proud man is not relieved in his punishment.

28 In the punishment of the proud there is no remedy: for the plant of wickedness hath taken root in him.

29 The heart of the prudent will understand a parable, and an attentive ear is the desire of a wise man.

[g] Psal. 41. 1. &c. Dan. 4. 27. Matth. 5. 7.

30 [g] Water will quench a flaming fire, and alms maketh an atonement for sins.

31 And he that requiteth good turns is mindfull of that which may come hereafter; and when he falleth he shall find a stay.

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CHAP. IV.

1 We may not despise the poor, or fatherless; 11 but seek for wisdom. 20 and not be ashamed of some things, nor gainsay the truth, 30 nor be as lions in our houses.

MY son, defraud not the poor of his living, and make not the needy eyes to wait long.

2 Make not an hungry soul sorrowfull, neither provoke a man in his distress.

3 Add not more trouble to an heart that is vexed, and defer not to give to him that is in need.

4 Reject not the supplication of the afflicted, neither turn away thy face from a poor man.

5 [a] Turn not away thine eye from ‖ the needy, and give him none occasion to curse thee:

6 For if he curse thee in the bitterness of his soul, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him.

7 Get thy self the love of the congregation, and bow thy head to a great man.

8 Let it not grieve thee to bow down thine ear to the poor, and give him a friendly answer with meekness.

9 Deliver him that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressour, and be not faint-hearted when thou sittest in judgement.

10 [b] Be as a father unto the fatherless, and in stead of an husband unto their mother: so shalt thou be as the son of the most High; and he shall love thee more then thy mother doth.

11 Wisdom exalteth her children, and layeth hold of them that seek her.

12 He that loveth her loveth life; and they that seek to her early shall be filled with joy.

13 He that holdeth her fast shall inherit glory; and whersoever she entreth the Lord will bless.

14 They that serve her shall minister ‖ to the holy One; and them that love her the Lord doth love.

15 Whoso giveth ear unto her shall judge the nations; and he that attendeth unto her shall dwell securely.

16 If a man commit himself unto her, he shall inherit her; and his generation shall hold her in possession.

17 For at the first she will walk with him by crooked ways, and bring fear and dread upon him, and torment him with her discipline, untill she may trust his soul, and try him by her laws.

18 Then will she return the straight way unto him, and comfort him, and shew him her secrets.

19 But if he go wrong, she will forsake him, and give him over to his own ruine.

20 Observe the opportunity, and beware of evil; and be not ashamed when it concerneth thy soul.

21 For there is a shame that bringeth sin; and there is a shame which is glory and grace.

22 Accept no person against thy soul, and let not the reverence of any man cause thee to fall.

23 And refrain not to speak † when there is occasion to do good, and hide not thy wisdom in her beauty. † Gr. in time of saying

24 For by speech wisdom shall be known, and learning by the word of the tongue.

25 In no wise speak against the truth, but be abashed of ỹ errour of thine ignorance.

26 Be not ashamed to confess thy sins, ‖ and force not the course of the river. ‖ Or, and strive not against the stream.

27 Make not thy self an underling to a foolish man, neither accept the person of the mighty.

28 Strive for the truth unto death; and the Lord shall fight for thee.

29 Be not hasty in thy tongue, and in thy deeds slack and remiss.

30 Be not as a lion in thy house, nor frantick among thy servants.

31 [c] Let not thine hand be stretched out to receive, and shut when thou shouldst ‖ repay. [c] Acts 20. 35. ‖ Or, give.

CHAP. V.

1 We must not presume of our wealth and strength, 6 nor of the mercy of God to sin. 9 We must not be double-tongued, 12 nor answer without knowledge.

SEt not thy heart upon thy goods; and say not, [a] I have enough for my life. [a] Luke 12. 19.

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2 Follow not thine own mind and thy ſtrength, to walk in the ways of thy heart:

3 And ſay not, Who ſhall controll me for my works? For the Lord will ſurely revenge thy pride.

4 Say not, I have ſinned, and what harm hath hapned unto me? For the Lord is long ſuffering; he will in no wiſe let thee go.

b Chap. 21. 1. 5 Concerning propitiation b be not without fear, to add ſin unto ſin:

6 And ſay not, His mercy is great; he will be pacified for the multitude of my ſins. c For mercy and wrath come from him, and his indignation reſteth upon ſinners.

c Chap. 16. 13. 7 Make no tarrying to turn to the Lord, and put not off from day to day. For ſuddenly ſhall the wrath of the Lord come forth, and in thy ſecurity thou ſhalt be deſtroyed, and periſh in the day of vengeance.

d Prov. 10. 2. & 11. 4. Ezek. 7. 19. 8 d Set not thine heart upon goods unjuſtly gotten, for they ſhall not profit thee in the day of calamity.

9 Winnow not with every wind, and go not into every way: for ſo doth the ſinner that hath a double tongue.

10 Be ſtedfaſt in thy underſtanding, and let thy word be the ſame.

e James 1. 19. 11 e Be ſwift to hear, and let thy life be ſincere, and with patience give anſwer.

12 If thou haſt underſtanding, anſwer thy neighbour: if not, lay thy hand upon thy mouth.

f Matth. 12. 37. 13 f Honour and ſhame is in talk; and the tongue of man is his fall.

g Rom. 1. 29. 14 g Be not called a whiſperer, and lie not in wait with thy tongue: for a foul ſhame is upon the thief, and an evil condemnation upon the double tongue.

15 Be not ignorant of any thing, in a great matter or a ſmall.

CHAP. VI.

2 Do not extoll thine own conceit, 7 but make choice of a friend. 18 Seek wiſdom betimes. 20 It is grievous to ſome, 28 yet the fruits thereof are pleaſant. 35 Be ready to hear wiſe men.

IN ſtead of a friend become not an enemy; for *thereby* thou ſhalt inherit an ill name, ſhame and reproach: even ſo ſhall a ſinner that hath a double tongue.

2 Extoll not thy ſelf in the counſel of thine own heart, that thy ſoul be not torn in pieces as a bull *ſtraying alone*.

3 Thou ſhalt eat up thy leaves, and loſe thy fruit, and leave thy ſelf as a dry tree.

4 A wicked ſoul ſhall deſtroy him that hath it, and ſhall make him to be laughed to ſcorn of his enemies.

5 † h Sweet language will multiply friends; and a fair-ſpeaking tongue will increaſe kind greetings.

† Gr. *A ſweet throat.*

h Chap. 20. 13.

6 Be in peace with many; nevertheleſs have but one counſeller of a thouſand.

7 If thou wouldſt get a friend, ‖ prove him firſt, and be not haſty to credit him.

‖ Or, *get him in the time of trouble.*

8 For ſome man is a friend for his own occaſion, and will not abide in the day of thy trouble.

9 And there is a friend who being turned to enmity and ſtrife will diſcover thy reproach.

i Chap. 37. 5. 10 i Again ſome friend is a companion at the table, and will not continue in the day of thy affliction.

11 But in thy proſperity he will be as thy ſelf, and will be bold over thy ſervants.

12 If thou be brought low, he will be againſt thee, and will hide himſelf from thy face.

13 Separate thy ſelf from thine enemies, and take heed of thy friends.

14 A faithfull friend is a ſtrong defenſe; and he that hath found ſuch an one hath found a treaſure.

15 Nothing doth countervail a faithfull friend, and his excellency is invaluable.

16 A faithfull friend is the medicine of life; and they that fear the Lord ſhall find him.

17 Whoſo feareth the Lord ſhall direct his friendſhip aright: for as he is, ſo ſhall his neighbour be alſo.

18 My ſon, gather inſtruction from thy youth up: ſo ſhalt thou find wiſdom till thine old age.

19 Come unto her as one that ploweth and

and soweth, and wait for her good fruits: for thou shalt not toil much in labouring about her, but thou shalt eat of her fruits right soon.

20 She is very unpleasant to the unlearned: he that is without ‖ understanding will not remain with her.

21 She will lie upon him as a [c] mighty stone of trial, and he will cast her from him ere it be long.

22 For wisdom is according to her name, and she is not manifest unto many.

23 Give ear, my son, receive my advice, and refuse not my counsel,

24 And put thy feet into her fetters, and thy neck into her ‖ chain.

25 Bow [d] down thy shoulder, and bear her, and be not grieved with her bonds.

26 Come unto her with thy whole heart, and keep her ways with all thy power.

27 Search and seek, and she shall be made known unto thee: and when thou hast got hold of her, let her not go.

28 For at the last thou shalt find her rest, and that shall be turned to thy joy.

29 Then shall her fetters be a strong defense for thee, and her chains a robe of glory.

30 For there is a golden ornament upon her, and her bands are ‖ purple lace.

31 Thou shalt put her on as a robe of honour, and shalt put her about thee as a crown of joy.

32 My son, if thou wilt, thou shalt be taught: and if thou wilt apply thy mind, thou shalt be prudent.

33 If thou love to hear, thou shalt receive understanding: and if thou bow thine ear, thou shalt be wise.

34 Stand in the multitude of the [e] elders, and cleave unto him that is wise.

35 Be willing to hear every godly discourse, and let not the parables of understanding escape thee.

36 And if thou seest a man of understanding, get thee betimes unto him, and let thy foot wear the steps of his door.

37 Let thy mind be upon the ordinances of the Lord, and [f] meditate continually in his commandments: he shall establish thine heart, and give thee wisdom at thine own desire.

CHAP. VII.

1 We are dehorted from sin, 4 from ambition, 8 presumption, 10 fainting in prayer, 12 and from lying and backbiting. 18 How to esteem a friend; 19 a good wife; 20 a servant; 22 our cattel; 23 our children, and parents; 31 the Lord, and his priests; 32 the poor, and those that mourn.

DO no evil: so shall no harm come unto thee.

2 Depart from the unjust, and iniquity shall turn away from thee.

3 My son,[a] sow not upon the furrows of unrighteousness, and thou shalt not reap them sevenfold.

4 Seek not of the Lord preeminence; neither of the king, the seat of honour.

5 [b] Justifie not thy self before the Lord, and boast not of thy wisdom before the king.

6 Seek not to be judge, being not able to take away iniquity; lest at any time thou fear the person of the mighty, and lay a stumbling-block in the way of thy uprightness.

7 Offend not against the multitude of a city; and then thou shalt not cast thy self down among the people.

8 Bind not one sin upon another: for in one thou shalt not be unpunished.

9 Say not, God will look upon the multitude of my oblations; and when I offer to the most High God, he will accept it.

10 Be not faint-hearted when thou makest thy prayer, and neglect not to give alms.

11 Laugh no man to scorn in the bitterness of his soul: for [c] there is one which humbleth, and exalteth.

12 † Devise not a lie against thy brother; neither do the like to thy friend.

13 Use not to make any manner of lie: for the custom thereof is not good.

14 Use not many words in a multitude of elders, [d] and make not ‖ much babling when thou prayest.

15 Hate not laborious work, neither husbandry,

[a] Job 4. 8. Pr. 22. 8.

[b] Job 9. 20. Psal. 143. 2. Eccles. 7. 16. Luke 18. 11.

[c] 1 Sam. 2. 7.

† Gr. *Plow not.*

[d] Mat. 6. 5, 7.

‖ Or, *vain repetition.*

husbandry, which the most High hath † ordained.

† Gr. created.

16 Number not thy self among the multitude of sinners, but remember that wrath will not tarry long.

17 Humble thy soul greatly: for the vengeance of the ungodly is fire and worms.

18 Change not a friend for any good by no means; neither a faithfull brother for the gold of Ophir.

19 Forgo not a wife and good woman: for her grace is above gold.

20 [c] Whereas thy servant worketh truly, entreat him not evil, nor the hireling that bestoweth himself wholly for thee.

[c] Levit. 19. 13. Chap. 33. 30. & 34. 22.

21 Let thy soul love a good servant, and defraud him not of liberty.

22 [d] Hast thou cattel? have an eye to them: and if they be for thy profit, keep them with thee.

[d] Deut. 25. 4. Pr. 27. 23, &c.

23 Hast thou children? instruct them, and bow down their neck from their youth.

24 Hast thou daughters? have a care of their body, and shew not thy self cheerfull toward them.

25 Marry thy daughter, and so shalt thou have performed a weighty matter: but give her to a man of understanding.

26 Hast thou a wife after thy mind? forsake her not: but give not thy self over to a ‖ light woman.

‖ Or, hateful. e Tob. 4. 3. Chap. 3. 3, & 7.

27 [e] Honour thy father with thy whole heart, and forget not the sorrows of thy mother.

28 Remember that thou wast begot of them: and how canst thou recompense them the things that they have done for thee?

29 Fear the Lord with all thy soul, and reverence his priests.

30 Love him that made thee with all thy strength, and forsake not his ministers.

31 Fear the Lord, and honour the priest: and give him his portion [h] as it is commanded thee; the first-fruits, and the trespass-offering, and the gift of the shoulders, and the sacrifice of sanctification, and the first-fruits of the holy things.

[h] Lev. 2. 3, 10. & 6. 16. & 7. 7, 9, 34. Num. 5. 9. & 18. 8, 15.

32 [i] And stretch thine hand unto the poor, that thy ‖ blessing may be perfected.

[i] Deut. 15. 10. ‖ Or, liberality.

33 A gift hath grace in the sight of every man living, and for the dead detain it not.

34 [k] Fail not to be with them that weep, and mourn with them that mourn.

[k] Rom. 12. 15.

35 [l] Be not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved.

[l] Matth. 25. 36, 39, 43.

36 Whatsoever thou takest in hand, remember the end, and thou shalt never do amiss.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Whom we may not strive with, 8 nor despise, 10 nor provoke, 15 nor have to do with.

STrive not with a mighty man, lest thou fall into his hands.

2 [a] Be not at variance with a rich man, lest he overweigh thee: for gold [b] hath destroyed many, and perverted the hearts of kings.

[a] Matth. 5. 25. [b] Chap. 31. 6.

3 Strive not with a man that is ‖ full of tongue, and heap not wood upon his fire.

‖ Or, of an evil tongue.

4 Jest not with a rude man, lest thy ancestours be disgraced.

5 [c] Reproach not a man that turneth from sin; but remember that we are all worthy of punishment.

[c] 2 Cor. 2. 6. Gal. 6. 1.

6 [d] Dishonour not a man in his old age: for even some of us wax old.

[d] Levit. 19. 32.

7 Rejoyce not over thy greatest enemy being dead; but remember that we die all.

8 Despise not the discourse of the wise, but acquaint thy self with their proverbs; for of them thou shalt learn instruction, and how to serve great men with ease.

9 [e] Miss not the discourse of the elders: for they also learned of their fathers, and of them thou shalt learn understanding, and to give answer as need requireth.

[e] Chap. 6. 34.

10 Kindle not the coals of a sinner, lest thou be burnt with the flame of his fire.

11 Rise not up *in anger* at the presence of an injurious person, lest he lie in wait ‖ to entrap thee in thy words.

‖ Or, for thy mouth.

12 Lend not unto him that is mightier then thy self: for if thou lendest him, count it but lost.

13 Be not surety above thy power: and, if thou be surety, take care to pay it.

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14 Go not to law with a judge: for they will judge for him according to his ‖ honour.

15 [f] Travel not by the way with a bold fellow, leſt he become grievous unto thee: for he will do according to his own will, and thou ſhalt periſh with him through his folly.

16 [g] Strive not with an angry man, and go not with him into a ſolitary place: for bloud is as nothing in his ſight, and where there is no help, he will overthrow thee.

17 Conſult not with a fool, for he cannot keep counſel.

18 Do no ſecret thing before a ſtranger, for thou knoweſt not what he will bring forth.

19 Open not thine heart to every man, leſt he requite thee with a ſhrewd turn.

CHAP. IX.

1 We are adviſed how to uſe our wives; 3 What women to avoid; 10 And not to change an old friend; 13 Not to be familiar with men in authority; 14 But to know our neighbours; 15 And to converſe with wiſe men.

BE not jealous over the wife of thy boſom, and teach her not an evil leſſon againſt thy ſelf.

2 Give not thy ſoul unto a woman to ſet her foot upon thy ſubſtance.

3 [a] Meet not with an harlot, leſt thou fall into her ſnares.

4 Uſe not much the company of a woman that ‖ is a ſinger, leſt thou be taken with her attempts.

5 Gaze not on a maid, that thou fall not by thoſe things that are precious in her.

6 Give not thy ſoul unto harlots, that thou loſe not thine inheritance.

7 Look not round about thee in the ſtreets of the city, neither wander thou in the ſolitary places thereof.

8 [b] Turn away thine eye from a beautifull woman, and look not upon anothers beauty: for many have been deceived by the beauty of a woman, for herewith love is kindled as a fire.

9 Sit not at all with another mans wife, nor ſit down with her in thine arms, and ſpend not thy money with her at the wine; leſt thine heart incline unto her, and ſo through thy deſire thou fall into deſtruction.

10 Forſake not an old friend: for the new is not comparable to him. A new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou ſhalt drink it with pleaſure.

11 [c] Envy not the glory of a ſinner: for thou knoweſt not what ſhall be his end.

12 Delight not in the thing that the ungodly have pleaſure in; but remember they ſhall not go unpuniſhed unto their grave.

13 Keep thee far from the man that hath power to kill; ſo ſhalt thou not doubt the fear of death. And if thou come unto him, make no fault, leſt he take away thy life preſently. Remember that thou goeſt in the midſt of ſnares, and that thou walkeſt upon the battlements of the city.

14 As near as thou canſt, gheſs at thy neighbour, and conſult with the wiſe.

15 Let thy talk be with the wiſe, and all thy communication in the law of the moſt High.

16 And let juſt men eat and drink with thee; and let thy glorying be in the fear of the Lord.

17 For the hand of the artificer the work ſhall be commended, and the wiſe ruler of the people for his ſpeech.

18 A man of an ill tongue is dangerous in his city, and he that is raſh in his talk ſhall be hated.

CHAP. X.

1 The commodities of a wiſe ruler. 4 God ſtirreth him up. 7 The inconveniences of pride, injuſtice, and covetouſneſs. 14 What God hath done to the proud. 19 Who ſhall be honoured, 29 and who not.

A Wiſe judge will inſtruct his people, and the government of a prudent man is well ordered.

2 [a] As the judge of the people is himſelf, ſo are his officers: and what manner of man the ruler of the city is, ſuch are all they that dwell therein.

3 An unwiſe king deſtroyeth his people; but through the prudence of them which are in authority the city ſhall be inhabited.

4 The power of the earth is in the hand of

of the Lord: and in due time he will ſet over it one that is profitable.

5 In the hand of God is the proſperity of man: and upon the || perſon of the ſcribe ſhall he lay his honour.

|| Or, *face.*

6 [b] Bear not hatred to thy neighbour for every wrong, and do nothing at all by injurious practices.

[b] Levit. 19. 17.

7 Pride is hatefull before God and man: and by both doth one commit iniquity.

8 Becauſe of unrighteous dealings, injuries, and riches got by deceit, the kingdom is tranſlated from one people to another.

9 Why is earth and aſhes proud? There is not a more wicked thing then a covetous man: for ſuch an one ſetteth his own ſoul to ſale; becauſe, while he liveth, he caſteth away his bowels.

10 The phyſician cutteth off a long diſeaſe: and he that is to day a king, to morrow ſhall die.

11 For when a man is dead, he ſhall inherit [c] creeping things, beaſts and worms.

[c] Is. 14. 11.

12 The beginning of pride is when one departeth from God, and his heart is turned away from his Maker.

13 For pride is the beginning of ſin; and he that hath it ſhall pour out abomination: and therefore the Lord brought upon them ſtrange calamities, and overthrew them utterly.

14 [d] The Lord hath caſt down the thrones of proud princes, and ſet up the meek in their ſtead

[d] 1 Sam. 2. 8. Luk. 1. 52.

15 The Lord hath plucked up the roots of the proud nations, and planted the lowly in their place.

16 The Lord overthrew countreys of the heathen, and deſtroyed them to the foundations of the earth.

17 He took ſome of them away, and deſtroyed them, and hath made their memorial to ceaſe from the earth.

18 Pride was not made for men, nor furious anger for them that are born of a woman.

19 They that fear the Lord are a ſure ſeed; and they that love him, an honourable plant: they that regard not the law are a diſhonourable ſeed; they that tranſgreſs the commandments are a || deceiveable ſeed.

|| Or, *unſtable generation.*

20 Among brethren he that is chief is honourable; ſo are they that fear the Lord in his eyes.

21 The fear of the Lord goeth before || the obtaining of authority: but roughneſs and pride is the loſing thereof.

|| Or, *principality.*

22 Whether he be rich, noble, or poor, their glory is the fear of the Lord.

23 It is not meet to deſpiſe the poor man that hath underſtanding: neither is it convenient to magnifie a ſinfull man.

24 Great men and judges and potentates ſhall be honoured; yet is there none of them greater then he that feareth the Lord.

25 [e] Unto the ſervant that is wiſe ſhall they that are free do ſervice: and he that hath knowledge [f] will not grudge when he is reformed.

[e] Prov. 17. 2. [f] 2 Sam. 12. 13.

26 Be not overwiſe in doing thy buſineſs; and boaſt not thy ſelf in the time of thy diſtreſs.

27 [g] Better is he that laboureth and aboundeth in all things then he that boaſteth himſelf and wanteth bread.

[g] Prov. 12. 9.

28 My ſon, glorifie thy ſoul in meekneſs, and give it honour according to the dignity thereof.

29 Who will juſtifie him that ſinneth againſt his own ſoul? and who will honour him that diſhonoureth his own life?

30 The poor man is honoured for his skill, and the rich man is honoured for his riches.

31 He that is honoured in poverty, how much more in riches? and he that is diſhonourable in riches, how much more in poverty?

CHAP. XI.

4 We may not vaunt nor ſet forth our ſelves, 8 nor anſwer raſhly, 10 nor meddle with many matters. 14 Wealth and all things elſe are from God. 24 Brag not of thy wealth, 29 nor bring every man into thy houſe.

WIſdom liſteth up the head || of him that is of low degree, and [a] maketh him to ſit among great men.

|| Or, *of the poor.* [a] Gen. 41. 40. Dan. 6. 3.

2 Commend not a man for his beauty; neither abhor a man for his outward appearance.

3 The bee is little among such as flie; but her fruit is the chief of sweet things.

4 [b] Boast not of thy clothing and raiment, and exalt not thy self in the day of honour: for the works of the Lord are wonderfull, and his works among men are hidden.

5 Many † kings have sat down upon the ground; and one that was never thought of hath worn the crown.

6 [c] Many mighty men have been greatly disgraced; and the honourable delivered into other mens hands.

7 [d] Blame not before thou hast examined the truth: understand first, and then rebuke.

8 [e] Answer not before thou hast heard the cause; neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk.

9 Strive not in a matter that concerneth thee not; and sit not ‖ in judgement with sinners.

10 My son, meddle not with many matters: for if thou meddle much, thou shalt not be innocent: and if thou follow after, thou shalt not obtain, neither shalt thou ‖ escape by fleeing.

11 [f] There is one that laboureth and taketh pains and maketh haste, and is so much the more behind.

12 Again, there is another that is slow and hath need of help, wanting ability, and full of poverty; [g] yet the eye of the Lord looked upon him for good, and set him up from his low estate,

13 And lifted up his head from misery, so that many that saw it marvelled at him.

14 [h] Prosperity and adversity, life and death, poverty and riches come of the Lord.

15 Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the law are of the Lord: love, and the way of good works are from him.

16 Errour and darkness had their beginning together with sinners: and evil shall wax old with them that glory therein.

17 The gift of the Lord remaineth with the godly; and his favour bringeth prosperity for ever.

18 There is that waxeth rich by his wariness and pinching, and this is the portion of his reward:

19 Whereas he saith, [i] I have found rest, and now will eat continually of my goods; and *yet* he knoweth not what time shall ‖ come upon him, and that [k] he must leave those things to others, and die.

20 [l] Be stedfast in thy covenant, and be conversant therein, and wax old in thy work.

21 Marvel not at the works of sinners; but trust in the Lord, and abide in thy labour: for it is an easie thing in the sight of the Lord on the sudden to make a poor man rich.

22 The blessing of the Lord is ‖ in the reward of the godly, and suddenly he maketh his blessing to flourish.

23 Say not, [m] What profit is there of my service? and what good things shall I have hereafter?

24 Again, say not, I have enough, and possess many things; and what evil can come to me hereafter?

25 In the day of prosperity there is a forgetfulness of affliction; and in the day of affliction there is no more remembrance of prosperity.

26 For it is an easie thing unto the Lord in the day of death to reward a man according to his ways.

27 The affliction of an hour maketh a man forget pleasure; and in his end his deeds shall be discovered.

28 Judge none blessed before his death: for a man shall be known in his children.

29 Bring not every man into thine house: for the deceitfull man hath many trains.

30 Like as a partridge taken *and kept* in a cage, so is the heart of the proud: and like as a spie, watcheth he for thy fall.

31 For he lieth in wait, and turneth good into evil, and in things worthy praise will lay blame upon thee.

32 Of a spark of fire a heap of coals is kindled:

† h

‖ Or, unstable generation.

‖ Or, principality.

[b] Ecclus. 1. 26.

[c] Job 12. 19.

[d] Prov. 18. 13.

[e] 2 Sam. 12. 13.

[f] Prov. 12. 9.

[g] Luke 1. 52.

[h] 1 Sam. 2. 6, 7.

‖ Or, of the way. [i] Gen. 41. 40. Dan. 6. 3.

‖ Or, passe. [k] Chap. 14. 4. Mat. 16. 26.

[l] Ecclus. 1. 22.

‖ Or, for a reward.

[m] Mal. 3. 14.

kindled: and a ſinfull man layeth wait for bloud.

33 Take heed of a miſchievous man; for he worketh wickedneſs: leſt he bring upon thee a perpetual blot.

34 Receive a ſtranger into thine houſe, and he will diſturb thee, and turn thee out of thine own.

CHAP. XII.

2 Be not liberal to the ungodly. 10 Truſt not thine enemy, nor the wicked.

WHen thou wilt do good, know to whom thou doeſt it: ſo ſhalt thou be thanked for thy benefits.

2 Do good to the godly man, and thou ſhalt find a recompenſe; and if not from him, yet from the moſt High.

3 There can no good come to him that is always occupied in evil, nor to him that giveth no alms.

4 Give to the godly man, and help not a ſinner.

5 Do well unto him that is lowly, but give not to the ungodly: hold back thy bread, & give it not unto him; leſt he overmaſter thee thereby. For *elſe* thou ſhalt receive twice as much evil for all the good thou ſhalt have done unto him.

6 For the moſt High hateth ſinners, and will repay vengeance unto the ungodly, and keepeth them againſt the mighty day of their puniſhment.

7 Give unto the good, and help not the ſinner.

8 A friend cannot be known in proſperity, and an enemy cannot be hidden in adverſity.

9 In the proſperity of a man enemies will be grieved: but in his adverſity even a friend will depart.

10 Never truſt thine enemy: for like as ‖ iron ruſteth, ſo is his wickedneſs. ‖ Or, braſs.

11 Though he humble himſelf, and go crouching, yet take good heed, and beware of him; and thou ſhalt be unto him as if thou hadſt wiped a looking-glaſs, and thou ſhalt know that his ruſt hath not been altogether wiped away.

12 Set him not by thee, leſt, when he hath overthrown thee, he ſtand up in thy place: neither let him ſit at thy right hand, leſt he ſeek to take thy ſeat, and thou at the laſt remember my words, and be pricked therewith.

13 Who will pity a charmer that is bitten with a ſerpent, or any ſuch as come nigh wild beaſts?

14 So one that goeth to a ſinner, and is ‖ defiled with him in his ſins, who will pity? ‖ Or, mingled.

15 For a while he will abide with thee: but if thou begin to fall, he will not tarry.

16 An enemy ſpeaketh ſweetly with his lips, but in his heart he imagineth how to throw thee into a pit: he will [a] weep with his eyes; but, if he find opportunity, he will not be ſatisfied with bloud. [a] Jer. 41. 6.

17 If adverſity come upon thee, thou ſhalt find him there firſt: and though he pretend to help thee, yet ſhall he ‖ undermine thee. ‖ Or, ſupplant.

18 He will ſhake his head, and clap his hands, and whiſper much, and change his countenance.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Keep not company with the proud, or with a mightier then thy ſelf. 15 Like will to like. 21 The difference between the rich and the poor. 25 A mans heart will change his countenance.

HE that toucheth pitch ſhall be defiled therewith; & [a] he that hath fellowſhip with a proud man ſhall be like unto him. [a] Deut. 7. 2.

2 Burden not thy ſelf above thy power while thou liveſt: and have no fellowſhip with one that is mightier and richer then thy ſelf. For how agree the kettle and the earthen pot together? † for if the one be ſmitten againſt the other, it ſhall be broken. † Or, this ſhall ſmite againſt it, and be broken.

3 The rich man hath done wrong, and yet he threatneth withall: the poor is wronged and he muſt intreat alſo.

4 If thou be for his profit, he will uſe thee: but if thou have nothing, he will forſake thee.

5 If thou have any thing, he will live with thee: yea, he will make thee bare, and will not be ſorry for it.

6 If he hath need of thee, he will deceive thee, and ſmile upon thee, and put thee

thee in hope: he will speak thee fair, and say, What wantest thou?

7 And he will shame thee by his meats, untill he have drawn thee dry twice or thrice; and at the last he will laugh thee to scorn: afterward when he seeth thee, he will forsake thee, & shake his head at thee.

8 Beware that thou be not deceived, and brought down || in thy jollity.

9 If thou be invited of a mighty man, withdraw thy self; and so much the more will he invite thee.

10 Press thou not upon him, lest thou be put back; stand not far off, lest thou be forgotten.

11 || Affect not to be made equal unto him in talk, || and beleeve not his many words: for with much communication will he tempt thee, and smiling upon thee will get out thy secrets:

12 But cruelly he will lay up thy words, and will not spare to do thee hurt, and to put thee in prison.

13 Observe and take good heed: for thou walkest in peril of thy overthrowing. When thou heares't these things, awake in thy sleep.

14 Love the Lord all thy life, and call upon him for thy salvation.

15 Every beast loveth his like, and every man loveth his neighbour.

16 All flesh consorteth according to kind; and a man will cleave to his like.

17 [b] What fellowship hath the wolf with the lamb? so the sinner with the godly.

18 What agreement is there between the hyena and a dog? and what peace between the rich and the poor?

19 As the wild ass is the lions prey in the wilderness; so [c] the rich eat up [†] poor.

20 As the proud hate humility; so doth the rich abhor the poor.

21 A rich man beginning to fall is held up of his friends; but a poor man being down is thrust also away by his friends.

22 When a rich man is fallen, he hath many helpers: he speaketh things not to be spoken, and yet men justifie him. The poor man slipt, and yet they rebuked him too: he spake wisely, and could have no place.

23 When a rich man speaketh, [d] every man holdeth his tongue; and look what he saith, they extoll it to the clouds: but if the poor man speak, they say, What fellow is this? and if he stumble, they will help to overthrow him.

24 Riches are good unto him that hath no sin; and poverty is evil in the mouth of the ungodly.

25 The heart of a man changeth his countenance, whether it be for good or evil: and a merry heart maketh a cheerfull countenance.

26 A cheerfull countenance is a token of a heart that is in prosperity: and the finding out of parables is a wearisom labour of the mind.

CHAP. XIV.

1 *A good conscience maketh men happy.* 5 *The niggard doeth good to none:* 13 *But do thou good.* 20 *Men are happy that draw near to wisdom.*

[a] BLessed is the man that hath not slipt with his mouth, and is not pricked with the || multitude of sins.

2 Blessed is he whose conscience hath not condemned him, and who is not fallen from his hope in the Lord.

3 Riches are not comely for a niggard: and what should an envious man do with money?

4 He that gathereth by defrauding his own soul [b] gathereth for others that shall spend his goods riotously.

5 He that is evil to himself, to whom will he be good? he shall not take pleasure in his goods.

6 There is none worse then he that envieth himself: and this is a recompense of his wickedness.

7 And if he doeth good, he doeth it unwillingly: and at the last he will declare his wickedness.

8 The envious man hath a wicked eye: he turneth away his face, and despiseth men.

9 A [c] covetous mans eye is not satisfied with his portion: and the iniquity of the wicked drieth up his soul.

10 A wicked eye envieth *his* bread, and he is a niggard at his table.

11 My

[a] Job 19. 9

[a] Chap. 19. 16. & 25. 8. James 3. 2.

[|] Or, sorrow.

[b] Chap. 11. 19.

[c] Prov. 27. 20.

11 My ſon, according to thy ability do good to thy ſelf, and give the Lord his due offering.

12 Remember that death will not be long in coming, and that the covenant of the grave is not ſhewed unto thee.

13 [c] Do good unto thy friend before thou die; and according to thy ability ſtretch out thy hand, and give to him.

14 [c] Defraud not thy ſelf of the ‖ good day, and let not the part of a good deſire overpaſs thee.

15 [f] Shalt thou not leave the fruit of thy travels unto another? and thy labours to be divided by lot?

16 Give, and take, and ſanctifie thy ſoul: for there is no ſeeking of dainties in the grave.

17 [g] All fleſh waxeth old as a garment. For the covenant from the beginning is, Thou ſhalt die the death.

18 As of the green leaves on a thick tree ſome fall, and ſome grow; ſo is the generation of fleſh and bloud, [h] one cometh to an end, and another is born.

19 Every work rotteth and conſumeth away, and the worker thereof ſhall go withall.

20 [i] Bleſſed is the man that doth meditate good things in wiſdom, & that reaſoneth of holy things by his underſtanding.

21 He that conſidereth her ways in his heart ſhall alſo have underſtanding in her ſecrets.

22 Go after her as one that traceth, and lie in wait in her ways.

23 He that prieth in at her windows ſhall alſo hearken at her doors.

24 He that doth lodge near her houſe ſhall alſo faſten a ‖ pin in her walls.

25 He ſhall pitch his tent nigh unto her, and ſhall lodge in a lodging where good things are.

26 He ſhall ſet his children under her ſhelter, & ſhall lodge under her branches.

27 [k] By her he ſhall be covered from heat, and in her glory ſhall he dwell.

CHAP. XV.

2 Wiſdom embraceth thoſe that fear God. 7 The wicked ſhall not get her. 11 We may not charge God with our faults: 14 For he made, and left us to our ſelves.

HE that feareth the Lord will do good: and he that hath the knowledge of the law ſhall obtain her.

2 And as a mother ſhall ſhe meet him, and receive him as a wife married of a virgin.

3 With the bread of underſtanding ſhall ſhe feed him, and give him the water of wiſdom to drink.

4 He ſhall be ſtayed upon her, and ſhall not be moved; and ſhall relie upon her, and ſhall not be confounded.

5 She ſhall exalt him above his neighbours; and in the midſt of the congregation ſhall ſhe open his mouth.

6 He ſhall find joy, and a crown of gladneſs; and ſhe ſhall cauſe him to inherit an everlaſting name.

7 But fooliſh men ſhall not attain unto her, and ſinners ſhall not ſee her.

8 For ſhe is far from pride; and men that are liars cannot remember her.

9 [a] Praiſe is not ſeemly in the mouth of a ſinner: for ‖ it was not ſent him of the Lord.

10 For ‖ praiſe ſhall be uttered in wiſdom; and the Lord will proſper it.

11 Say not thou, It is through the Lord that I fell away: for thou oughteſt not to do the things that he hateth.

12 Say not thou, He hath cauſed me to err: for he hath no need of the ſinfull man.

13 The Lord hateth all abomination; and they that fear God love it not.

14 He himſelf [b] made man from the beginning, and left him in the hand of his counſel:

15 If thou wilt, to [c] keep the commandments, and to perform acceptable faithfulneſs.

16 [d] He hath ſet fire and water before thee: ſtretch forth thy hand unto whether thou wilt.

17 [e] Before man is life and death; and whether him liketh ſhall be given him.

18 For the wiſdom of the Lord is great, and he is mighty in power, and beholdeth all things.

19 And

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c Tob. 4. 7. Luke 14. 13.
e Eccl. 7. 12, &c. & 6. 1, &c.
‖ Or, feaſt day
f Ver. 4
g Pſal. 102. 26. Iſa. 40. 6. Heb. 1. 11. James 1. 10. 1 Pet. 1. 24.
h Eccl. 1. 4.
i Pſal. 1. 2.
‖ Or, ſtage.
k Wiſd. 19. 17.

a Pſal. 33. 1. Prov. 26. 7.
‖ Or, parable
‖ Or, was not ſent of, &c.
‖ Or, rather, a parable
b Gen. 1. 26.
c Matt. 19. 17.
d Deut. 30. 15. Joſh. 24. 15.
e Jer. 21. 8.

19 And [f] his eyes are upon them that fear him; and he knoweth every work of man.

20 He hath commanded no man to do wickedly; neither hath he given any man licenſe to ſin.

CHAP. XVI.

1 It is better to have no children then many lewd ones. 6 The wicked are not ſpared for their number. 12 Both the wrath and the mercy of the Lord are great. 17 The wicked cannot be hid. 20 Gods works are unſearchable.

DEſire not a multitude of unprofitable children; neither delight in ungodly ſons.

2 Though they multiply, rejoyce not in them, except the fear of the Lord be with them.

3 Truſt not thou in their life, neither reſpect their multitude: for one that is juſt is better then a thouſand; and better it is to die without children then to have them that are ungodly.

4 For by one that hath underſtanding ſhall the city be repleniſhed: but the || kindred of the wicked ſhall ſpeedily become deſolate.

5 Many ſuch things have I ſeen with mine eyes, and mine ear hath heard greater things then theſe.

6 [a] In the congregation of the ungodly ſhall a fire be kindled, and in a rebellious nation wrath || is ſet on fire.

7 [b] He was not pacified towards the old giants, who fell away in the ſtrength of their fooliſhneſs.

8 [c] Neither ſpared he the place where Lot ſojourned, but [d] abhorred them for their pride.

9 He pitied not the people of perdition, who were taken away in their ſins;

10 [e] Nor the ſix hundred thouſand footmen, who were gathered together in the hardneſs of their hearts.

11 And if there be one ſtiff necked among the people, it is marvel if he eſcape unpuniſhed: for [f] mercy and wrath are with him: he is mighty to forgive, and to pour out diſpleaſure.

12 As his mercy is great, ſo is his correction alſo: [g] he judgeth a man according to his works.

13 The ſinner ſhall not eſcape with his ſpoils; and the patience of the godly ſhall not be fruſtrate.

14 Make way for every work of mercy: for every man ſhall find according to his works.

15 The Lord hardned Pharaoh, that he ſhould not know him, that his powerfull works might be known to the world.

16 His mercy is manifeſt to every creature: and [h] he hath ſeparated his light from the darkneſs with an || adamant.

17 Say not thou, I will hide my ſelf from the Lord: ſhall any remember me from above? I ſhall not be remembred among ſo many people: for what is my ſoul among ſuch an infinite number of creatures?

18 [i] Behold, the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, the deep, and the earth, and all that therein is, ſhall be moved when he ſhall viſit.

19 The mountains alſo and foundations of the earth ſhall be ſhaken with trembling when the Lord looketh upon them.

20 No heart can think upon theſe things worthily: and who is able to conceive his ways?

21 It is a tempeſt which no man can ſee: for the moſt part of his works are hid.

22 Who can declare the works of his juſtice; or who can endure them? for his covenant is afar off, and the trial of all things is in the end.

23 He that wanteth underſtanding will think upon vain things; and a fooliſh man erring imagineth follies.

24 My ſon, hearken unto me, and learn knowledge, and mark my words with thy heart.

25 I will ſhew forth doctrine in weight, and declare his knowledge exactly.

26 The works of the Lord are done in judgement from the beginning; and from the time he made them he diſpoſed the parts thereof.

27 He garniſhed his works for ever,

[g] Pſal. 62. 12.

[h] Gen. 1. 4.

|| Or, ſtrong partition.

[i] 1 Kin. 8. 27. 2 Chro. 6. 18. 2 Pet. 3. 7, 10.

|| Or, beginnings

and in his hand are the || chief of them unto all generations. They neither labour, nor are weary, nor ceaſe from their works.

28 None of them hindreth another; and they ſhall never diſobey his word.

29 After this the Lord looked upon the earth, and filled it with his bleſſings.

30 With all manner of living things hath he covered the face thereof: and they ſhall return into it again.

CHAP. XVII.

1 How God created and furniſhed man. 14 Avoid all ſin: 19 For God ſeeth all things. 25 Turn to him while thou liveſt.

[a] Gen. 1. 27. & 3. 19. & 5. 2. Wiſd. 2. 23. & 7. 1, 6.

THE Lord [a] created man of the earth, and turned him into it again.

2 He gave them few days, and a ſhort time, and power alſo over the things therein.

3 He endued them with ſtrength by themſelves, and [b] made them according to his image,

[b] Gen. 1. 26. & 9. 6. 1 Cor. 11. 7. Coloſſ. 3. 10.

4 And put the fear || of man upon all fleſh, and gave him dominion over beaſts and fowls.

|| Or, of him.

5 [They received the uſe of the five operations of the Lord: and in the ſixth place he imparted them underſtanding; and in the ſeventh, ſpeech, an interpreter of the cogitations thereof.]

6 Counſel, and a tongue, and eyes, ears, and a heart gave he them to underſtand.

7 Withall he filled them with the knowledge of underſtanding, and ſhewed them good and evil.

8 He ſet his eye upon their hearts, that he might ſhew them the greatneſs of his works.

9 He gave them to glory in his marvellous acts for ever, that they might declare his works with underſtanding.

10 And the elect ſhall praiſe his holy name.

11 Beſide this, he gave them knowledge, and the law of life for an heritage.

12 He made an everlaſting covenant with them, and ſhewed them his judgements.

13 Their eyes ſaw the majeſty of his glory, and their ears heard his glorious voice.

14 And he ſaid unto them, Beware of all unrighteouſneſs: and he [c] gave every man commandment concerning his neighbour.

[c] Exod. 20. & 21. & 23. & 23.

15 Their ways are ever before him, and ſhall not be hid from his eyes.

16 Every man from his youth is given to evil; neither could they make to themſelves fleſhy hearts for ſtony.

17 For [d] in the diviſion of the nations of the whole earth he ſet a [e] ruler over every people; but [f] Iſrael is the Lords portion:

[d] Deut. 32. 8, 9. [e] Exod. 3. 1. [f] Deut. 4. 20. & 10. 15.

18 Whom, being his firſt-born he nouriſheth with diſcipline, and giving him the light of his love, doth not forſake him.

19 Therefore all their works are as the ſun before him; and his eyes are continually upon their ways.

20 None of their unrighteous deeds are hid from him, but all their ſins are before the Lord.

21 But the Lord being gracious, and knowing his workmanſhip, neither left nor forſook them, but ſpared them.

22 The [g] alms of a man is as a ſignet with him: and he will keep the good deeds of man as the apple of the eye, and give repentance to his ſons and daughters.

[g] Chap. 29. 12, 13.

23 [h] Afterwards he will riſe up and reward them, and render their recompenſe upon their heads.

[h] Matth. 25. 34, 35.

24 [i] But unto them that repent he granted return, and comforted thoſe that failed in patience.

[i] Acts 3. 19.

25 [k] Return unto the Lord, and forſake thy ſins: make thy prayer before his face, and || offend leſs.

[k] Jer. 3. 12.

|| Or, leſſen thy offence.

26 Turn again to the moſt High, and turn away from iniquity: for he will lead thee out of darkneſs into the || light of health: and hate thou abomination vehemently.

|| Or, illumination.

27 [l] Who ſhall praiſe the moſt High in the grave, in ſtead of them which live and give thanks?

[l] Pſal. 6. 5. & 115. 17. Iſa. 38. 18, 19. Bar. 2. 17.

28 Thankſgiving periſheth from the dead as from one that is not: the living and

aud ſound in heart ſhall praiſe the Lord.

29 How great is the loving kindneſs of the Lord our God, and his compaſſion unto ſuch as turn unto him in holineſs!

30 For all things cannot be in men, becauſe the ſon of man is not immortal.

31 [m] What is brighter then the ſun? yet the light thereof faileth: and fleſh and bloud will imagine evil.

32 He vieweth the power of the height of heaven; and all men are but earth and aſhes.

CHAP. XVIII.

4 Gods works are to be wondred at. 9 Mans life is ſhort. 11 God is merciſull. 15 Do not blemiſh thy good deeds with ill words. 22 Defer not to be juſtified. 30 Follow not thy luſts.

HE that liveth for ever [a] created all things in general.

2 The Lord onely is righteous, and there is none other but he.

3 Who governeth the world with the palm of his hand, and all things obey his will. For he is the King of all, by his power [b] dividing holy things among them from profane.

4 To whom hath he given power to declare his works? [c] and who ſhall find out his noble acts?

5 Who ſhall number the ſtrength of his majeſty? and who ſhall alſo tell out his mercies?

6 As for the wondrous works of the Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, neither may any thing be put unto them, neither can the ground of them be found out.

7 When a man hath done, then he beginneth: and when he leaveth off, then he ſhall be doubtfull.

8 What is man? and whereto ſerveth he? What is his good? and what is his evil?

9 [d] The number of a mans days at the moſt are an hundred years.

10 As a drop of water unto the ſea, and a gravel-ſtone in compariſon of the ſand, ſo are a [e] thouſand years to the days of eternity.

11 Therefore is God patient with them, and poureth forth his mercy upon them.

12 He ſaw, and perceived their end to be evil: therefore he multiplied his compaſſion.

13 The mercy of man is toward his neighbour; but the mercy of the Lord is upon all fleſh. He reproveth, and nurtureth, and teacheth, and bringeth again, as a ſhepherd his flock.

14 He hath mercy on them that receive diſcipline, and that diligently ſeek after his judgements.

15 [f] My ſon, blemiſh not thy good deeds; neither uſe uncomfortable words when thou giveſt any thing.

16 Shall not the dew aſſwage the heat? ſo is a word better then a gift.

17 Lo, is not a word better then a gift? but both are with a gracious man.

18 A fool will upbraid churliſhly; and a gift of the envious conſumeth the eyes.

19 Learn before thou ſpeak: and uſe phyſick or ever thou be ſick.

20 Before judgement [g] examine thy ſelf; and in the day of viſitation thou ſhalt find mercy.

21 Humble thy ſelf before thou be ſick; and in the time of ſins ſhew repentance.

22 [h] Let nothing hinder thee to pay thy vow in due time: and defer not untill death to be juſtified.

23 Before thou prayeſt prepare thy ſelf; and be not as one that tempteth the Lord.

24 [i] Think upon the wrath that ſhall be at the end, and the time of vengeance, when he ſhall turn away his face.

25 When thou haſt enough, remember the time of hunger: and when thou art rich, think upon poverty and need.

26 From the morning untill the evening the time is changed, and all things are ſoon done before the Lord.

27 [k] A wiſe man will fear in every thing, and in the day of ſinning he will beware of offence: but a fool will not obſerve time.

28 Every man of underſtanding knoweth wiſdom, and will give praiſe unto him that found her.

29 They that were of underſtanding in ſayings became alſo wiſe themſelves,

and poured forth exquisite parables.

30 [f] Go not after thy lusts, but refrain thy self from thine appetites.

31 If thou givest thy soul the desires that please her, she will make thee a laughing-stock to thine enemies that malign thee.

32 Take not pleasure in much good cheer, neither be tied to the expense thereof.

33 Be not made a begger by banqueting upon borrowing, when thou hast nothing in thy purse: for thou shalt lie in wait for thine own life, and be talked on.

CHAP. XIX.

2 Wine and women seduce wise men. 7 Say not all thou hearest. 17 Reprove thy friend without anger. 22 There is no wisdom in wickedness.

A Labouring man that is given to drunkenness shall not be rich: and he that contemneth small things shall fall by little and little.

2 [a] Wine and [b] women will make men of understanding to fall away: and he that cleaveth to harlots will become impudent.

3 Moths and worms shall have him to heritage; and a bold man shall be taken away.

4 [c] He that is hasty to give credit is light minded: and he that sinneth shall offend against his own soul.

5 Whoso taketh pleasure in wickedness shall be condemned: but he that resisteth pleasures crowneth his life.

6 He that can rule his tongue shall live without strife, and he that hateth babbling shall have less evil.

7 [d] Rehearse not unto another that which is told unto thee, and thou shalt fare never the worse.

8 Whether it be || to a friend or foe, talk not of other mens lives: and if thou canst without offence, reveal them not.

9 For he heard, and observed thee; and when time cometh he will || hate thee.

10 If thou hast heard a word, let it die with thee; and be bold it will not burst thee.

11 A fool travaileth with a word as a woman in labour of a child.

12 As an arrow that sticketh in a mans thigh, so is a word within a fools || belly.

13 [e] Admonish a friend; it may be he hath not done it: and, if he have done it, that he do it no more.

14 || Admonish thy friend; it may be he hath not said it: and, if he have, that he speak it not again.

15 Admonish a friend: for many times it is a slander; and beleeve not every tale.

16 There is one that slippeth in his speech, but not || from his heart: and who is he that hath [f] not offended with his tongue?

17 || Admonish thy neighbour before thou threaten him; and not being angry, give place to the Law of the most High.

18 [g] The fear of the Lord is the first step || to be accepted *of him*: and wisdom obtaineth his love.

19 The knowledge of the commandments of the Lord is the doctrine of life: and they that do things that please him shall [h] receive the fruit of the tree of immortality.

20 The fear of the Lord is all wisdom; and in all wisdom is the performance of the law, and the knowledge of his omnipotency.

21 [i] If a servant say to his master, I will not do as it pleaseth thee, though afterward he do it, he angreth him that nourisheth him.

22 The knowledge of wickedness is not wisdom; neither at any time the counsel of sinners, prudence.

23 There is a wickedness, and the same an abomination: and there is a fool wanting in wisdom.

24 He that hath small understanding, and feareth God, is better then one that hath much wisdom, and transgresseth the law of the most High.

25 There is an exquisite subtilty, and the same is unjust; and there is one [y] turneth aside to make judgement appear: & there is a wise man that || justifieth in judgement.

26 There is a wicked man that hangeth down his head || sadly, but inwardly he is full of deceit,

27 Casting

f Rom. 6. 6. & 13. 14.

a Gen. 19. 33. b 1 Kin. 11. 1.

c Prov. 29. 20.

d Chap. 41. 23.

|| Or, *of friend or foe.*

|| Or, *shew his hatred.*

Or, *heart.*

e Lev. 19. 17. Matth. 18. 15.

|| Or, *reprove.*

|| Or, *willingly.*

f Chap. 14. 1. Jam. 3. 2.

|| Or, *reprove.*

g Prov. 1. 7. Chap. 40. 26.

|| Or, *of receiving him.*

h Rev. 2. 7. & 22. 2, 14.

i Matth. 21. 29.

Or, *judgeth.*

Or, *in black.*

27 Casting down his countenance, and making as if he heard not: where he is not known, he will do thee a mischief before thou be aware.

28 And if for want of power he be hindred from sinning, yet when he findeth opportunity he will do evil.

29 A man may be known by his look, and one that hath understanding by his countenance, when thou meetest him.

30 A mans attire, and [k] excessive laughter, and gate, shew what he is.

CHAP. XX.

1 *Of silence, and speaking.* 10 *Of gifts, and gain.* 18 *Of slipping by the tongue.* 24 *Of lying.* 27 *Divers advertisements.*

THere is a reproof that is not [||] comely: again some man holdeth his tongue, and he is wise.

2 It is much better to reprove then to be angry secretly: and he that confesseth his fault shall be preserved from hurt.

3 How good is it, when thou art reproved, to shew repentance! for so shalt thou escape wilfull sin.

4 As is the lust of [a] an eunuch to deflower a virgin, so is he that executeth judgement with violence.

5 There is one that keepeth silence, and is found wise; and another by much babbling becometh hatefull.

6 Some man holdeth his tongue because he hath not to answer; and some keepeth silence, [b] knowing his time.

7 A wise man will hold his [c] tongue till he see opportunity; but a babbler and a fool will regard no time.

8 He that useth many words shall be abhorred; and he that taketh to himself authority therein shall be hated.

9 There is a sinner that hath good success in evil things; and there is a gain that turneth to loss.

10 There is a gift that shall not profit thee; and there is a gift whose recompense is double.

11 There is an abasement because of glory; and there is that lifteth up his head from a low estate.

12 There is that buyeth much for a little, and repayeth it seven-fold.

13 [d] A wise man by his words maketh himself beloved; but the [||] graces of fools shall be [|] poured out.

14 The gift of a fool shall do thee no good when thou hast it; neither yet of the envious for his necessity: for [†] he looketh to receive many things for one.

15 He giveth little, and [e] upbraideth much; he openeth his mouth like a crier; to day he lendeth, and to morrow will he ask it again: such a one is to be hated of God and man.

16 The fool saith, I have no friends, I have no thank for all my good deeds, and they that eat my bread speak evil of me.

17 How oft, and of how many shall he be laughed to scorn! for he knoweth not aright what it is to have; and it is all one unto him as if he had it not.

18 To slip upon a pavement is better then to slip with the tongue: so the fall of the wicked shall come speedily.

19 [||] An unseasonable tale will always be in the mouth of the unwise.

20 A wise sentence shall be rejected when it cometh out of a fools mouth; for he will not speak it in due season.

21 There is that is hindred from sinning through want: and when he taketh rest, he shall not be [†] troubled.

22 [f] There is that destroyeth his own soul through bashfulness, and by accepting of persons overthroweth himself.

23 There is that for bashfulness promiseth to his friend, and maketh him his enemy for nothing.

24 [g] A lie is a foul blot in a man; yet it is continually in the mouth of the untaught.

25 A thief is better then a man that is accustomed to lie: but they both shall have destruction to heritage.

26 The disposition of a liar is [||] dishonourable, and his shame is ever with him.

27 A wise man shall promote himself *to honour* with his words: and he that hath understanding will please great men.

28 [h] He

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[k] Or, *heart.* [c] Lev. 19. 17. Matth. 18. 15.

[||] Or, *grace.* [|] Or, *effused.*

[||] Or, *wisdom.* [c] Chap. 14. 1. Jam. 3. 2.

[||] Or, *reproof.* [a] Pr. of Chap. 20. 26.

[||] Or, *of understanding him.*

[b] Rev. 2. 7. & 22. 2, 14.

[a] Deut. 23. 1.

[b] Matth. 21. 39.

[c] Or, *judgeth.*

[d] Or, *in black.*

[d] Chap. 6. 5.

[||] Or, *pleasant conceits.* [|] Or, *lost, or spilt.* [†] Gr. *his eyes are many for one to receive.*

[e] Chap. 41. 22.

[||] Or, *An unpleasant fellow.*

[†] Gr. *pricked.* [f] Chap. 42. 1.

[g] Chap. 25. 1.

[||] Or, *Synonimie.*

28 [h] He that tilleth his land ſhall increaſe his heap; and he that pleaſeth great men ſhall get pardon for iniquity.

29 [i] Preſents and gifts blind the eyes of the wiſe, and ‖ ſtop up his mouth that he cannot reprove.

30 Wiſdom that is hid, and treaſure that is hoarded up, what profit is in them both?

31 [k] Better is he that hideth his folly then a man that hideth his wiſdom.

32 Neceſſary patience in ſeeking the Lord is better then he that leadeth his life without a guide.

CHAP. XXI.

2 Flee from ſin as from a ſerpent. 4 His oppreſſion will undo the rich. 9 The end of the unjuſt ſhall be naught. 12 The differences between the fool and the wiſe.

MY ſon, haſt thou ſinned? do ſo no more, but [a] ask pardon for thy former ſins.

2 Flee from ſin as from the face of a ſerpent: for, if thou comeſt too near it, it will bite thee: the teeth thereof are as the teeth of a lion, ſlaying the ſouls of men.

3 All iniquity is as a two-edged ſword, the wounds whereof cannot be healed.

4 To terriſie and do wrong will waſte riches: thus the houſe of proud men ſhall be made deſolate.

5 [b] A prayer out of a poor mans mouth reacheth to the ears of God, and his judgement cometh ſpeedily.

6 He that hateth to be reproved is in the way of ſinners; but he that feareth the Lord will † repent from his heart.

7 An eloquent man is known far and near; but a man of underſtanding knoweth when he ſlippeth.

8 He that buildeth his houſe with other mens money is like one that gathereth himſelf ſtones for the tomb of his burial.

9 [c] The congregation of the wicked is like tow wrapped together; and the end of them is a flame of fire to deſtroy them.

10 The way of ſinners is made plain with ſtones, but at the end thereof is the pit of hell.

11 [d] He that keepeth the law of the Lord getteth the underſtanding thereof: and the perfection of the fear of the Lord is wiſdom.

12 He that is not ‖ wiſe will not be taught: [e] but there is a ‖ wiſdom which multiplieth bitterneſs.

13 The knowledge of a wiſe man ſhall abound like a ſloud; and his counſel is like a pure fountain of life.

14 [f] The inner parts of a fool are like a broken veſſel, and he will hold no knowledge as long as he liveth.

15 If a skilfull man hear a wiſe word, he will commend it, and [g] add unto it: but aſſoon as one of no underſtanding heareth it, it diſpleaſeth him, and he caſteth it behind his back.

16 The talking of a fool is like a burden in the way: but grace ſhall be found in the lips of the wiſe.

17 They enquire at the mouth of the wiſe man in the congregation, and they ſhall ponder his words in their heart.

18 As is a houſe that is deſtroyed, ſo is wiſdom to a fool: and the knowledge of the unwiſe is as talk ‖ without ſenſe.

19 Doctrine unto fools is as fetters on the feet, & like manacles on ŷ right hand.

20 [h] A fool lifteth up his voice with laughter, but a wiſe man doth ſcarce ſmile a little.

21 Learning is unto a wiſe man as an ornament of gold, and like a bracelet upon his right arm.

22 A fooliſh mans foot is ſoon in his *neighbours* houſe; but a man of experience is aſhamed of him.

23 A fool will peep in at the door into the houſe; but he that is well-nurtured will ſtand without.

24 It is the rudeneſs of a man to hearken at the door; but a wiſe man will be grieved with the diſgrace.

25 The lips of talkers will be telling ſuch things as pertain not unto them: but the words of ſuch as have underſtanding are weighed in the balance.

26 The heart of fools is in their mouth; but the mouth of the wiſe is in their heart.

27 When the ungodly curſeth Satan, he curſeth his own ſoul. 28 [i] A

[a] Prov. 12. 11. & 28. 19.
[b] Exod. 23. 8. Deut. 16. 19.
‖ Or, as it were in the mouth.
[c] Chap. 41. 15.
[a] Pſal. 41. 4. Luke 15. 21.
[b] Exod. 3. 9. & 22. 23.
† Or, be converted.
[c] Chap. 16. 6.
[d] Joh. 7. 17.
[e] Or, wiſe.
[f] Eccles. 1. 18.
‖ Or, ſobriety.
[g] Chap. 33. 3.
[h] Prov. 9. 9.
‖ Or, was to be enquired after.
[i] Chap. 19. 30.

28 [i] A whisperer defileth his own soul, and is hated whereſoever he dwelleth.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Of the ſlothfull man, 3 and a fooliſh daughter. 11 Weep rather for fools then for the dead. 13 Meddle not with them. 16 The wiſe mans heart will not ſhrink. 20 What will loſe a friend.

A Slothfull man is compared to a filthy ſtone; and every one will hiſs him out to his diſgrace.

2 A Slothfull man is compared to the filth of a dunghil; every man that takes it up will ſhake his hand.

3 An evil nurtured ſon is the diſhonour of his father that begat him; and a *fooliſh* daughter is born to his loſs.

4 [a] A wiſe daughter ſhall || bring an inheritance to her husband: but ſhe that liveth diſhoneſtly is her fathers heavineſs.

5 She that is bold diſhonoureth both her father and her husband; but they both ſhall deſpiſe her.

6 A tale out of ſeaſon *is as* muſick in mourning: but ſtripes and correction of wiſdom are never out of time.

7 Whoſo teacheth a fool is as one that glueth a potſherd together, and as he that waketh one from a ſound ſleep.

8 He that telleth a tale to a fool ſpeaketh to one in a ſlumber: when he hath told his tale, he will ſay, What is the matter?

9 If children live honeſtly, and have || wherewithall, they ſhall cover the baſeneſs of their parents.

10 But children being haughty through diſdain and want of nurture, do ſtain the nobility of their kindred.

11 [b] Weep for the dead; for he hath loſt the light: and weep for the fool; for he wanteth underſtanding. Make little weeping for the dead; for he is at reſt: but the life of the fool is worſe then death.

12 [c] Seven days do men mourn for him that is dead; but for a fool and an ungodly man, all the days of his life.

13 Talk not much with a fool, and go not to him that hath no underſtanding. [d] Beware of him, leſt thou have trouble, and thou ſhalt never be defiled || with his fooleries. Depart from him, and thou ſhalt find reſt, and never be || diſquieted with madneſs.

14 What is heavier then lead? and what is the name thereof, but a Fool?

15 [e] Sand and ſalt and a maſs of iron is eaſier to bear then a man without underſtanding.

16 As timber girt and bound together in a building cannot be looſed with ſhaking; ſo the heart that is ſtabliſhed by adviſed counſel ſhall fear at no time.

17 A heart ſettled upon a thought of underſtanding is as a fair plaiſtering || on the wall of a gallery.

18 Pales ſet on an high place will never ſtand againſt the wind: ſo a fearfull heart in the imagination of a fool cannot ſtand againſt any fear.

19 He that pricketh the eye will make tears to fall; and he that pricketh the heart maketh it to ſhew her knowledge.

20 Whoſo caſteth a ſtone at the birds frayeth them away: and he that upbraideth his friend breaketh friendſhip.

21 Though thou dreweſt a ſword at thy friend, yet deſpair not: for there may be a returning *to favour*.

22 If thou haſt opened thy mouth againſt thy friend, fear not: for there may be a reconciliation; except for upbraiding, or pride, or [f] diſcloſing of ſecrets, or a treacherous wound: for for theſe things every friend will depart.

23 Be faithfull to thy neighbour in his poverty, that thou mayeſt rejoyce in his proſperity. Abide ſtedfaſt unto him in the time of his trouble, ẏ thou mayeſt be heir with him in his heritage For a mean eſtate is not always to be contemned, nor the rich that is fooliſh to be had in admiration.

24 As the vapour and ſmoke of a furnace goeth before ẏ fire, ſo reviling before bloud.

25 I will not be aſhamed to defend a friend; neither will I hide my ſelf from him.

26 And if any evil happen unto me by him, every one that heareth it will beware of him.

27 [g] Who ſhall ſet a watch before my mouth, and a ſeal of wiſdom upon my lips, that I fall not ſuddenly by them, and that my tongue deſtroy me not? CHAP.

|| Or, wanted.

[e] Prov. 27. 3.

|| Or, of a poliſhed wall.

[f] Chap. 27. 17.

[g] Pſal. 141. 3.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 *A prayer for grace to flee ſin.* 9 *We may not uſe ſwearing.* 14 *Remember our parents.* 16 *Of three ſorts of ſin.* 23 *The adulterous wife ſinneth many ways.*

O Lord, Father and Governour of all my whole life, leave me not to their counſels, and let me not fall by them.

2 Who will ſet ſcourges over my thoughts, and the diſcipline of wiſdom over mine heart? that they ſpare me not for mine ignorances, and it paſs not by my ſins:

3 Leſt mine ignorances increaſe, and my ſins abound to my deſtruction, and I fall before mine adverſaries, and mine enemy rejoyce over me, whoſe hope is far from thy mercy.

4 O Lord, Father and God of my life, give me not a proud look, but turn away from thy ſervants alwaies a haughty mind.

1 Or, impudence.

5 Turn away from me vain hopes, and concupiſcence; and thou ſhalt hold him up that is deſirous always to ſerve thee.

6 Let not the greedineſs of the belly nor luſt of the fleſh take hold of me; and give not over me thy ſervant into an impudent mind.

7 Hear, O ye children, the diſcipline of the mouth: he that keepeth it ſhall never be taken in his lips.

8 The ſinner ſhall be left in his fooliſhneſs: both the evil ſpeaker and the proud ſhall fall thereby.

9 [a] Accuſtom not thy mouth to ſwearing; neither uſe thy ſelf to the naming of the Holy one.

a Exod. 20. 7. Chap. 27. 14. Mat. 5. 33, 34.

10 For as a ſervant that is continually beaten ſhall not be without a blue mark; ſo he that ſweareth and nameth God continually ſhall not be faultleſs.

11 A man that uſeth much ſwearing ſhall be filled with iniquity, and the plague ſhall never depart from his houſe. If he ſhall offend, his ſin ſhall be upon him: and if he acknowledge not his ſin, he maketh a double offenſe. And if he ſwear in vain, he ſhall not be † innocent; but his houſe ſhall be full of calamities.

† Or, juſtified. b Lev. v. 24. 15, 16.

12 [b] There is a word that is clothed about with death: God grant that it be not found in the heritage of Jacob. For all ſuch things ſhall be far from the godly; and they ſhall not wallow in their ſins.

13 Uſe not thy mouth to untemperate ſwearing: for therein is the word of ſin.

14 Remember thy father and thy mother, when thou ſitteſt among great men. Be not forgetfull before them, and ſo thou by thy cuſtom become a fool, and wiſh that thou hadſt not been born, and curſe the day of thy nativity.

15 [c] The man that is accuſtomed to opprobrious words will never be reformed all the days of his life.

c 2 Sam. 16. 7.

16 Two ſorts of men multiply ſin, and the third will bring wrath. A hot mind is as a burning fire; it will never be quenched till it be conſumed. A fornicatour in the body of his fleſh will never ceaſe till he hath kindled a fire.

17 [d] All bread is ſweet to a whoremonger; he will not leave off till he die.

d Prov. 9. 17.

18 A man that breaketh wedlock, ſaying thus in his heart, [e] Who ſeeth me? I am compaſſed about with darkneſs: the walls cover me, and no body ſeeth me: what need I to fear? the moſt High will not remember my ſins:

e Job 24. 15. Iſa. 29. 15.

19 Such a man only feareth the eyes of men, and knoweth not that the eyes of the Lord are ten thouſand times brighter then the ſun, beholding all the ways of men, and conſidering the moſt ſecret parts.

20 He knew all things ere ever they were created; ſo alſo after they were perfected, he looked upon them all.

21 [f] This man ſhall be puniſhed in the ſtreets of the city, and where he ſuſpecteth not he ſhall be taken.

f Levit. 20. 10. Deut. 22. 22.

22 Thus ſhall it go alſo with the wife that leaveth her husband, and bringeth in an heir by ‖ another.

‖ Or, ſtranger.

23 For firſt ſhe hath diſobeyed the [g] law of the moſt High; and ſecondly, ſhe hath treſpaſſed againſt her own husband; and thirdly, ſhe hath played the whore in adultery, and brought children by another man.

g Sirach 23. 14.

24 She ſhall be brought out into the congre-

congregation, and || inquiſition ſhall be made of her children.

25 Her [h] children ſhall not take root, and her branches ſhall bring forth no fruit.

26 She ſhall leave her memory to be curſed, and her reproach ſhall not be blotted out.

27 And they that remain ſhall know that there is nothing better then the fear of the Lord, and that there is nothing ſweeter then to take heed unto the commandments of the Lord.

28 It is great glory to follow the Lord; and to be received of him is long life.

CHAP. XXIV.

Wiſdom doth praiſe her ſelf, ſheweth her beginning, 4 her dwelling, 13 her glory, 17 her fruit, 26 her increaſe and perfection.

WIſdom ſhall praiſe her ſelf, & ſhall glory in the midſt of her people.

2 In the congregation of the moſt High ſhall ſhe open her mouth, and triumph before his power.

3 I came out of the mouth of the moſt High, and covered the earth as || a cloud.

4 [a] I dwelt in high places, and [b] my throne is in a cloudy pillar.

5 I alone compaſſed the circuit of heaven, and walked in the bottom of the deep.

6 In the waves of the ſea, and in all the earth, and in every people and nation I got a poſſeſſion.

7 With all theſe I fought reſt: and in whoſe inheritance ſhall I abide?

8 So the Creatour of all things gave me a commandment, and he that made me cauſed my tabernacle to reſt, and ſaid, Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thine inheritance in Iſrael.

9 He [c] created me from the beginning before the world, and I ſhall never fail.

10 In the [d] holy tabernacle I ſerved before him: and ſo was I eſtabliſhed in Sion.

11 [e] Likewiſe in the || beloved city he gave me reſt; and in Jeruſalem was my power.

12 And I took root in an honourable people, even in the portion of the Lords inheritance.

13 I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypreſs-tree upon the mountains of Hermon.

14 I was exalted like a palm-tree in || Engaddi, and as a roſe-plant in Jericho, as a fair olive-tree in a pleaſant field, and grew up as a plane-tree || by the water.

15 I gave a ſweet ſmell like cinnamon and aſpalathus, and I yeelded a pleaſant odour like the beſt myrrh, as galbanum, and onyx, and ſweet ſtorax, and as the fume of frankincenſe in the [f] tabernacle.

16 As the turpentine-tree I ſtretched out my branches; and my branches are the branches of honour and grace.

17 [g] As the vine brought I forth pleaſant ſavour, and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches.

18 I am the mother of fair love, and fear, and knowledge, and holy hope: I therefore being eternall am given to all my children which are || named of him.

19 Come unto me, all ye that be deſirous of me, and fill your ſelves with my fruits.

20 For my memorial is [h] ſweeter then hony, and mine inheritance then the hony-comb.

21 They that eat me ſhall yet be hungry; and they that drink me ſhall yet be thirſty.

22 He that obeyeth me ſhall never be confounded; and they that work by me ſhall not do amiſs.

23 All theſe things are the book of the covenant of the moſt high God, *even* the [i] law which Moſes commanded for an heritage unto the congregations of Jacob.

24 Faint not to be ſtrong in the Lord; that he may confirm you, cleave unto him: for the Lord Almighty is God alone; and beſides him there is no other Saviour.

25 He filleth all things with his wiſdom as [k] Phiſon, and as Tigris in the time of the new fruits.

26 He maketh the underſtanding to abound like Euphrates, and as [l] Jordan in the time of the harveſt.

27 He maketh the doctrine of knowledge appear as the light, and as Geon in the time of vintage.

28 The

[h] Prov. 9. 17.
[i] Job 24. 15. Iſa. 27. 3.
[a] Levit. 26. 10. Deut. 23. 23.
[b] Or, ſtandard.
[c] Exod. 20. 14.
[d] Or, in the city.
[e] 2 Sam. 16. 7.
[f] Exod. 30. 34.
[g] John 15. 1.
[h] Or, choſen.
[h] Pſal. 19. 10, 11.
[i] Exod. 20. 1. & 24. 3. Deut. 4. 5. & 29. 1.
[k] Gen. 2. 11.
[l] Joſh. 3. 15.

28 The first man knew her not perfectly: no more shall the last find her out.

29 For her thoughts are more then the sea, and her counsels profounder then the great deep.

‖ Or, drain, or ditch.

30 I also came out as a ‖ brook from a river, and as a conduit into a garden.

31 I said, I will water my best garden, and will water abundantly my garden bed: and lo, my brook became a river, and my river became a sea.

32 I will yet make doctrine to shine as the morning, and will send forth her light afar off.

33 I will yet pour out doctrine as prophesie, and leave it to all ages for ever.

m Chap. 33. 17.

34 m Behold that I have not laboured for my self onely, but for all them that seek wisdom.

CHAP. XXV.

1 What things are beautifull, and what hatefull. 6 What is the crown of age. 7 What things make men happy. 13 Nothing worse then a wicked woman.

‖ Or, gloried.

IN three things I ‖ was beautified, and stood up beautifull both before God and men; The a unity of brethren, the love of neighbours, a man and a wife that agree together.

a Gen. 13. 8. Psal 133. 1. Rom. 12. 10.

2 Three sorts of men my soul hateth, and I am greatly offended at their life; A poor man that is proud, a rich man that is a liar, and an old adulterer that doteth.

3 If thou hast gathered nothing in thy youth, how canst thou find any thing in thine age?

4 Oh how comely a thing is judgement for gray hairs, and for ancient men to know counsel!

5 Oh how comely is the wisdom of old men, and understanding and counsel to men of honour!

6 Much experience is the crown of old men; and the fear of God is their glory.

7 There be nine things which I have judged in mine heart to be happy, and the tenth I will utter with my tongue; A man that hath joy of his children, and he that liveth to see the fall of his enemy:

8 Well is he that dwelleth with a wife of understanding, and that hath not b slipped with his tongue, and that hath not served a man more unworthy then himself:

b Chap. 14. 1. & 19. 16. James 3. 2.

9 Well is he that hath found ‖ prudence, and he that speaketh in the ears of them that will hear.

‖ Or, a friend.

10 Oh how great is he that findeth wisdom! yet is there none above him that feareth the Lord.

11 But the love of the Lord passeth all things for illumination: he that holdeth it, ‖ whereto shall he be likened?

‖ Or, to whom.

12 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of his love: and faith is the beginning of cleaving unto him.

13 *Give me* any plague but the plague of the heart; and any wickedness but the wickedness of a woman;

14 And any affliction but the affliction from them that hate me; and any revenge but the revenge of enemies.

15 There is no head above the head of a serpent; and there is no wrath above the wrath of an enemy.

c Prov. 21. 19. & 25. 24.

16 c I had rather dwell with a lion and a dragon then to keep house with a wicked woman.

17 The wickedness of a woman changeth her face, and darkneth her countenance like ‖ sackcloth.

‖ Or, a bear.

18 Her husband shall sit among his neighbours; and when he heareth it, shall sigh bitterly.

19 All wickedness is but little to the wickedness of a woman: let the portion of a sinner fall upon her.

20 As the climbing of a sandy way is to the feet of the aged, so is a wife ‖ full of words to a quiet man.

‖ Or, falling.

21 d Stumble not at the beauty of a woman, and desire her not for pleasure.

d 2 Sam. 11. 2. Chap. 42. 12.

22 A woman, if she maintain her husband, is full of anger, impudency and much reproach.

23 A wicked woman abateth the courage, maketh an heavy countenance, and a wounded heart. A woman that will not comfort her husband in distress maketh weak hands and feeble knees.

24 Of

24 Of [c] the woman came the beginning of sin, and through her we all die.

25 Give the water no passage; neither a wicked woman liberty to gad abroad.

26 If she go not as thou wouldst have her, cut her off from thy flesh, and give her a bill of divorce, and let her go.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 A good wife 4 and a good conscience do glad men. 6 A wicked wife is a fearfull thing. 13 Of good and bad wives. 28 Of three things that are grievous. 29 Merchants and hucksters are not without sin.

BLessed is the man that hath [a] a virtuous wife: for the number of his days shall be double.

2 A virtuous woman rejoyceth her husband: and he shall fulfill the years of his life in peace.

3 [b] A good wife is a good portion, which shall be given in the portion of them that fear the Lord.

4 Whether a man be rich or poor, if he have a good heart toward the Lord, he shall at all times rejoyce with a cheerfull countenance.

5 There be three things that mine heart feareth, and for the fourth I was sore afraid; † The slander of a city, the gathering together of an unruly multitude, and a false accusation; all these are worse then death:

6 But a grief of heart and sorrow is a woman that is jealous over another woman, and a scourge of the tongue which communicateth with all.

7 An evil wife is ‖ a yoke shaken to and fro: he that hath hold of her is as though he held a scorpion.

8 A drunken woman and a gadder abroad causeth great anger; and she will not cover her own shame.

9 The whoredom of a woman may be known in her haughty looks and eye-lids.

10 [c] If thy daughter be shameless, keep her in straitly, lest she abuse her self through overmuch liberty.

11 Watch over an impudent eye; and marvel not if she trespass against thee.

12 She will open her mouth as a thirsty traveller when he hath found a fountain; and drink of every water near her. By every ‖ hedge will she sit down, and open her quiver against every arrow.

13 The grace of a wife delighteth her husband; and her discretion will fat his bones.

14 A silent and loving woman is a gift of the Lord: and there is nothing so much worth as a mind well instructed.

15 A shamefaced and faithfull woman is a double grace; and her continent mind cannot be valued.

16 As the sun when it ariseth in the † high heaven, so is the beauty of a good wife in the ‖ ordering of her house.

17 As the clear light is upon the holy candlestick, so is the beauty of the face in ‖ ripe age.

18 As the golden pillars are upon the sockets of silver, so are the ‖ fair feet with a constant ‖ heart.

19 My son, keep the flower of thine age sound, and give not thy strength to strangers.

20 When thou hast gotten a fruitfull possession through all the field, sowe it with thine own seed, trusting in the goodness of thy stock.

21 So thy race which thou leavest shall be magnified, having the confidence of their good descent.

22 An harlot shall be accounted as ‖ spittle: but a married woman is a towre against death to her husband.

23 A wicked woman is given as a portion to a wicked man: but a godly woman is given to him that feareth the Lord.

24 A dishonest woman contemneth shame: but an honest woman will reverence her husband.

25 A shameless woman shall be counted as a dog: but she that is shamefaced will fear the Lord.

26 A woman that honoureth her husband shall be judged wise of all: but she that dishonoureth him in her pride shall be counted ungodly of all.

27 A loud-crying woman and a scold shall be sought out to drive away the enemies.

28 There

‖ Or, *stake.*

† Or, *highest places of the Lord.*

‖ Or, *ornament.*

‖ Or, *constant.*

‖ Or, *comely.*

‖ Or, *breast.*

‖ Or, *a swine.*

28 There be two things that grieve my heart, and the third maketh me angry; A man of war that ſuffereth poverty, and [d] men of underſtanding that are not ſet by, and [e] one that returneth from righteouſneſs to ſin: the Lord prepareth ſuch an one for the ſword.

[d] Eccl. 9. 15. [e] Ezek. 18. 24.

29 [f] A merchant ſhall hardly keep himſelf from doing wrong, and an huckſter ſhall not be freed from ſin.

[f] Chap. 27. 2.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Of ſins in ſelling and buying. Our ſpeech will tell what is in us. 16 A friend is loſt by diſcovering his ſecrets. 25 He that diggeth a pit ſhall fall into it.

MAny [a] have ſinned for a ſmall matter: and he that [b] ſeeketh for abundance will turn his eyes away.

[a] Prov. 28. 21. ‖ Or, a thing undifferent. [b] Prov. 23. 4. 1 Tim. 6. 9.

2 As a nail ſticketh faſt between the joynings of the ſtones; ſo doth ſin ſtick cloſe between buying and ſelling.

3 Unleſs a man hold himſelf diligently in the fear of the Lord, his houſe ſhall ſoon be overthrown.

4 As when one ſifteth with a ſieve, the refuſe remaineth; ſo the filth of man in his ‖ talk.

‖ Or, his talk. [c] Prov. 27. 21.

5 [c] The furnace proveth the potters veſſels: ſo the trial of man is in his reaſoning.

6 [d] The fruit declareth if the tree have been dreſſed: ſo is the utterance of a conceit in the heart of man.

[d] Matth. 7. 17.

7 Praiſe no man before thou heareſt him ſpeak: for this is the trial of men.

8 If thou followeſt righteouſneſs, thou ſhalt obtain her, and put her on as a glorious long robe.

9 The birds will reſort unto their like: ſo will truth return unto them that practiſe in her.

10 As the lion lieth in wait for the prey; ſo ſin for them that work iniquity.

11 The diſcourſe of a godly man is always with wiſdom; but a fool changeth as the moon.

12 If thou be among the undiſcreet, obſerve the time: but be continually among men of underſtanding.

13 The diſcourſe of fools is irkſome, and their ſport is in the wantonneſs of ſin.

14 [e] The talk of him that ſweareth much maketh the hair ſtand upright; and their brauls make one ſtop his ears.

[e] Chap. 23. 9.

15 The ſtrife of the proud is bloudſhedding; and their revilings are grievous to the ear.

16 Whoſo diſcovereth ſecrets loſeth his credit, and ſhall never find friend to his mind.

17 Love thy friend, and be faithfull unto him: but [f] if thou bewrayeſt his ſecrets, follow no more after him.

[f] Chap. 22. 22.

18 For as a man hath deſtroyed his enemy, ſo haſt thou loſt the love of thy neighbour.

19 As one that letteth a bird go out of his hand, ſo haſt thou let thy neighbour go, and ſhalt not get him again.

20 Follow after him no more: for he is too far off; he is as a roe eſcaped out of the ſnare.

21 As for a wound, it may be bound up; and after reviling there may be reconcilement: but he that bewrayeth ſecrets is without hope.

22 He [g] that winketh with the eyes worketh evil: and he that knoweth him will depart from him.

[g] Prov. 10. 10.

23 When thou art preſent, he will ſpeak ſweetly, and will admire thy words: but at the laſt he will ‖ writhe his mouth, and ſlander thy ſayings.

‖ Or, alter his ſpeech.

24 I have hated many things, but nothing like him: for the Lord will hate him.

25 Whoſo caſteth a ſtone on high caſteth it on his own head; and a deceitfull ſtroke ſhall make wounds.

26 [h] Whoſo diggeth a pit ſhall fall therein; and [i] he that ſetteth a trap ſhall be taken therein.

[h] Psal. 7. 15. Prov. 26. 27. Eccles. 10. 8. [i] Psal. 9. 15. & 35. 8.

27 He that worketh miſchief, it ſhall fall upon him, and he ſhall not know whence it cometh.

28 Mockery and reproach are from the proud: but [k] vengeance as a lion ſhall lie in wait for them.

[k] Deut. 32. 35. Rom. 12. 19.

29 They that rejoyce at the fall of the righteous ſhall be taken in the ſnare; and anguiſh ſhall conſume them before they die.

30 Malice

30 Malice and wrath, even these are abominations, and the sinfull man shall have them both.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Against revenge, 8 quarrelling, 10 anger, 15 and backbiting.

[a] HE that revengeth shall find vengeance from the Lord: and he will surely keep his sins *in remembrance*.

2 [b] Forgive thy neighbour the hurt that he hath done unto thee; so shall thy sins also be forgiven when thou prayest.

3 [c] One man beareth hatred against another, and doth he seek pardon from the Lord?

4 He sheweth no mercy to a man which is like himself, and doth he ask forgiveness of his own sins?

5 If he that is but flesh nourish hatred, who will intreat for pardon of his sins?

6 Remember thy end, and let enmity cease: *remember* corruption and death, and abide in the commandments.

7 Remember the commandments, and bear no malice to thy neighbour: *remember* the covenant of the Highest, and wink at ignorance.

8 [d] Abstain from strife, and thou shalt diminish thy sins: for a furious man will kindle strife.

9 A sinfull man disquieteth friends, and maketh debate among them that be at peace.

10 [e] As the matter of the fire is, so it burneth: and as a mans strength is, so is his wrath; and according to his riches his anger riseth; and the stronger they are which contend, the more they will be inflamed.

11 An hasty contention kindleth a fire; and an hasty fighting sheddeth bloud.

12 If thou blow the spark, it shall burn; if thou spit upon it, it shall be quenched: and both these come out of thy mouth.

13 [f] Curse the whisperer and double-tongued: for such have destroyed many that were at peace.

14 A backbiting tongue hath disquieted many, and driven them from nation to nation: strong cities hath it pulled down, and overthrown the houses of great men.

15 A || backbiting tongue hath cast out vertuous women, and deprived them of their labours. || Or, third.

16 Whoso hearkneth unto it shall never find rest, and never dwell quietly.

17 The stroke of the whip maketh marks in the flesh; but the stroke of the tongue breaketh the bones.

18 Many have fallen by the edge of the sword; but not so many as have fallen by the tongue.

19 Well is he that is defended from it, and hath not passed through the venome thereof; who hath not drawn the yoke thereof, nor hath been bound in her bands.

20 For the yoke thereof is a yoke of iron, and the bands thereof are bands of brass.

21 The death thereof is an evil death: the grave were better then it.

22 It shall not have rule over them that fear God; neither shall they be burnt with the flame thereof.

23 Such as forsake the Lord shall fall into it; and it shall burn in them, and not be quenched: it shall be sent upon them as a lion, and devour them as a leopard.

24 Look that thou hedge thy possession about with thorns, and bind up thy silver and gold:

25 And weigh thy words in a balance, and make a door and bar for thy mouth.

26 Beware thou slide not by it, lest thou fall before him that lieth in wait.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 We must shew mercy, and lend: 4 but the borrower must not defraud the lender. 9 Give alms. 14 A good man will not undo his surety. 18 To be surety, and undertake for others, is dangerous. 22 It is better to live at home then to sojourn.

HE that is mercifull will lend unto his neighbour; and he that strengthneth his hand keepeth the commandments.

2 [a] Lend to thy neighbour in time of his need, and pay thou thy neighbour again in due season. [a] Deut. 15. 8. Matth. 5. 42. Luke 6. 35.

3 Keep thy word, and deal faithfully with him, and thou shalt always find the thing that is necessary for thee.

4 Many, when a thing was lent them,

reckoned it to be found, and put them to trouble that helped them.

5 Till he hath received, he will kiſs a mans hand; and for his neighbours money he will ſpeak ſubmiſsly: but when he ſhould repay, he will prolong the time, and return words of grief, and complain of the time.

‖ Or, *If he be able.*

6 ‖ If he prevail, he ſhall hardly receive the half, and he will count as if he had found it: if not, he hath deprived him of his money, and he hath gotten him an enemy without cauſe. He payeth him with curſings and railings; and for honour he will pay him diſgrace.

7 Many therefore have refuſed to lend for other mens ill dealing, fearing to be defrauded.

8 Yet have thou patience with a man in poor eſtate, and delay not to ſhew him mercy.

[b] Deut. 15. 11.

9 Help the poor for [b] the commandments ſake, and turn him not away becauſe of his poverty.

[c] Chap. 20. 30.

10 Loſe thy money for thy brother and thy friend, and [c] let it not ruſt under a ſtone to be loſt.

[d] Dan. 4. 27. Matth. 6. 20. Luke 11. 41. & 12. 33. Acts 10. 4. 1 Tim. 6. 18, 19.

11 [d] Lay up thy treaſure according to the commandments of the moſt High, and [e] it ſhall bring thee more profit then gold.

[e] Matth. 19. 21. [f] Tob. 4. 8, 9, 10 Chap. 17. 22.

12 [f] Shut up alms in thy ſtore-houſes; and it ſhall deliver thee from all affliction.

13 It ſhall fight for thee againſt thine enemies better then a mighty ſhield and ſtrong ſpear.

14 An honeſt man is ſurety for his neighbour; but he that is impudent will ‖ forſake him.

‖ Or, *fail.*

15 Forget not the friendſhip of thy ſurety; for he hath given his life for thee.

16 A ſinner will overthrow the good eſtate of his ſurety;

17 And he that is of an unthankfull mind will leave him *in danger* that delivered him.

18 Suretiſhip hath undone many of good eſtate, and ſhaken them as a wave of the ſea. Mighty men hath it driven from their houſes, ſo that they wandred among ſtrange nations.

19 A wicked man tranſgreſſing the commandments of the Lord ſhall fall into ſuretiſhip; and he that undertaketh and followeth other mens buſineſs for gain ſhall fall into ſuits.

20 Help thy neighbour according to thy power, and beware that thou thy ſelf fall not into the ſame.

[g] Chap. 39. 26.

21 [g] The chief thing for life is water, and bread, and clothing, and an houſe to cover ſhame.

22 Better is the life of a poor man in a mean cottage then delicate fare in another mans houſe.

[h] 1 Tim. 6. 6.

23 Be it little or much, [h] hold thee contented, that thou hear not the reproach of thy houſe.

24 For it is a miſerable life to go from houſe to houſe: for where thou art a ſtranger, thou dareſt not open thy mouth.

25 Thou ſhalt entertain, and feaſt, and have no thanks: moreover, thou ſhalt hear bitter words;

26 Come, thou ſtranger, and furniſh a table, and feed me of that thou haſt ready.

27 Give place, thou ſtranger, to an honourable man. My brother cometh to be lodged, and I have need of mine houſe.

28 Theſe things are grievous to a man of underſtanding; the upbraiding of houſroom, and reproaching of the lender.

CHAP. XXX.

1 It is good to correct our children, 7 and not to cocker them. 14 Health is better then wealth. 22 Health and life are ſhortned by grief.

Of children.

HE [a] that loveth his ſon cauſeth him oft to feel the rod, that he may have joy of him in the end.

[a] Prov. 13. 24. and 23. 14.

‖ Or, *good by him.*

2 He that chaſtiſeth his ſon ſhall have ‖ joy in him, and ſhall rejoyce of him among his ‖ acquaintance.

‖ Or, *himſelf.*

[b] Deut. 6. 7.

3 He that [b] teacheth his ſon grieveth the enemy: and before his friends he ſhall rejoyce of him.

4 Though his father die, yet he is as though he were not dead: for he hath left one behind him that is like himſelf.

[c] Pſal. 128. 3, 6.

5 While he lived, he [c] ſaw, and rejoyced in him; and when he died, he was not ſorrowfull.

6 He

6 He left behind him an avenger against his enemies, and one that shall requite kindness to his friends.

7 He that maketh too much of his son shall bind up his wounds, and his bowels will be troubled at every cry.

8 An horse not broken becometh headstrong; and a child left to himself will be wilfull.

9 Cocker thy child, and he shall make thee || afraid: play with him, and he will bring thee to heaviness.

10 Laugh not with him, lest thou have sorrow with him, and lest thou gnash thy teeth in the end.

11 [d] Give him no liberty in his youth, and wink not at his follies.

12 Bow down his neck while he is young, and beat him on the sides while he is a child, lest he wax stubborn, and be disobedient unto thee, and so bring sorrow to thine heart.

13 Chastise thy son, and hold him to labour, lest his lewd behaviour be an offense unto thee.

14 Better is the poor being sound and strong of constitution, then a rich man that is afflicted in his body.

15 Health and good estate of body are above all gold, and a strong body above infinite wealth.

16 There is no riches above a sound body, & no joy above the joy of the heart.

17 Death is better then a bitter life, or continual sickness.

18 Delicates poured upon a mouth shut up are as messes of meat set upon a grave.

19 [e] What good doeth the offering unto an idol? for neither can it eat, nor smell: so is he that is || persecuted of the Lord.

20 He seeth with his eyes, and groaneth, [f] as an eunuch that embraceth a virgin, and sigheth.

21 [g] Give not over thy mind to heaviness, and afflict not thy self in thine own counsel.

22 The gladness of the heart is the life of man, and the || joyfulness of a man prolongeth his days.

23 Love thine own soul, and comfort thy heart; remove sorrow far from thee: for sorrow hath killed many; and there is no profit therein.

24 Envy and wrath shorten the life, and carefulness bringeth age before the time.

25 || A chearfull and good heart will have a care of his meat and diet. || Or, A noble.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 *Of the desire of riches. Of 1 moderation and excess in eating, or drinking wine.*

WAtching for [a] riches consumeth the flesh; and the care thereof driveth away sleep. [a] 1 Tim. 6. 9, 10.

2 Watching care will not let a man slumber, as a sore disease breaketh sleep.

3 The rich hath great labour in gathering riches together; and when he resteth he is filled with his delicates.

4 The poor laboureth in his poor estate; and when he leaveth off he is still needy.

5 He that loveth gold shall not be justified; and he that followeth corruption shall have enough thereof.

6 [b] Gold hath been the ruine of many; and their destruction was present. [b] Chap. 8. 2.

7 It is a stumbling-block unto them that sacrifice unto it; and every fool shall be taken therewith.

8 [c] Blessed is the rich that is found without blemish, and hath not gone after gold. [c] Luke 6. 24.

9 Who is he? and we will call him blessed: for wonderfull things hath he done among his people.

10 Who hath been tried thereby, and found perfect? then let him glory. Who might offend, and hath not offended? or done evil, and hath not done it? [d] Psal. 141. 4. Pro. 23. 1, 2, 3.

11 His goods shall be established; and the congregation shall declare his alms.

12 If thou sit at a bountifull table, [d] † be not greedy upon it, and say not, There is much meat on it. † Gr. open not thy throat upon it.

13 Remember that [e] a wicked eye is an evil thing: and what is created more wicked then an eye? therefore it weepeth || upon every occasion. [e] Matth. 6. 23. & 20. 15. || Or, before every thing that is present.

14 Stretch not thine hand whithersoever it looketh, and thrust it not with him into the dish.

15 Judge of thy neighbour by thy self; and be discreet in every point.

16 Eat as it becometh a man those things which are set before thee; and devour not, lest thou be hated.

17 Leave off first for manners sake; and be not unsatiable, lest thou offend.

c Chap. 37.29. 18 c When thou sittest among many, reach not thine hand out first of all.

‖ Or, and lieth not puffing and blowing. 19 A very little is sufficient for a man well nurtured: ‖ and he fetcheth not his wind short upon his bed.

20 Sound sleep cometh of moderate eating: he riseth early, and his wits are with him. But the pain of watching, and choler, and pangs of the belly are with an unsatiable man.

21 And if thou hast been forced to eat, arise, go forth, vomit, and thou shalt have rest.

22 My son, hear me, and despise me not, and at the last thou shalt find as I told thee: In all thy works be quick, so shall there no sickness come unto thee.

e Prov. 22.9. 23 e Whoso is liberal of his meat, men shall speak well of him; and the report of his good house keeping will be beleeved.

24 But against him that is a niggard of his meat the whole city shall murmure; and the testimonies of his niggardness shall not be doubted of.

b Isa. 5. 22. f Judith 13.2,8. 25 Shew not thy b valiantness in wine: f for wine hath destroyed many.

26 The furnace proveth the edge by dipping; so doth wine the hearts of the proud by drunkenness.

g Psal. 104. 15. Prov. 31.6,7. 27 g Wine is as good as life to a man if it be drunk moderately. What life is then to a man that is without wine? for it was made to make men glad.

28 Wine measurably drunk and in season bringeth gladness of the heart and cheerfulness of the mind.

29 But wine drunken with excess maketh bitterness of the mind, with brawling and quarrelling.

30 Drunkenness increaseth the rage of a fool till he offend: it diminisheth strength, and maketh wounds.

31 Rebuke not thy neighbour at the wine, and despise him not in his mirth: give him no despitefull words, and press not upon him, with urging him *to drink*.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Of his duty that is chief or master at a feast. 14 Of the fear of God. 18 Of counsel. 20 Of a rugged and a smooth way. 23 Trust not to any but to thy self and to God.

IF thou be made the master *of a feast*, lift not thy self up, but be among them as one of the rest: take diligent care for them, and so sit down.

2 And when thou hast done all thy office, take thy place, that thou mayest be merry with them, and receive a crown for thy well ordering of the feast.

3 Speak thou that art the elder; for it becometh thee, but with sound judgement: and hinder not musick.

a Eccles 3.7. Chap. 20.20. 4 a Pour not out words where there is a musician; and shew not forth wisdom out of time.

5 A consort of musick in a banquet of wine is as a signet of carbuncle set in gold.

6 As a signet of an emerald set in a work of gold, so is the melody of musick with pleasant wine.

7 Speak, young man, if there be need of thee; and yet scarcely when thou art twice asked.

8 Let thy speech be short, comprehending much in few words: be as one that knoweth, and yet holdeth his tongue.

b Job 32.6. 9 b If thou be among great men, make not thy self equal with them: and when ancient men are in place, use not many words.

10 Before the thunder goeth lightning, and before a shamefaced man shall go favour.

11 Rise up betimes, and be not the last, but get thee home without delay.

12 There take thy pastime, and do what thou wilt: but sin not by proud speech.

13 And for these things bless him that made thee, and hath replenished thee with his good things.

14 Whoso feareth the Lord will receive his discipline: and they that seek him early shall find favour.

15 He

15 He that ſeeketh the law ſhall be fillen therewith; but the hypocrite will be offended thereat.

16 They that fear the Lord ſhall find judgement, and ſhall kindle juſtice as a light.

17 A ſinfull man will not be reproved, but findeth an excuſe according to his will.

18 A man of counſel will be conſiderate: but a ſtrange and proud man is not daunted with fear, even when of himſelf he hath done without counſel.

19 Do nothing without advice; and when thou haſt once done, repent not.

20 Go not in a way wherein thou mayeſt fall, and ſtumble not among the ſtones.

21 Be not confident in a plain way.

22 And beware of thine own children.

23 In every good work truſt thy own ſoul: for this is the keeping of the commandments.

24 He that beleeveth in the Lord taketh heed to the commandment: & he that truſteth in him || ſhall fare never the worſe.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 The ſafety of him that feareth the Lord. 2 The wiſe, and the fooliſh. 7 Times and ſeaſons are of God. 10 Men are in his hands as clay in the hands of the potter. 18 Chiefly regard thy ſelf. 24 Of ſervants.

THere ſhall no evil happen unto him that feareth the Lord; but in temptation even again he will deliver him.

2 A wiſe man hateth not the law; but he that is an hypocrite therein is as a ſhip in a ſtorm.

3 A man of underſtanding truſteth in the law; and the law is faithfull unto him || as an oracle.

4 Prepare what to ſay, and ſo thou ſhalt be heard: and bind up inſtruction, and then make anſwer.

5 The † heart of the [a] fooliſh is like a cart wheel; and his thoughts are like a rolling axle tree.

6 A ſtallion-horſe is as a mocking friend; he neigheth under every one that ſitteth upon him.

7 Why doth one day excell another, when as all the light of every day in the year is of the ſun?

8 By the knowledge of the Lord they were diſtinguiſhed; and he altered ſeaſons and feaſts.

9 Some of them hath he made high days, and hallowed *them*; and ſome of them hath he || made ordinary days.

10 And all men are from the ground; and [b] Adam was created of earth.

11 In much knowledge the Lord hath divided them, and made their ways divers.

12 Some of them hath he bleſſed, and exalted; and ſome of them hath he ſanctified, and ſet near himſelf: but ſome of them hath he curſed and brought low, and turned out of their || places.

13 [c] As the clay is in the potters hand, to faſhion it at his pleaſure; ſo man is in the hand of him that made him, to render to them as liketh him beſt.

14 Good is ſet againſt evil, and life againſt death: ſo is the godly againſt the ſinner, and the ſinner againſt the godly.

15 So look upon all the works of the moſt High, and [d] there are two and two, one againſt another.

16 I awaked up laſt of all, as one that || gathereth after the grape gatherers: by the bleſſing of the Lord I profited, and filled my wine preſs like a gatherer of grapes.

17 [e] Conſider that I laboured not for my ſelf onely, but for all them that ſeek learning.

18 Hear me, O ye great men of the people; and hearken with your ears, ye rulers of the congregation.

19 Give not thy ſon, and wife, thy brother, and friend power over thee while thou liveſt; and give not thy goods to another: leſt it repent thee, and thou intreat for the ſame again.

20 As long as thou liveſt and haſt breath in thee, || give not thy ſelf over to any.

21 For better it is that thy children ſhould ſeek to thee then that thou ſhouldſt || ſtand to their courteſie.

22 In all thy works keep to thy ſelf the preeminence; leave not a ſtain in thine honour.

|| Or, ordained for the number of days.

[b] Gen. 1. 27. and 2. 7.

|| Or, ſtandings.

[a] Iſa 45. 9. & 64. 8. Jer. 18. Wiſd. 15. 7, 8. Rom. 9. 20, 21.

[d] Chap. 42. 24.

|| Or, bleeneſh.

[e] Chap. 24. 34.

|| Or, all men.

|| Or, ſubject their hands.

23 At the time when thou ſhalt end thy days and finiſh thy life, diſtribute thine inheritance.

Of ſervants.

24 Fodder, a wand, and burdens *are* for the aſs; and bread, correction, and work for a ſervant.

25 If thou ſet thy ſervant to labour, thou ſhalt find reſt; but if thou let him go idle, he ſhall ſeek liberty.

26 A yoke and a collar do bow the neck; ſo are tortures and torments for an evil ſervant.

27 Send him to labour, that he be not idle: for idleneſs teacheth much evil.

28 Set him to work as is fit for him: if he be not obedient, put on more heavy fetters.

29 But be not exceſſive toward any; and without diſcretion do nothing.

[f] Chap. 7. 20.

30 [f] If thou have a ſervant, let him be unto thee as thy ſelf, becauſe thou haſt bought him † with a price.

† Or, in blood.

31 If thou have a ſervant, intreat him as a brother: for thou haſt need of him, as of thine own ſoul. If thou intreat him evil, and he run from thee, which way wilt thou go to ſeek him?

CHAP. XXXIV.

1 *Of dreams.* 13 *The praiſe and bleſſing of them that fear the Lord.* 18 *The offering of the antient, and prayer of the poor innocent.*

Of dreams.

THe hopes of a man void of underſtanding are vain and falſe; and dreams lift up fools.

‖ Or, hath his mind upon.

2 Whoſo ‖ regardeth dreams is like him that catcheth at a ſhadow, and followeth after the wind.

3 The viſion of dreams is the reſemblance of one thing to another, even as the [a] likeneſs of a face to a face.

[a] Prov. 27. 19.

4 [b] Of an unclean thing what can be cleanſed? and from that thing which is falſe what truth can come?

[b] Job 14. 4.

5 Divinations, and ſoothſayings, and dreams are vain, and the heart fancieth as a womans heart in travail.

6 If they be not ſent from the moſt High in thy viſitation, ‖ ſet not thy heart upon them.

‖ Or, regard them not.

7 For dreams have deceived many; and they have failed that put their truſt in them.

8 The law ſhall be found perfect without lies: and wiſdom is perfection to a faithfull mouth.

9 A man that hath travelled knoweth many things: and he that hath much experience will declare wiſdom.

10 He that hath no experience knoweth little, but he that hath travelled is full of prudence.

11 When I travelled, I ſaw many things; and I underſtand more then I can expreſs.

12 I was oft times in danger of death: yet I was delivered becauſe of theſe things.

13 The ſpirit of thoſe that fear the Lord ſhall live: for their hope is in him that ſaveth them.

14 Whoſo feareth the Lord ſhall not fear nor be afraid; for he is his hope.

15 Bleſſed is the ſoul of him that feareth the Lord: to whom doth he look? and who is his ſtrength?

[c] Pſal. 33. 18. [d] Pſal. 91. 2, 3, 4. and 121. 5, 6.

16 For [c] the eyes of the Lord are upon them that love him. [d] He is their mighty protection and ſtrong ſtay, a defenſe from heat, and a cover from the ſun at noon, a preſervation from ſtumbling, and an help from falling.

17 He raiſeth up the ſoul, and lightneth the eyes: he giveth health, life, and bleſſing.

Prov. 21. 27.

18 [e] He that ſacrificeth of a thing wrongfully gotten, his offering is ridiculous; and ‖ the gifts of unjuſt men are not accepted.

‖ Or, the machemet.

[f] Prov. 15. 8.

19 [f] The moſt High is not pleaſed with the offerings of the wicked; neither is he pacified for ſin by the multitude of ſacrifices.

20 Whoſo bringeth an offering of the goods of the poor doeth as one that killeth the ſon before his fathers eyes.

21 The bread of the needy is their life: he that defraudeth him thereof is a man of bloud.

[g] Lev. 19. 13. Deut. 24. 14, 15. Chap. 7. 20.

22 He that taketh away his neighbours living ſlayeth him: and [g] he that defraudeth the labourer of his hire is a bloudſhedder.

23 When

23 When one buildeth, and another pulleth down, what profit have they then but labour?

24 When one prayeth, and another curseth, whose voice will the Lord hear?

25 [h] He that washeth himself after the touching of a dead body, if he touch it again, what availeth his washing?

26 [i] So is it with a man that fasteth for his sins, and goeth again and doeth the same: who will hear his prayer? or what doth his humbling profit him?

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Sacrifices pleasing to God. 14 The prayer of the fatherless, of the widow, and of the humble in spirit. 20 Acceptable mercie.

HE [a] that keepeth the law bringeth offerings enow; he that taketh heed to the commandment offereth a peace-offering:

2 He that requiteth a good turn offereth fine flour; and he that giveth alms sacrificeth praise:

3 [b] To depart from wickedness is a thing pleasing to the Lord; and to forsake unrighteousness is a propitiation.

4 [c] Thou shalt not appear empty before the Lord.

5 For all these things *are to be done* because of the commandment.

6 The offering of the righteous maketh the altar fat, and the sweet savour thereof *is* before the most High.

7 The sacrifice of a just man is acceptable, and the memorial thereof shall never be forgotten.

8 Give the Lord his honour with a good eye, and diminish not the first-fruits of thine hands.

9 [d] In all thy gifts shew a cheerfull countenance, and ‖ dedicate thy tithes with gladness.

10 [e] Give unto the most High according as he hath enriched thee, and as thou hast gotten give with a cheerfull eye.

11 For the Lord recompenseth, and will give thee seven times as much.

12 ‖ Do not think to corrupt with gifts; [f] for such he will not receive: and trust not to unrighteous sacrifices, for the Lord is judge, and [g] with him is no respect of persons.

13 He will not accept any person against a poor man, but will hear the prayer of the oppressed.

14 He will not despise the supplication of the fatherless, nor the widow when she poureth out her complaint.

15 Do not the tears run down the widows cheeks? and is not her cry against him that causeth them to fall?

16 He that serveth the Lord shall be accepted with favour, and his prayer shall reach unto the clouds.

17 The prayer of the humble pierceth the clouds; and till it come nigh he will not be comforted; and will not depart till the most High shall behold to judge righteously, and execute judgement.

18 For the Lord will not be slack, neither will the Mighty be patient towards them, till he have smitten in sunder the loyns of the unmercifull, and repayed vengeance to the heathen; till he have taken away the multitude of the ‖ proud, and broken the sceptre of the unrighteous;

19 Till he have rendred to every man according to his deeds, and to the works of men according to their devices; till he have judged the cause of his people, and made them to rejoyce in his mercy.

20 Mercy is † seasonable in the time of affliction, as clouds of rain in the time of drought.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 A prayer for the church against the enemies thereof. 18 A good heart & a froward. 21 Of a good wife.

HAve mercy upon us, O Lord God of all; and behold us:

2 And send thy fear upon all the nations that seek not after thee.

3 [a] Lift up thy hand against the strange nations, and let them see thy power.

4 As thou wast sanctified in us before them; so be thou magnified among them before us.

5 And let them know thee, as we have known thee, that there is no God but onely thou, O God.

6 Shew new signs, and make other

[a] Deut. 10 17. 2 Chr. 19 7. Job 34. 10. Wisd. 6.7. Acts 10.34. Rom. 2.11. Gal. 2. 6. Ephes. 6.9. Colos. 3. 25. 1 Pet. 1. 17.

‖ Or, cruel oppressours.

† Gr. fair.

[a] Jer. 10. 25.

‖ Or, upon.

strange wonders: glorifie thy hand and thy right arm, that they may set forth thy wondrous works.

7 Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath: take away the adversary, and destroy the enemy.

8 Make the time short, remember the † covenant, and let them declare thy wonderfull works.

† Or, oath.

9 Let him that escapeth be consumed by the rage of the fire, and let them perish that oppress the people.

10 Smite in sunder the heads of the rulers of the heathen, that say, There is none other but we.

11 Gather all the tribes of Jacob together, and inherit thou them, as from the beginning.

12 O Lord, have mercy upon the people that is called by thy name; and upon Israel, [b] whom thou hast named thy firstborn.

[b] Exod 4.22.

13 O be mercifull unto Jerusalem thy holy city, [c] the place of thy rest.

[c] 2 Chr. 6. 41. Ps. 132. 14.

14 Fill Sion || with thine unspeakable oracles, and thy people with thy glory.

|| Or, that it may ma[k]e full thine oracles

15 Give testimony unto those that thou hast possessed from the beginning, and raise up || prophets that have been in thy name.

|| Or, prophesiers.

16 Reward them that wait for thee; and let thy prophets be found faithfull.

17 O Lord, hear the prayer of thy || servants, according to the [d] blessing of Aaron over thy people, that all they which dwell upon the earth may know that thou art the Lord the eternall God.

|| Or, supplicants

[d] Num. 6. 23.

18 The belly devoureth all meats, yet is one meat better then another.

19 [e] As the palate tasteth divers kinds of venison; so doth an heart of understanding false speeches.

[e] Job 34. 3.

20 A froward heart causeth heaviness, but a man of experience will recompense him.

21 A woman will receive every man; yet is one daughter better then another.

22 The beauty of a woman cheereth the countenance; and a man loveth nothing better.

23 If there be kindness, meekness, and comfort in her tongue, then is not her husband like || other men.

|| Or, common,

24 He that getteth a wife beginneth || a possession, [f] a help like unto himself, and a pillar of rest.

|| Or, to inherit. [f] Gen. 2. 18.

25 Where no hedge is, there the possession is spoiled: and he that hath no wife will wander up and down mourning.

26 Who will trust a thief well appointed, that skippeth from city to city? so *who will beleeve* a man that hath no house, and lodgeth whersoever the night taketh him?

CHAP. XXXVII.

1 *How to know friends and counsellers.* 12 *The discretion and wisdom of a godly man blesseth him.* 27 *Learn to refrain thine appetite.*

EVery friend saith, I am his friend also; but there is a friend which is onely a friend in name.

2 Is it not a grief unto death, when a companion and friend is turned to an enemie?

3 O wicked imagination, whence camest thou in to cover ỹ earth with deceit?

4 [a] There is a companion which rejoyceth in the prosperity of a friend, but in the time of trouble will be against him.

[a] Chap. 6. 10.

5 There is a companion which helpeth his friend for the belly, and taketh up the buckler || against the enemy.

|| Or, to present of the enemie.

6 Forget not thy friend in thy mind, & be not unmindfull of him in thy riches.

7 Every counseller extolleth counsel; but there is some that counselleth for himself.

Or, ỹselfem.

8 Beware of a counseller, and know before || what need he hath: for he will counsel for himself: lest he cast the lot upon thee,

|| Or, what is therein of him.

9 And say unto thee, Thy way is good; and afterward stand on the other side to see what shall befall thee.

10 Consult not with one that suspecteth thee; and hide thy counsel from such as envy thee.

11 Neither consult with a woman touching her of whom she is jealous; neither with a coward in matters of war; nor with a mer-

a merchant concerning exchange; nor with a buyer of selling; nor with an envious man of thankfulness; nor with an unmercifull man touching kindness; nor with the slothful for any work; nor with an hireling for a year of finishing work; nor with an idle servant of much business: hearken not unto these in any matter of counsel.

12 But be continually with a godly man, whom thou knowest to keep the commandments of the Lord, whose mind is according to thy mind, and will sorrow with thee if thou shalt miscarry.

13 And let the counsel of thine own heart stand: for there is no man more faithfull unto thee then it.

14 For a mans mind is sometime wont to tell him more then seven watchmen that sit above in an high towre.

15 And above all this pray to the most High that he will direct thy way in truth.

16 Let reason go before every enterprise, and counsel before every action.

17 The countenance is a sign of changing of the heart.

18 Four manner of things appear; good, and evil; life, and death: but the tongue ruleth over them continually.

19 There is one that is wise, and teacheth many, and yet is unprofitable to himself.

20 There is one that sheweth wisdom in words, and is hated: he shall be destitute of all || food.

21 For grace is not given him from the Lord, because he is deprived of all wisdom.

22 Another is wise to himself; and the fruits of understanding are commendable in his mouth.

23 A wise man instructeth his people; and the fruits of his understanding fail not.

24 A wise man shall be filled with blessing; and all they that see him shall count him happy.

25 The days of the life of man may be numbred: but the days of Israel are innumerable.

26 A wise man shall inherit || glory among his people, and his name shall be perpetuall.

27 My son, prove thy soul in thy life, and see what is evil for it, and give not that unto it.

28 For all things are not profitable for all men; neither hath every soul pleasure in every thing.

29 [b] Be not unsatiable in any dainty thing, nor too greedy upon meats.

30 For || excess of meats bringeth sickness, and surfeting will turn into choler.

31 By surfeting have many perished: but he that taketh heed prolongeth his life.

CHAP. XXXVIII.

1 Honour due to the physician, and why. 16 How to weep and mourn for the dead. 24 The wisdom of the learned man, and of the labourer and artificer; with the use of them both.

HOnour a physician with the honour due unto him for the uses which you may have of him: for the Lord hath created him.

2 For of the most High cometh healing: and he shall receive || honour of the king.

3 The skill of the physician shall lift up his head; and in the sight of great men he shall be in admiration.

4 The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them.

5 [b] Was not the water made sweet with wood that the virtue thereof might be known?

6 And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works.

7 With such doth he heal *men*, and taketh away their pains.

8 Of such doth the apothecary make a confection: & of his works there is no end; and from him is peace over all the earth.

9 My son, in thy sickness be not negligent: but [c] pray unto the Lord, and he will make thee whole.

10 Leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Give

|| Or, credit.

[b] Chap. 31. 17.

|| Or, variety of meats.

[a] ver. 12.

|| Or, a gift.

[b] Exod. 15. 25.

[c] Isa. 38. 2.

11 Give a ſweet ſavour and a memorial of fine flour, and make a fat offering, as not being:

‖ Or, as a dead man.

12 Then give place to the phyſician: [d] for the Lord hath created him. Let him not go from thee: for thou haſt need of him.

[d] ver. 1.

13 There is a time when in their hands there is good ſucceſs:

14 For they ſhall alſo pray unto the Lord that he would proſper that which they give for eaſe and ‖ remedy to prolong life.

‖ Or, curing.

15 He that ſinneth before his Maker, let him fall into the hand of the phyſician.

16 My ſon, [e] let tears fall down over the dead, and begin to lament as if thou hadſt ſuffered great harm thy ſelf: and then cover his body according to the cuſtom, and neglect not his buriall.

[e] Chap. 22. 11. 1 Theſſ. 4. 13.

17 Weep bitterly, and make great moan, and uſe lamentation as he is worthy, and that a day or two, leſt thou be evil-ſpoken of: and then comfort thy ſelf for thy heavineſs.

18 For of heavineſs cometh death; & the heavineſs of the [f] heart breaketh ſtrength.

[f] Pro. 15. 13. and 17. 22.

19 In affliction alſo ſorrow remaineth: and the life of the poor is the curſe of the heart.

20 Take no heavineſs to heart: drive it away, and remember the laſt end.

21 Forget it not; for there is no turning again. Thou ſhalt not do him good, but hurt thy ſelf.

22 Remember ‖ my judgment: for thine alſo ſhall be ſo. Yeſterday for me, and to day for thee.

‖ Or, the ſentence upon him.

23 [g] When the dead is at reſt, let his remembrance reſt; and be comforted for him when his ſpirit is departed from him.

[g] 2 Sam. 12. 20.

24 The wiſdom of a learned man cometh by opportunity of leiſure: and he that hath little buſineſs ſhall become wiſe.

25 How can he get wiſdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad, that driveth oxen, and is occupied in their labours, and whoſe talk is † of bullocks?

† Gr. of the breed of bullocks

26 He giveth his mind to make furrows, and is diligent to give the kine fodder.

27 So every carpenter and work-maſter, that laboureth night and day; and they that cut and grave ſeals, and are diligent to make great variety, and give themſelves to counterfeit imagery, and watch to finiſh a work.

28 The ſmith alſo ſitting by the anvil, and conſidering the iron-work: the vapour of the fire waſteth his fleſh, and he fighteth with the heat of the furnace: the noiſe of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears, and his eyes look ſtill upon the pattern of the thing that he maketh: he ſetteth his mind to finiſh his work, and watcheth to poliſh it perfectly.

29 So doth the potter ſitting at his work, and [h] turning the wheel about with his feet, who is alway carefully ſet at his work, and maketh all his work by number.

[h] Jer. 18. 3.

30 He faſhioneth the clay with his arm, and ‖ boweth down his ſtrength before his feet: he applieth himſelf to lead it over; & he is diligent to make clean the furnace.

‖ Or, temper-eth it with his feet.

31 All theſe truſt to their hands; and every one is wiſe in his work.

32 Without theſe cannot a city be inhabited: and they ſhall not dwell where they will, nor go up and down.

33 They ſhall not be ſought for in publick counſel, nor ſit high in the congregation: they ſhall not ſit on the judges ſeat, nor underſtand the ſentence of judgement: they cannot declare juſtice and judgement, and they ſhall not be found where parables are ſpoken.

34 But they will maintain the ſtate of the world, and *all* their deſire is in the work of their craft.

CHAP. XXXIX.

1 A deſcription of him that is truly wiſe. 12 An exhortation to praiſe God for his works; which are good to the good, and evil to them that are evil.

BUt he that giveth his mind to the law of the moſt High, and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will ſeek out the wiſdom of all the antient, and be occupied in propheſies.

2 He will keep the ſayings of the renowned men: and where ſubtil parables are, he will be there alſo.

3 He

3 He will ſeek out the ſecrets of grave ſentences, and be converſant in dark parables.

4 He ſhall ſerve among great men, and appear before princes. He will travel through ſtrange countreys: for he hath tried the good and the evil among men.

5 He will give his heart to reſort early to the Lord that made him, and will pray before the moſt High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make ſupplication for his ſins.

6 When the great Lord will, he ſhall be filled with the ſpirit of underſtanding. He ſhall pour out wiſe ſentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer.

7 He ſhall direct his counſel and knowledge, and in his ſecrets ſhall he meditate.

8 He ſhall ſhew forth that which he hath learned, and ſhall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.

9 Many ſhall commend his underſtanding; and ſo long as the world endureth, it ſhall not be blotted out: his memorial ſhall not depart away, and his name ſhall live from generation to generation.

10 [a] Nations ſhall ſhew forth his wiſdom, and the congregation ſhall declare his praiſe.

11 If he die, he ſhall leave a greater name then a thouſand: and if he live, he ſhall || increaſe it.

12 Yet have I more to ſay which I have thought upon: for I am filled as the moon at the full.

13 Hearken unto me, ye holy children; and bud forth as a roſe growing by the || brook of the field;

14 And give ye a ſweet ſavour as frankincenſe, and flouriſh as a lilie: ſend forth a ſmell, and ſing a ſong of praiſe: bleſs the Lord in all his works.

15 Magnifie his name, and ſhew forth his praiſe with the ſongs of your lips, and with harps: and in praiſing him you ſhall ſay after this manner:

16 [b] All the works of the Lord are exceeding good: and whatſoever he commandeth ſhall be *accompliſhed* in due ſeaſon.

17 And none may ſay, What is this? Wherefore is that? for at time convenient they ſhall all be ſought out. [c] At his commandment the waters ſtood as an heap, and at the words of his mouth the receptacles of waters. [c] Pſal. 33.6. & 147. 15, 16.

18 [d] At his commandment is done whatſoever pleaſeth him; and none can hinder when he will ſave. [d] Pſal. 135.6.

19 The works of all fleſh are before him, and nothing can be hid from his eyes.

20 He ſeeth from everlaſting to everlaſting; and there is nothing wonderfull before him.

21 A man need not to ſay, What is this? Wherefore is that? for he hath made all things for their uſes.

22 His bleſſing covered the dry land as a river, and watered it as a floud.

23 As he hath turned the waters into ſaltneſs; ſo ſhall the heathen inherit his wrath.

24 [e] As his ways are plain unto the holy; ſo are they ſtumbling-blocks unto the wicked. [e] Hoſ. 14.9.

25 For the good are good things created from the beginning; ſo evil things for ſinners.

26 [f] The principal things for the whole uſe of mans life are water, fire, iron, and ſalt, flour of wheat, honey, milk, and [g] the bloud of the grape, and oyl, and clothing. [f] Chap. 29.21. [g] Gen. 49.11. Deut. 32.14. Chap. 50.16.

27 [h] All theſe things are for good to the godly, ſo to the ſinners they are turned into evil. [h] 1 Tim. 4.4.

28 There be ſpirits that are created for vengeance, which in their fury lay on ſore ſtrokes. In the time of deſtruction they pour out their force, and appeaſe the wrath of him that made them.

29 [i] Fire, and hail, and famine, and death, all theſe were created for vengeance; [i] Chap. 40.9.

30 [k] Teeth of wild beaſts, and ſcorpions, [l] || ſerpents, and the ſword, puniſhing the wicked to deſtruction. [k] Deut. 32.24. [l] Wiſd. 16.5. || Or, vipers.

31 They ſhall rejoyce in his commandment, and they ſhall be ready upon earth when need is, and when their time is come they ſhall not tranſgreſs his word.

32 Therefore

32 Therefore from the beginning I was resolved and thought upon these things, and have left them in writing.

33 [m] All the works of the Lord are good: and he will give every needfull thing in due season.

34 So that a man cannot say, This is worse then that: for in time they shall all be well approved.

35 And therefore praise ye the Lord with the whole heart and mouth, and bless the name of the Lord.

CHAP. XL.

1 Many miseries in a mans life. 12 The reward of unrighteousness, and the fruit of true dealing. 17 A vertuous wife and an honest friend rejoyce the heart, but the fear of the Lord is above all. 26 A beggars life is hatefull.

GReat [a] travel is created for every man, and an heavy yoke is upon the sons of Adam, from the day that they go out of their mothers womb till the day that they return to the mother of all things.

2 Their imagination of things to come, and the day of death *trouble* their thoughts, and *cause* fear of heart;

3 From him that sitteth on a throne of glory, unto him that is humbled in earth and ashes;

4 From him that weareth purple and a crown, || unto *him that is clothed with a linen* frock.

5 Wrath and envy, trouble and unquietness, fear of death, and anger and strife, and in the time of rest upon his bed his night sleep do change his knowledge.

6 A little or nothing is his rest, and afterward he is in his sleep as in a day of keeping watch, troubled in the vision of his heart, as if he were escaped out of a battel.

7 When all is safe, he awaketh, and marvelleth that the fear was nothing.

8 *Such things happen* unto all flesh, both man and beast, and that is seven fold more upon sinners.

9 [b] Death, and bloud-shed, strife, and sword, calamities, famine, tribulation, and the scourge;

10 These things are created for the wicked: & for their sakes came the [c] floud.

11 [d] All things that are of the earth shall turn to the earth again: and that which is of the [e] waters doth return into the sea.

12 All † bribery and injustice shall be blotted out; but true dealing shall endure for ever.

13 The goods of the unjust shall be dried up like a river, and shall vanish with a noise like a great thunder in rain.

14 While he openeth his hand he shall rejoyce: so shall transgressours come to nought.

15 The children of the ungodly shall not bring forth many branches, but are as unclean roots upon a hard rock.

16 [f] The weed growing upon every water and [g] bank of a river shall be pulled up before all grass.

17 Bountifulness is as || a most fruitfull garden, and mercifulness endureth for ever.

18 To labour and [h] to be content with that a man hath is a sweet life: but he that findeth a treasure is above them both.

19 Children and the building of a city continue a mans name: but a blameless wife is counted above them both.

20 Wine and musick rejoyce the heart: but the love of wisdom is above them both.

21 The pipe and the psaltery make sweet melody: but a pleasant tongue is above them both.

22 Thine eye desireth favour and beauty; but more then both corn while it is green.

23 A friend and companion never meet amiss: but above both is a wife with her husband.

24 Brethren and help are against time of trouble: but alms shall deliver more then they both.

25 Gold and silver make the foot stand sure: but counsel is esteemed above them both.

26 Riches and strength lift up the heart: but the fear of the Lord is above them both.

[m] Gen. 1. 31. v. 16.

[a] Eccles 1. 3.

|| Or, to the porter.

[b] Chap. 39. 29, 30.

[c] Gen. 11. Gen. 19. Chap. 40. 10. Eccles 1. 7.

† Or,

[d] Gen. 3. 19. Ch p. 41. 10. Eccles 12. 7.

[e] Job 8. 11. and 36. 12. Gen. 1. 9.

[f] Or, *a garden that is ill ssed*, Isa. 27. v. 27.

[g] Phil. 4. 11.

[h] 1 Tim. 6. 6.

both. There is no want in the fear of the Lord, and it needeth not to ſeek help.

27 The fear of the Lord is [i] as a fruitfull garden, and [k] covereth him above all glory.

28 My ſon, lead not a beggars life: for better it is to die then to beg.

29 The life of him that dependeth on another mans table is not to be counted for a life; for he polluteth himſelf with other mens meat: but a wiſe man well-nurtured will beware thereof.

30 Begging is ſweet in the mouth of the ſhameleſs; but in his belly there ſhall burn a fire.

CHAP. XLI.

1 The remembrance of death. 3 Death is not to be feared. 5 The ungodly ſhall be accurſed. 11 Of an evil and a good name. 14 Wiſdom is to be uttered. 16 Of what things we ſhould be aſhamed.

O Death, how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at reſt in his poſſeſſions; unto the man that hath nothing to vex him, and that hath proſperity in all things; yea, unto him that is yet able to receive meat!

2 O death, acceptable is thy ſentence unto the needy, and unto him whoſe ſtrength faileth, that is now in the laſt age, and [l] is vexed with all things, and to him that deſpaireth, and hath loſt patience.

3 Fear not the ſentence of death: remember them that have been before thee, and that come after: for this is the ſentence of the Lord over all fleſh.

4 And why art thou againſt the pleaſure of the moſt High? There is no inquiſition in the grave whether thou have lived ten, or an hundred, or a thouſand years.

5 The children of ſinners are abominable children, and they that are converſant in the dwelling of the ungodly.

6 The inheritance of ſinners children ſhall periſh, and their poſterity ſhall have [e] perpetuall reproach.

7 The children will complain of an ungodly father, becauſe they ſhall be reproached for his ſake.

8 Wo be unto you, ungodly men, which have forſaken the law of the moſt high God: for if you increaſe, it ſhall be to your deſtruction;

9 And if you be born, you ſhall be born to a curſe; and if you die, a curſe ſhall be your portion.

10 [a] All that are of the earth ſhall turn to earth again: ſo the ungodly ſhall go from a curſe to deſtruction. [a] Chap. 40.11.

11 The mourning of men is about their bodies: but an ill name of ſinners ſhall be blotted out.

12 Have regard to thy name: for [b] that ſhall continue with thee above a thouſand great treaſures of gold. [b] Pro. 22.1.

13 A good life hath but few days; but a good name endureth for ever.

14 My children, keep diſcipline in peace: for [c] wiſdom that is hid, and a treaſure that is not ſeen, what profit is in them both? [c] Chap. 20.30.

15 [d] A man that hideth his fooliſhneſs is better then a man that hideth his wiſdom. [d] Chap. 20.31.

16 Therefore be ſhamefaced according to my word: for it is not good to retain all ſhamefacedneſs, neither is it altogether approved in every thing.

17 Be aſhamed of whoredom before father and mother, and of a lie before a prince and a mighty man,

18 Of an offence before a judge and ruler, of iniquity before a congregation and people, of unjuſt dealing before thy partner and friend;

19 And of theft in regard of the place where thou ſojourneſt, and in regard of the truth of God and his covenant; and to lean with thine elbow upon the meat, and of ſcorning to give and take;

20 And of ſilence before them that ſalute thee, and to look upon an harlot;

21 And to turn away thy face from thy kinſman, or to take away a portion or a gift, or [e] to gaze upon another mans wife; [e] Matth. 5.28.

22 Or to be over-buſie with his maid, and come not near her bed; or of upbraiding ſpeeches before friends; and [f] after thou haſt given, upbraid not; [f] Chap. 20.15.

23 Or of [g] iterating and ſpeaking again that [g] Chap. 19.7.

that which thou haſt heard, and of revealing of ſecrets.

24 So ſhalt thou be truly ſhamefaced, and find favour before all men.

CHAP. XLII.

1 Whereof we ſhould not be aſhamed. 9 Be carefull of thy daughter. 12 Beware of a woman. 15 The works and greatneſs of God.

OF theſe things be not thou aſhamed, and [a]accept no perſon to ſin thereby:

2 Of the law of the moſt High, and his covenant, and of judgement to juſtifie the ungodly;

3 Of || reckoning with thy partners and || travellers, or of the || gift of the heritage of friends;

4 Of exactneſs of balance and weights, or of getting much or little;

5 And of merchants ||indifferent ſelling, of much correction of children, & to make the ſide of an evil ſervant to bleed.

6 Sure keeping is good where an evil wife is: and ſhut up where many hands are.

7 Deliver all things in number and weight; and put all in writing that thou || giveſt out, or receiveſt in.

8 Be not aſhamed to || inform the unwiſe and fooliſh, and the extreme aged || that contendeth with thoſe that are young. Thus ſhalt thou be truly learned, and approved of all men living.

9 The father waketh for the daughter when no man knoweth; and the care for her taketh away ſleep: when ſhe is young, leſt ſhe paſs away the flower of her age; & being married, leſt ſhe ſhould be hated;

10 In her virginitie, leſt ſhe ſhould be defiled, and gotten with child in her fathers houſe; and having an husband, leſt ſhe ſhould misbehave her ſelf; and when ſhe is married, leſt ſhe ſhould be barren.

11 [b] Keep a ſure watch over a ſhameleſs daughter, leſt ſhe make thee a laughing-ſtock to thine enemies, and a by-word in the citie, and a reproach among the people, and make thee aſhamed before the multitude.

12 Behold not every bodies [c] beauty, and ſit not in the midſt of women.

13 For from garments cometh a moth, and [d] from women wickedneſs.

14 Better is the || churliſhneſs of a man then a courteous woman, a woman, I ſay, which bringeth ſhame and reproach.

15 I will now remember the works of the Lord, and declare the things that I have ſeen. In the words of the Lord are his works.

16 The ſun that giveth light looketh upon all things, and the work thereof is full of the glory of the Lord.

17 [e] The Lord hath not given power to the ſaints to declare all his marvellous works, which the almighty Lord firmly ſettled, that whatſoever is might be eſtabliſhed for his glory.

18 He ſeeketh out the deep, and the heart, and conſidereth their crafty devices. For the || Lord knoweth all that may be known; and he beholdeth the ſigns of the world.

19 He declareth the things that are paſt, and for to come, and revealeth the ſteps of hidden things.

20 [f] No thought eſcapeth him; neither any word is hidden from him.

21 He hath garniſhed the excellent works of his wiſdom; and he is from everlaſting to everlaſting. Unto him may nothing be added; neither can he be diminiſhed: and he hath no need of any counſeller.

22 Oh how deſirable are all his works! and that a man may ſee even to a ſpark.

23 All theſe things live and remain for ever, for all uſes; and they are all obedient.

24 [g] All things are double one againſt another: & he hath made nothing unperfect.

25 One thing eſtabliſheth the good of another. And who ſhall be filled with beholding his glory?

CHAP. XLIII.

1 The works of God in heaven, and in earth, and in the ſea, are exceeding glorious and wonderfull: 29 Yet God himſelf in his power and wiſdom is above all.

THE pride of the height, the clear firmament, the beauty of heaven, with his glorious ſhew;

2 The ſun, when it appeareth, declaring at

[a] Lev. 19. 15. Deut. 1. 17. Pro. 24. 23. Chap. 20. 22.
|| Or, thy partners ſpeech.
|| Or, companions.
|| Or, giving.
|| Or, without profit.
|| Or, deal it for.
|| Or, rebuke.
|| Or, that is accuſed of fornication.
[b] Chap. 9. 10.
[c] Chap. 9. 21.
[d] Gen. 3. 6.
|| Or, wickedneſs.
[e] Chap. 43. 27.
|| Or, Higheſt.
[f] Job 42. 2. Pſal. 139. 5.
[g] Chap. 33. 15.

at his rising a marvellous || instrument, the work of the most High.

3 At noon it parcheth the countrey, and who can abide the burning heat thereof?

4 A man blowing a furnace is in works of heat; but the sun burneth the mountains three times more breathing out fiery vapours, and sending forth bright beams, it dimmeth the eyes.

5 Great is the Lord that made it; and at his commandment || it runneth hastily.

6 [a] He made the moon also to serve in her season, for a declaration of times, and a sign of the world.

7 [b] From the moon is the sign of feasts; a light that decreaseth in her perfection:

8 The moneth is called after her name; increasing wonderfully in her changing, being an instrument of the armies above, shining in the firmament of heaven;

9 The beautie of heaven, the glory of the stars, an ornament giving light in the highest places of the Lord.

10 At the commandment of the holy One they will stand in their order, and never faint in their watches.

11 [c] Look upon the rainbow, and praise him that made it: very beautifull it is in the brightness thereof.

12 It compasseth the heaven about with a glorious circle; and the [d] hands of the most High have bended it.

13 By his commandment he maketh the snow to fall apace, and sendeth swiftly the lightnings of his judgement.

14 Through this [e] the treasures are opened, and clouds flie forth as fowls.

15 By his great power he maketh the clouds firm, and the hailstones are broken small.

16 At his sight the mountains are shaken, and at his will the south wind bloweth.

17 The noise of the thunder maketh the earth || to tremble: so doth the northern storm, & the whirlwind. As birds flying he scattereth the snow; and the falling down thereof is as the lighting of grashoppers.

18 The eye marvelleth at the beauty of the whiteness thereof, and the heart is astonished at the raining of it.

19 The hoar-frost also as salt he poureth on the earth; and being congealed || it lieth on the top of sharp stakes.

20 When the cold north-wind bloweth, and the water is congealed into ice, it abideth upon every gathering together of water, and clotheth the water as with a breast-plate.

21 It devoureth the mountains, and burneth the wilderness, and consumeth the grass as fire.

22 A present remedy of all is a mist *coming speedily*, a dew coming after || heat refresheth.

23 By his counsel he appeaseth the deep, and planteth islands therein.

24 [f] They that sail on the sea tell of the danger thereof; and when we hear it with our ears, we marvel thereat.

25 [g] For therein be strange and wondrous works, variety of all kinds of beasts, and whales created.

26 By him the end of them hath prosperous success, and by his word all things consist.

27 We may speak much, and [h] yet come short: wherefore in sum, he is all.

28 How shall we be able to magnifie him? for he is great above all his works.

29 [i] The Lord is terrible and very great, and marvellous is his power.

30 When you glorifie the Lord, exalt him as much as you can; for even yet will he far exceed. And when you exalt him, put forth all your strength, & be not weary: for you can never go far enough.

31 [k] Who hath seen him, that he might tell us? and who can magnifie him as he is?

32 There are yet hid greater things then these be: for we have seen but a few of his works.

33 For the Lord hath made all things, and to the godly hath he given wisdom.

CHAP. XLIV.

1 The praise of certain holy men; 16 Of Enoch; 17 Noah, 19 Abraham, 22 Isaac, 23 and Jacob.

LEt us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

2 The Lord hath wrought great glory by them through his great power from the beginning.

3 Such

|| Or, it is as the points of sharp stakes.

|| Or, upon the heat.

[f] Psal. 107. 23.

[g] Psal. 104. 25, 26.

[h] Chap. 42. 17.

[i] Psal. 96. 4.

[k] Psal. 106. 2. John 1. 18. & 5. 37. & 6. 46.

The praise of the fathers.

3 Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, giving counsel by their understanding, and declaring prophesies;

4 Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning meet for the people, wise and eloquent in their instruction;

5 Such as found out musical tunes, and recited ‖ verses in writing;

‖ Or, *edited.*

6 Rich men furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations.

7 All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.

8 There be of them that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported.

9 And some there be which have no memorial, [a] who are perished as though they had never been, and are become as though they had never been born, and their children after them.

[a] Gen. 7. 21.

10 But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.

11 With their seed shall continually remain a good inheritance, and their children are within the covenant.

12 Their seed standeth fast, and their children ‖ for their sakes.

‖ Or, *after them.*

13 Their seed shall remain for ever; and their glory shall not be blotted out.

14 Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

15 [b] The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will shew forth their praise.

[b] Chap. 39. 10.

16 [c] Enoch pleased the Lord, and was translated, being an example of repentance to all generations.

[c] Gen. 5. 24. Chap. 49. 14. Heb. 11. 5.

17 [d] Noah was found perfect and righteous in the time of wrath: he was taken in exchange *for the world*; therefore was he left as a remnant unto the earth when the flood came.

[d] Gen. 6. 9. and 7. 1. Heb. 11. 7.

18 An [e] everlasting covenant was made with him, that all flesh should perish no more by the flood.

[e] Gen. 9. 11.

19 Abraham was a [f] great father of many people: in glory was there none like unto him:

[f] Gen 12. 2, 3. and 15. 5. and 17. 4.

20 Who kept the law of the most High, and was in covenant with him. He established the covenant in [g] his flesh; and when he was proved, he was found faithfull.

[g] Gen. 17. 4.

21 Therefore he assured him by an [h] oath that he would bless the nations in his seed, and that he would multiply him as the dust of the earth, and exalt his seed as the stars, and cause him to inherit from sea to sea, and from the river unto the utmost part of the land.

[h] Gen. 22. 16, 17, 18. Gal. 3. 8.

22 [i] With Isaac did he establish likewise, for Abraham his fathers sake, the blessing of all men, and the covenant,

[i] Gen. 26. 3.

23 And [k] made it rest upon the head of Jacob. He acknowledged him in his blessing, and gave him an heritage, and divided dis portions; among the twelve tribes did he part them.

[k] Gen. 27. 28. and 28. 14.

CHAP. XLV.

1 *The praise of Moses, 6 of Aaron, 23 and of Phinees.*

AND he brought out of him a mercifull man, which found favour in the sight of all flesh, even [a] Moses, beloved of God and men, whose memorial is blessed.

[a] Exod. 11. 3.

2 He made him like to the glorious saints, and magnified him, so that his enemies stood in fear of him.

3 By his words he caused the wonders to cease; and he made him [b] glorious in the sight of kings, and gave him a commandment for his people, and shewed him part of his glory.

[b] Exod. 7. 8, 9. & 12. chapters. Num. 12. 3, 4. Ecclus. 48.

4 [c] He sanctified him *in* his faithfulness and meekness, and chose him out of all men.

[c] Num. 12. 3.

5 He made him to hear his voice, and brought him into the dark cloud, and [d] gave him commandments before his face, even the law of life and knowledge, that he might teach Jacob his covenants, and Israel his judgements.

[d] Exod. 19. 7. Num. 25. 24.

6 He [e] exalted Aaron, an holy man, like unto him, even his brother, of the tribe of Levi.

[e] Exod. 7. 14. Deut. 10. 8. & 33. 8.

7 An everlasting covenant he made with him, and gave him the priesthood among

among the people: he beautified him with comely ornaments, and clothed him with a robe of glory.

8 He put upon him perfect glory; and strengthned him with † rich garments, with breeches, with a long robe, and the ephod.

9 And he compassed him with pomegranates, and with many golden bells round about; that as he went there might be a sound, and a noise made that might be heard in the temple, for a memorial to the children of his people;

10 With an holy garment, with gold, and blue silk, and purple, the work of the embroiderer, with a breast-plate of judgement, and with Urim and Thummim;

11 With twisted scarlet, the work of the cunning workman; with precious stones graven like seals, and set in gold, the work of the jeweller; with a writing engraven for a memoriall after the number of the tribes of Israel.

12 He set a crown of gold upon the mitre, wherein was engraven Holiness, an ornament of honour, a costly work, the desires of the eyes, goodly and beautifull.

13 Before him there were none such: neither did ever any stranger put them on, but onely his children, and his childrens children perpetually.

14 [g] Their sacrifices shall be wholly consumed every day twice continually.

15 [h] Moses consecrated him, and anointed him with holy oyl. This was appointed unto him by an everlasting covenant, and to his seed so long as the heavens should remain, that they should minister unto him, and execute the office of the priesthood, and [i] bless the people in his name.

16 He chose him out of all men living to offer sacrifices to the Lord, incense and a sweet savour for a memoriall, to make reconciliation for his people.

17 [k] He gave unto him his commandments, and authority in the statutes of judgements, that he should teach Jacob the testimonies, and inform Israel in his laws.

18 [l] Strangers conspired together against him, and maligned him in the wilderness; even the men that were of Dathans and Abirons side, and the congregation of Core, with fury and wrath.

19 This the Lord saw, and it displeased him; and in his wrathfull indignation were they consumed: he did wonders upon them to consume them with the fiery flame.

20 [m] But he made Aaron more honourable, and gave him an heritage, and divided unto him the first-fruits of the increase; especially he prepared bread in abundance:

21 For they eat of the sacrifices of the Lord, which he gave unto him and his seed.

22 [n] Howbeit in the land of the people he had no inheritance, neither had he any portion among the people: for the Lord himself is his portion and inheritance.

23 [o] The third in glory is Phinees the son of Eleazar, because he had zeal in the fear of the Lord, and stood up with good courage of heart when the people were turned back, and made reconciliation for Israel.

24 Therefore was there a covenant of peace made with him, that he should be the chief of the sanctuary and of his people, and that he and his posterity should have the dignity of the priesthood for ever.

25 According to the covenant made with David son of Jesse of the tribe of Juda, that the inheritance of the king should be to his posterity alone; so the inheritance of Aaron should also be unto his seed.

26 God give you wisdom in your heart to judge his people in righteousness, that their good things be not abolished, and that their glory may endure for ever.

CHAP. XLVI.

1 The praise of Joshua, 9 of Caleb, 13 of Samuel.

JEsus [a] the son of Nave was valiant in the wars, and was the successour of Moses in prophesies: who according to his

name was made great for the saving of the elect of God, and taking vengeance of the enemies that rose up against them, that he might set Israel in their inheritance.

2 How great glory gat he when he did lift up his hands, and stretched out his sword against the cities!

3 Who before him so stood to it? for the Lord himself brought his enemies unto him.

a Josh. 10. 12, 13, 14. 4 [b] Did not the sun go back by his means? & was not one day as long as two?

5 He called upon the most high Lord when the enemies preassed upon him on every side: and the great Lord heard him;

6 And with hailstones of mighty power he made the battel to fall violently upon the nations; and in the descent *of Bethoron* he destroyed them that resisted: that the nations might know all their strength; because he fought in the sight of the Lord, and he followed the mighty One.

c Num. 14. 6. 1 Macc. 2. 55, 56. 7 [c] In the time of Moses also he did a work of mercy, he and Caleb the son of Jephunne, in that they withstood the congregation, and withheld the people from sin, and appeased the wicked murmuring.

d Num. 26. 65. Deut. 1. 35, 36. 8 [d] And of six hundred thousand people on foot they two were preserved to bring them into the heritage, even unto the land that floweth with milk and honey.

e Num. 14. 38. Josh. 14. 11. 9 [e] The Lord gave strength also unto Caleb, which remained with him unto his old age; so that he entred upon the high places of the land, and his seed obtained it for an heritage:

10 That all the children of Israel might see that it is good to follow the Lord.

11 And concerning the judges, every one by name, whose heart went not a whoring, nor departed from the Lord, let their memory be blessed.

f Chap. 49. 10. 12 Let their bones [f] flourish out of their place, and let the name of them that were honoured be continued upon their children.

g 1 Sam. 9. 1. & 10. 13. 13 [g] Samuel the prophet of the Lord, beloved of his Lord, established a kingdom; and anointed princes over his people.

14 By the law of the Lord he judged the congregation; and the Lord had respect unto Jacob.

15 By his faithfulness he was found a true prophet, and by his word he was known to be faithfull in vision.

16 He called upon the mighty Lord when his enemies preassed upon him on every side, when he offered the [h] sucking lamb: h 1 Sam. 7. 9.

17 And the Lord thundred from heaven, and with a great noise made his voice to be heard;

18 And he destroyed the rulers of the Tyrians, and all the princes of the Philistines.

19 And before his long sleep he made [i] protestations in the sight of the Lord and his anointed, I have not taken any mans goods, so much as a shoe. And no man did accuse him. i 1 Sam. 12. 3.

20 And after his death [k] he prophesied, and shewed the king his end, and lift up his voice from the earth in prophesie, to blot out the wickedness of the people. k 1 Sam. 28. 18, 19

CHAP. XLVII.

1 The praise of Nathan, 2 of David, 12 of Solomon: His glory, and infirmities; 23 of his end, and punishment.

AND after him rose up Nathan to prophesie in the time of David. 2 Sam. 12. 1. 1 Chr. 7

2 As is the fat taken away from the peace-offering, so was David chosen out of the children of Israel.

3 || He played with [b] lions as with kids, and with bears as with lambs. || Or, *He strove* b 1 Sam. 17. 34. c 2 Sam. 17. 49, 50, 51.

4 [c] Slew he not a giant when he was yet but young? and did he not take away reproach from the people, when he lifted up his hand with the stone in the sling, and beat down the boasting of Goliath?

5 For he called upon the most high Lord, and he gave him strength in his right hand to slay that mighty warriour, and set up the horn of his people.

6 So the people honoured him with [d] ten thousands, and praised him in the blessings of the Lord, in that he gave him a crown of glory. d 1 Sam. 18. 7. e 2 Sam. 5. 7. & 8. 1, &c.

7 For [e] he destroyed the enemies on every side, and || brought to nought the Philis- || Or, *contemned.*

Philiſtines his adverſaries, and brake their horn in ſunder unto this day.

8 In all his works he praiſed the holy One moſt high with words of glory; with his whole heart he ſung ſongs, and loved him that made him.

9 [f] He ſet ſingers alſo before the altar, that by their voices they might make ſweet melody, and daily ſing praiſes in their ſongs.

10 He beautified their feaſts, and ſet in order the ſolemn times || untill the end, that they might praiſe his holy name, and that the temple might ſound from morning.

11 [g] The Lord took away his ſins, and exalted his horn for ever. He gave him a covenant of kings, and a throne || of glory in Iſrael.

12 After him roſe up a wiſe ſon, and for his ſake he dwelt at large.

13 [h] Solomon reigned in a peaceable time, and was honoured. For God made all quiet round about him, that he might build an houſe in his name, and prepare his ſanctuary for ever.

14 [i] How wiſe waſt thou in thy youth, and as a floud filled with underſtanding!

15 Thy ſoul covered the whole earth, and thou filledſt it with dark parables.

16 Thy name went far unto the iſlands; and for thy peace thou waſt beloved.

17 [k] The countreys marvelled at thee for thy ſongs, and proverbs, and parables, and interpretations.

18 By the name of the Lord God, which is called the Lord God of Iſrael, thou didſt [l] gather gold as tin, and didſt multiply ſilver as lead.

19 [m] Thou didſt bow thy loyns unto women, and || by thy body thou waſt brought into ſubjection.

20 Thou didſt ſtain thy honour, and pollute thy ſeed: ſo that thou broughteſt wrath upon thy children, and waſt grieved for thy folly.

21 [n] So the kingdom was divided, & out of Ephraim ruled a rebellious kingdom.

22 [o] But the Lord will never leave off his mercy, neither ſhall any of his works periſh, neither will he aboliſh the poſterity of his elect, and the ſeed of him that loveth him he will not take away: wherefore he gave a remnant unto Jacob, and out of him a root unto David.

23 Thus reſted Solomon with his fathers: and of his ſeed he left behind him Roboam, even the fooliſhneſs of the people, and one that had no underſtanding, who [p] turned away the people through his counſel. There was alſo Jeroboam the ſon of Nebat, who [q] cauſed Iſrael to ſin, and ſhewed Ephraim the way of ſin:

24 And their ſins were multiplied exceedingly, that [r] they were driven out of the land.

25 For they ſought out all wickedneſs, till the vengeance came upon them.

CHAP. XLVIII.

1 The praiſe of Elias, 12 Eliſeus, 17 Ezekias, & Eſaias.

THen ſtood up [a] Elias the prophet as fire, and his word burnt like a lamp.

2 [b] He brought a ſore famine upon them, and by his zeal he diminiſhed their number.

3 By the word of the Lord he || ſhut up the heaven, [c] and alſo three times brought down fire.

4 O Elias, how waſt thou honoured in thy wondrous deeds! and who may glory like unto thee!

5 [d] Who didſt raiſe up a dead man from death, and his ſoul from the || place of the dead, by the word of the moſt High;

6 [e] Who broughteſt kings to deſtruction, and honourable men from their || bed;

7 Who heardeſt the rebuke of the Lord in Sinai, [f] and in Horeb the judgement of vengeance;

8 [g] Who anointedſt kings to take revenge, and prophets to ſucceed after || him;

9 [h] Who waſt taken up in a whirlwind of fire, and in a chariot of fiery horſes;

10 Who waſt || ordained [i] for reproofs in their times, to pacifie the wrath of the Lords judgement before it brake forth into fury, and to turn the heart of the father unto the ſon, and to || reſtore the tribes of Jacob.

11 Bleſſed are they that ſaw thee, and || ſlept in love: for we ſhall ſurely live.

12 [k] Elias

p 1 Kin. 12.10,11 13, 14.
q 1 Kin. 12.28,30
r 2 Kin. 17. 18.
a 1 Kin. 17. 1.
b Jam. 5. 17.
|| Or, *made heaven to hold up.*
c 1 Kin. 18.38. 2 Kin. 1. 10, 12.
d 1 Kin. 17 21, 22
|| Or, *grave.*
e 2 Kin. 8. 16.
|| Or, *ſeat.*
f 1 Kin. 19. 17.
g 1 Kin. 19.15,16
|| Or, *thee.*
h 2 Kin. 2. 11.
|| Or, *written of.*
i Mal. 4.5,6. Luk. 1. 17
Or, *Rabbiſh.*
|| Or, *were adorned with love*

12 [k] Elias it was who was covered with a whirlwind: And Eliseus was filled with his spirit. Whilest he lived [l] he was not moved *with the presence* of any prince, neither could any bring him into subjection.

13 ‖ No word could overcome him: [m] and after his death his body prophesied.

14 He did wonders in his life; and at his death were his works marvellous.

15 For all this the people repented not, neither departed they from their sins, [n] till they were spoiled and carried out of their land, and were scattered through all the earth. Yet there remained a small people, and a ruler in the house of David:

16 Of whom some did that which was pleasing *to God*, and some multiplied sins.

17 [o] Ezekias fortified his city, and [p] brought in water into the midst thereof. He digged the hard rock with iron, and made wells for waters.

18 In his time [q] Sennacherib came up, and sent Rabsaces, and lift up his hand against Sion, and boasted proudly.

19 Then trembled their hearts and hands, and they were in pain as women in travail.

20 But they called upon the Lord which is mercifull, and stretched out their hands towards him: and immediately the holy One heard them out of heaven, and delivered them by the ‖ ministery of Esay.

21 [r] He smote the host of the Assyrians, and his angel destroyed them.

22 For Ezekias had done the thing that pleased the Lord, and was strong in the ways of David his father, as Esay the prophet, who was great and faithfull in his vision, had commanded him.

23 [s] In his time the sun went backward, and he lengthned the kings life.

24 He saw by an excellent spirit what should come to pass at the last, and he comforted them that mourned in Sion.

25 He shewed what should come to pass for ever, and secret things or ever they came.

CHAP. XLIX.

1 *The praise of Josias, 4 David, and Ezekias, 6 Jeremy, 8 Ezekiel, 10 the twelve prophets, 11 Zorobabel, 12 Jesus the son of Josedec, 13 Neemias, Enoch, Joseph, Seth, Sem, and Adam.*

THE remembrance of [a] Josias is like the composition of the perfume that is made by the art of the apothecary. It is sweet as honey in all mouthes, and as musick at a banquet of wine.

2 He ‖ behaved himself uprightly in the conversion of the people, and took away the abominations of iniquity.

3 [b] He directed his heart unto the Lord, and in the time of the ungodly he established the worship of God.

4 All, except David, and Ezekias, and Josias, were defective: for they forsook the law of the most High, *even* the kings of Juda failed.

5 Therefore he gave their ‖ power unto others, and their glory unto a strange nation.

6 [c] They burnt the chosen city of the sanctuary, and made the streets desolate, ‖ according to the prophesie of Jeremias.

7 For they [d] entreated him evil, who nevertheless was a prophet [e] sanctified in his mothers womb, that he might root out and afflict and destroy, and that he might build up also and plant.

8 [f] It was Ezekiel who saw the glorious vision which was shewed him upon the chariot of the cherubims.

9 For he [g] made mention of the enemies under *the figure of* the rain, and ‖ directed them that went right.

10 And of the twelve prophets let the memorial be blessed, and [h] let their bones flourish again out of their place. For they comforted Jacob, and delivered them by assured hope.

11 How shall we magnifie [i] Zorobabel? even he was as a signet on the right hand:

12 So was [k] Jesus the son of Josedec: Who in their time builded the house, and set up an holy temple to the Lord, which was prepared for everlasting glory.

13 [l] And among the elect was Neemias,

[k] 2 Kin. 2. 11, 15.
[l] 2 Kin. 3. 14.
‖ Or, Nothing.
[m] 1 Kin. 13. 21.
[n] 2 Kin. 18. 11, 12.
[o] 2 Chr. 32. 5.
[p] 2 Kin. 20. 20.
[q] 2 Kin. 18. 13. & 36. 1.
‖ Or, by the hand of.
[r] 2 Kin. 19. 35. Isa. 37. 36. Jud. 7. 18. 1 Mac. 7. 41. 2 Mac. 8. 9.
[s] 2 Kin. 20. 9, 11. Isa. 38. 8.
[a] 1 Kin. 22. 1. 2 Chr. 34. 1.
‖ Or, professed.
[b] 2 Kin. 23. 4. 2 Chr. 34. 3.
‖ Or, to others.
[c] 2 Kin. 25. 9. 2 Chr. 36. 19.
‖ Or, by the hand of Jeremy.
[d] Jer. 48. 6.
[e] Jer. 1. 5, 10.
[f] Ezek. 1. 3, 15.
[g] Ezek. 13. 11. & 38. 9. 16, 22.
‖ Or, did good.
[h] Chap. 45. 12.
[i] Ezra 3. 2. Hag. 1. 1. 24. Ezra 5. 2. Hag. 1. 1. 2. 2, 23. Zech. 3. 8. 1 Esd. 7. 1.

mias, whose renown is great; who raised up for us the walls that were fallen, and set up the gates and the bars, and raised up our ruines again

14 But upon the earth was no man created like [m] Enoch: for he was taken from the earth.

15 Neither was there a man born like unto [n] Joseph, a governour of his brethren, a stay of the people, whose bones were regarded of the Lord.

16 [o] Sem and Seth were in great honour among men: and so was Adam above every living thing in the creation.

CHAP. L.

1 Of Simon the son of Onias. 22 How the people were taught to praise God, and pray. 27 The conclusion.

SImon the high priest the son of Onias, who in his life repaired the house again, and in his days fortified the temple:

2 And by him was built from the foundation the double height, the high fortress of the wall about the temple.

3 In his days the cistern to receive water, being in compass as the sea, was covered with plates of brass.

4 He took care of the temple that it should not fall, and fortified the city against besieging.

5 How was he honoured in the midst of the people, in his coming out of † the sanctuary!

6 He was as the morning star in the midst of a cloud, and as the moon at the full;

7 As the sun shining upon the temple of the most High, and as the rainbowe giving light in the bright clouds;

8 And as the flower of roses in the spring of the year, as lilies by the rivers of waters, and as the branches of the frankincense-tree in the time of summer;

9 As fire and incense in the censer, and as a vessel of beaten gold set with all manner of precious stones;

10 And as a fair olive-tree budding forth fruit, and as a cypress-tree which groweth up to the clouds.

11 When he put on the robe of honour, and was clothed with the perfection of glory, when he went up to the holy altar, he made the garment of holiness honourable.

12 When he took the portions out of the priests hands, he himself stood by the hearth of the altar, compassed with his brethren round about, as a young cedar in Libanus; and as palm-trees compassed they him round about.

13 So were all the sons of Aaron in their glory, and the oblations of the Lord in their hands, before all the congregation of Israel.

14 And finishing the service at the altar, that he might adorn the offering of the most high Almighty,

15 He stretched out his hand to the cup, and poured of the bloud of the grape, he poured out at the foot of the altar a sweet-smelling savour unto the most high King of all.

16 Then shouted the sons of Aaron, and sounded the ‖ silver trumpets, and made a great noise to be heard for a remembrance before the most High.

‖ Or, trumpets beaten forth with the hammer.

17 Then all the people together hasted, and fell down to the earth upon their faces to worship their Lord God almighty the most High.

18 The singers also sang praises with their voices: with great variety of sounds was there made sweet melody.

19 And the people besought the Lord the most High by prayer before him that is mercifull, till the solemnity of the Lord was ended, and they had finished his service.

20 Then he went down, and lifted up his hands over the whole congregation of the children of Israel, to give the blessing of the Lord with his lips, and to rejoyce in his name.

21 And they bowed themselves down to worship the second time, that they might receive a blessing from the most High.

22 Now therefore bless ye the God of all, which onely doeth wondrous things every where, which exalteth our days from the womb, and dealeth

eth with us according to his mercy.

23 He grant us joyfulneſs of heart, and that peace may be in our days in Iſrael for ever:

24 That he would confirm his mercy with us, and deliver us at his time.

25 There be two manner of nations which my heart abhorreth, and the third is no nation:

26 They that ſit upon the mountain of Samaria, and they that dwell amongſt the Philiſtines, and that fooliſh people that dwell in Sichem.

27 Jeſus the ſon of Sirach of Jeruſalem hath written in this book the inſtruction of underſtanding and knowledge, who out of his heart poured forth wiſdom.

28 Bleſſed is he that ſhall be exerciſed in theſe things: and he that layeth them up in his heart ſhall become wiſe.

29 For if he do them, he ſhall be ſtrong to all things: for the light of the Lord leadeth him, who giveth wiſdom to the godly. Bleſſed be the Lord for ever. Amen, Amen.

CHAP. LI.

¶ A prayer of Jeſus the ſon of Sirach.

I Will thank thee, O Lord and King; and praiſe thee, O God my Saviour: I do give praiſe unto thy name.

2 For thou art my defender and helper, and haſt preſerved my body from deſtruction, and from the ſnare of the ſlanderous tongue, and from the lips that forge lies, and haſt been mine helper againſt mine adverſaries;

3 And haſt delivered me according to the multitude of thy mercies and greatneſs of thy name from † the teeth of them that were ready to devour me, and out of the hands of ſuch as ſought after my life, and from the manifold afflictions which I had;

† Or, the gnaſhing of the teeth.

4 From the choking of fire on every ſide, and from the mids of the fire which I kindled not;

5 From the depth of ỹ belly of hell, from an unclean tongue, and from lying words.

6 By an accuſation to the king from an unrighteous tongue my ſoul drew near even unto death, my life was near to the hell beneath.

7 They compaſſed me on every ſide; and there was no man to help me. I looked for the ſuccour of men, but there was none.

8 Then thought I upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou delivereſt ſuch as wait for thee, and ſaveſt them out of the hands of the enemies.

9 Then lifted I up my ſupplication from the earth, and prayed for deliverance from death.

10 I called upon the Lord the Father of my Lord, that he would not leave me in the days of my trouble, and in the time of the proud when there was no help.

11 I will praiſe thy name continually, and will ſing praiſe with thankſgiving; and ſo my prayer was heard.

Or, becauſe my prayer.

12 For thou ſavedſt me from deſtruction, and deliveredſt me from the evil time: therefore will I give thanks, and praiſe thee, and bleſs thy name, O Lord.

13 When I was yet young, or ever I ‖ went abroad, I deſired wiſdom openly in my prayer.

Or, went aſtray.

14 I prayed for her before the temple, and will ſeek her out even to the end.

15 Even from the flower till the grape was ripe hath my heart delighted in her. My foot went the right way; from my youth up ſought I after her.

16 I bowed down mine ear a little, and received her, and gat much learning.

17 I profited therein: *therefore* will I aſcribe the glory unto him that giveth me wiſdom.

18 For I purpoſed to do after her, and earneſtly I followed that which is good: ſo ſhall I not be confounded.

19 My ſoul hath wreſtled with her, and in my doings I was exact. I ſtretched forth my hands to the heaven above, and bewailed my ignorances of her.

‖ Or, I got underſtanding.

20 ‖ I directed my ſoul unto her, and I found her in pureneſs. I have had my heart

heart joyned with her from the beginning: therefore ſhall I not be forſaken.

21 My || heart was troubled in ſeeking her: therefore have I gotten a good poſſeſſion.

22 The Lord hath given me a tongue for my reward, and I will praiſe him therewith.

23 Draw near unto me, you unlearned, and dwell in the houſe of learning.

24 Wherefore are you ſlow? and what ſay you of theſe things, ſeeing your ſouls are very thirſty?

25 I opened my mouth, and ſaid,

[a] Buy her for your ſelves without money. [a] Iſa. 55. 1.

26 Put your neck under the yoke, and let your ſoul receive inſtruction: [b] ſhe is hard at hand to find. [b] Deut. 30. 14.

27 [c] Behold with your eyes how that I have had but little labour, and have gotten unto me much reſt. [c] Chap. 6. 19.

28 Get learning with a great ſum of money, and get much gold by her.

29 Let your ſoul rejoyce in his mercy, and be not aſhamed of his praiſe.

30 Work your work betimes; and in his time he will give you your reward.

BARUCH.

CHAP. I.

1 *Baruch writeth a book in Babylon.* 5 *The Jews there wept at the reading of it.* 7 *They ſend money and the book to the brethren at Jeruſalem.*

AND theſe are the words of the book which Baruch the ſon of Nerias, the ſon of Maaſias, the ſon of Sedecias, the ſon of Aſadias, the ſon of Chelcias wrote in Babylon,

2 In the fifth year, and in the ſeventh day of the moneth, what time as the Chaldeans took Jeruſalem, & burnt it with fire.

3 And Baruch did read the words of this book in the hearing of Jechonias ỳ ſon of || Joachim king of Juda, and in the ears of all the people that came to hear the book,

4 And in the hearing of the nobles, and of the kings ſons, and in the hearing of the elders, and of all the people, from the loweſt unto ỳ higheſt, even of all them that dwelt at Babylon, by the river Sud.

5 Whereupon they wept, faſted, and || prayed before the Lord.

6 They made alſo a collection of money according to every mans power;

7 And they ſent it to Jeruſalem unto || Joachim the high prieſt the ſon of Chelcias, the ſon of Salom, and to the prieſts, and to all the people which were found with him at Jeruſalem,

8 At the ſame time when he received [a] the veſſels of the houſe of the Lord that were carried out of the temple, to return them into the land of Juda, the tenth day of *the moneth* Sivan, *namely* ſilver veſſels, which Sedecias the ſon of Joſias king of Juda had made, [a] 2 Kin. 24. 13. 2 Chr. 36. 10.

9 After that Nabuchodonoſor king of Babylon had carried away Jechonias and the princes and the || captives & the mighty men and the people of the land from Jeruſalem, and brought them unto Babylon: || Or, *priſoners.*

10 And they ſaid, Behold, we have ſent you money to buy you burnt-offerings, and ſin-offerings, and incenſe, and prepare ye † manna, and offer upon the altar of the Lord our God; † Gr. corruptly for *mincha*, that is, *a meat-offering.*

11 And pray for the life of Nabuchodonoſor king of Babylon, and for the life of Balthaſar his ſon, that their days may be upon earth as the days of heaven.

12 And the Lord will give us ſtrength, and lighten our eyes, and we ſhall live [b] under the ſhadow of Nabuchodonoſor king of Babylon, and under the ſhadow of Balthaſar his ſon, and we ſhall ſerve them many days, and find favour in their ſight. [b] Ezek. 31. 6. Dan. 4. 12, 21.

13 Pray for us alſo unto the Lord our God: for we have ſinned againſt the Lord our God; and unto this day the fury of the Lord and his wrath is not turned from us.

14 And ye ſhall read this book which

we have sent unto you, to make confession in the house of the Lord upon the feasts and solemn days.

15 And ye shall say, [c] To the Lord our God *belongeth* righteousness, but unto us confusion of faces, as *it is come to pass* this day, unto them of Juda, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

16 And to our kings, and to our princes, and to our priests, and to our prophets, and to our fathers.

17 For [d] we have sinned before the Lord,

18 And disobeyed him, and have not hearkned unto the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in the commandments that he gave us openly.

19 Since the day that the Lord brought our forefathers out of the land of Egypt, unto this present day, we have been disobedient unto the Lord our God, and we have been negligent in not hearing his voice.

20 [e] Wherefore the evils cleaved unto us, and the curse which the Lord appointed by Moses his servant at the time that he brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, to give us a land that floweth with milk and honey, like as *it is to see* this day.

21 Nevertheless we have not hearkned unto the voice of the Lord our God, according unto all the words of the prophets whom he sent unto us:

22 But every man followed the imagination of his own wicked heart, to serve strange gods, and to do evil in the sight of the Lord our God.

CHAP. II.

The prayer and confession which the Jews at Babylon made, and sent in that book unto the brethren in Jerusalem.

THerefore the Lord hath made good his word which he pronounced against us, and against our judges that judged Israel, and against our kings, and against our princes, and against the men of Israel and Juda,

2 To bring upon us great plagues, such as never hapned under the whole heaven, as it came to pass in Jerusalem, according to the things that were written in the law of Moses,

3 That [a] a man should eat the flesh of his own son, and the flesh of his own daughter.

4 Moreover, he hath delivered them to be in subjection to [b] all the kingdoms that are round about us, to be as [c] a reproach and [d] desolation among all the people round about, where the Lord hath scattered them.

5 Thus we † were cast down, and not exalted, because we have sinned against the Lord our God, and have not been obedient unto his voice.

6 [e] To the Lord our God *appertaineth* righteousness; but unto us and to our fathers, open shame, as *appeareth* this day.

7 *For* all these plagues are come upon us which the Lord hath pronounced against us.

8 [f] Yet have we not prayed before the Lord, that we might turn every one from the imaginations of his wicked heart.

9 Wherefore the Lord watched over us for evil, and the Lord hath brought it upon us. For the Lord is righteous in all his works which he hath commanded us.

10 Yet we have not hearkned unto his voice, to walk in the commandments of the Lord that he hath set before us.

11 [g] And now, O Lord God of Israel, that hast brought thy people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand & with an high arm, and with signs and with wonders and with great power, and [h] hast gotten thy self a name, as *appeareth* this day;

12 O Lord our God, we have sinned, we have done ungodlily, we have dealt unrighteously in all thine ordinances.

13 Let thy wrath turn from us: for [i] we are but a few left among the heathen where thou hast scattered us.

14 Hear our prayers, O Lord, and our petitions, and deliver us for thine own sake, and give us favour in the sight of them which have led us away:

15 That all the earth may know that thou art the Lord our God, because † Israel and his posterity is called by thy name.

16 O

[c] Dan. 9. 7. Chap. 2. 6. See Neh. 9. 32, &c.
[d] Dan. 9. 5.
[e] Deut. 28. 15.
[a] Deut. 28. 53. Lam. 2. 20. & 4. 10.
[b] 2 Kin. 24. 2.
[c] Isa. 43. 28.
[d] Jer. 25. 38.
† Gr. were bereaved, & not above.
[e] Chap. 1. 15.
[f] Dan. 9. 13, &c.
[g] Dan. 9. 15.
[h] Neh. 9. 10.
[i] Jer. 42. 2.
† Gr. thy name is called upon Israel.
[k] Dan. 9. 19.

16 O Lord, [l] look down from thy holy house, and consider us: bow down thine ear, O Lord, to hear us.

17 Open thine eyes, and behold. For the [m] dead that are in the graves, whose † souls are taken from their bodies, will give unto the Lord neither praise nor righteousness:

18 But the soul that is greatly vexed, which goeth stooping and feeble, and the eyes that fail, and the hungry soul will give thee praise and righteousness, O Lord.

19 [n] Therefore we do not make our humble supplication before thee, O Lord our God, for the righteousness of our fathers and of our kings.

20 For thou hast sent out thy wrath and indignation upon us, as thou hast spoken by thy servants the prophets, saying,

21 [o] Thus saith the Lord, Bow down your shoulders to serve the king of Babylon: so shall ye remain in the land that I gave unto your fathers.

22 But if ye will not hear the voice of the Lord to serve the king of Babylon,

23 [p] I will cause to cease out of the cities of Juda, and from without Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride: and the whole land shall be desolate of inhabitants.

24 But we would not hearken unto thy voice to serve the king of Babylon: therefore hast thou made good [q] the words that thou spakest by thy servants the prophets, namely, that the bones of our kings and the bones of our fathers should be taken out of their places.

25 And lo, they are cast out to the heat of the day and to the frost of the night: and they died in great miseries, by famine, by sword, and pestilence.

26 And the house which is called by thy name *hast thou laid waste*, as *it is to be seen* this day, for the wickedness of the house of Israel and of the house of Juda.

27 O Lord our God, thou hast dealt with us after all thy goodness, and according to all that great mercy of thine,

28 As thou spakest by thy servant Moses in the day when thou didst command him to write thy law before the children of Israel, saying,

29 [r] If ye will not hear my voice, surely this † very great multitude shall be turned into a small *number* among the nations where I will scatter them.

30 For I knew that they would not hear me; because it is a stiff-necked people: but [s] in the land of their captivities they shall ‖ remember themselves,

31 And shall know that I am the Lord their God: for [t] I will give them an heart, and ears to hear.

32 And they shall praise me in the land of their captivity, and think upon my name,

33 And return from their stiff † neck, and from their wicked deeds: for they shall remember the way of their fathers, which sinned before the Lord.

34 And I will bring them again into the land which I promised with an oath unto their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and they shall be lords of it: and I will increase them, and they shall not be diminished.

35 And [u] I will make an everlasting covenant with them to be their God, and they shall be my people: and I will no more drive my people of Israel out of the land that I have given them.

CHAP. III.

3 *The rest of their prayer and confession contained in that book which Baruch wrote and sent to Jerusalem.* 30 *Wisdom was shewed first to Jacob, and was seen upon the earth.*

O Lord almighty, God of Israel, the soul in anguish, the troubled spirit, crieth unto thee.

2 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy; for thou art merciful: and have pity upon us, because we have sinned before thee.

3 For thou endurest for ever, and we perish utterly.

4 O Lord almighty, thou God of Israel hear now the prayers of the dead Israelites, and of their children, which have

[l] Deut. 26. 15. & 1. 63.
[m] Psal. 6. & 5. 17. & 38. 19. Baruch 2. 17, 18
[n] Dan. 9. 18.
[o] Chap. 1. 13.
[p] Jer. 7. 34. & 16. 9. & 25. 10.
[q] Dan. 9. 13. &c.
[r] Neh. 9. 10.
[s] Jer. 42. 2.
[t] Dan. 9. 19.
[u] Lev. 26. 39, &c. ‖ Or, come to themselves.
[r] Lev. 26. 14. Deu. 28. 15, 62. † Gr. great swarm.
[s] Lev. 26. 39, &c. ‖ Or, come to themselves.
[t] Deut. 30. 6 Jer. 24. 7
† Gr. back.
[u] J r. 31. 31, &c.
† Gr. thy name is called upon Israel.

have ſinned before thee, and not hearkned unto the voice of thee their God: for the which cauſe theſe plagues cleave unto us.

5 Remember not the iniquities of our forefathers: but think upon thy power and thy name now at this time.

6 For thou art the Lord our God; and thee, O Lord, will we praiſe.

7 And for this cauſe thou haſt put thy fear in our hearts, to the intent that we ſhould call upon thy name, and praiſe thee in our captivity: for [a] we have called to mind all the iniquity of our forefathers, that ſinned before thee.

[a] Deut. 30. 1.

8 Behold, we are yet this day in our captivity, where thou haſt ſcattered us, for a reproach and a curſe, and to be ſubject to payments, according to all the iniquities of our fathers, which departed from the Lord our God.

9 Hear, Iſrael, the commandments of life; give ear, to underſtand wiſdom.

10 How happeneth it, Iſrael, that thou art in thine enemies land, that thou art waxen old in a ſtrange countrey, that thou art defiled with the dead,

[b] Pſal. 88. 1.

11 That thou art [b] counted with them that go down into the grave?

12 Thou haſt forſaken the fountain of wiſdom.

13 *For* if thou hadſt walked in the way of God, thou ſhouldſt have dwelled in peace for ever.

14 Learn where is wiſdom, where is ſtrength, where is underſtanding; that thou mayeſt know alſo where is length of days, and life, where is the light of the eyes, and peace.

[c] Job 28. 12, 20.

15 [c] Who hath found out her place? or who hath come into her treaſures?

16 Where are the princes of the heathen become, and ſuch as ruled the beaſts upon the earth?

17 They that had their paſtime with the fowls of the air, and they that hoarded up ſilver and gold, wherein men truſt, and who made no end of their getting?

18 For they that wrought in ſilver, and were ſo carefull, and whoſe works are unſearchable,

19 They are vaniſhed and gone down to the grave, and others are come up in their ſteads.

20 Young men have ſeen light, and dwelt upon the earth: but the way of knowledge have they not known,

21 Nor underſtood the paths thereof, nor laid hold of it: their children were far off from that way.

22 It hath not been heard of in Chanaan, [d] neither hath it been ſeen in Theman.

[d] Jer. 49. 7.

23 The Agarenes, that ſeek wiſdom upon earth; the merchants of Merran, and of Theman; the ‖ authours of fables, and ſearchers out of underſtanding: none of theſe have known the way of wiſdom, or remember her paths.

‖ Or, expoſitors.

24 O Iſrael, how great is the houſe of God! and how large is the place of his poſſeſſion!

25 Great, and hath none end; high, and unmeaſurable.

26 There were the giants famous from the beginning, that were of ſo great ſtature, and ſo expert in war.

27 Thoſe did not the Lord chooſe, neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them.

28 But they were deſtroyed, becauſe they had no wiſdom; and periſhed through their own fooliſhneſs.

29 [e] Who hath gone up into heaven, and taken her, and brought her down from the clouds?

[e] Deut. 30. 12, 13. Rom. 10. 6, 7.

30 Who hath gone over the ſea, and found her, & will bring her for pure gold?

31 No man knoweth her way, nor thinketh of her path.

32 But he that knoweth all things knoweth her, and hath found her out with his underſtanding. He that prepared the earth for evermore, hath filled it with fourfooted beaſts.

33 He that ſendeth forth light, and it goeth; calleth it again, and it obeyeth him with fear.

34 The ſtars ſhined in their watches, and rejoyced. When [f] he calleth them, they ſay, Here we be; and ſo with cheerfulneſs they ſhewed light unto him [g] y made them.

[f] Pſal. 147. 4.

35 This

35 This is our God; and there shall none other be accounted of in comparison of him.

36 He hath found out all the way of knowledge, and hath given it unto Jacob his servant, and to Israel his beloved.

37 § Afterward did he shew himself upon earth, and conversed with men.

CHAP. IV.

1 The book of the commandments is that wisdom commended in the former chapter. 25 The Jews are moved to patience, and to hope for deliverance.

THis is the book of the commandments of God, and the law that endureth for ever. All they that keep it *shall come* to life; but such as leave it shall die.

2 Turn thee, O Jacob, and take hold of it: walk † in the presence of the light thereof, that thou mayest be illuminated.

3 Give not thine honour to another, nor the things that are profitable unto thee to a strange nation.

4 O Israel, happy are we: for things that are pleasing to God are made known unto us.

5 Be of good cheer, my people, the memorial of Israel.

6 [a] Ye were sold to the nations, not for *your* destruction; but because ye moved God to wrath ye were delivered unto the enemies.

7 For ye provoked him that made you, by [b] sacrificing unto devils, & not to God.

8 Ye have forgotten the everlasting God that brought you up, and ye have grieved Jerusalem that nursed you.

9 For when she saw the wrath of God coming upon you, she said, Hearken, O ye that dwell about Sion: God hath brought upon me great mourning.

10 For I saw the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting brought upon them.

11 With joy did I nourish them; but I sent them away with weeping and mourning.

12 Let no man rejoyce over me a widow, and forsaken of many, who for the sins of my children am left desolate; because they departed from the law of God.

13 They knew not his statutes, nor walked in the ways of his commandments, nor trode in the paths ‖ of discipline in his righteousness.

14 Let them that dwell about Sion come, and remember ye the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting hath brought upon them.

15 For [c] he hath brought a nation upon them from far, a shameless nation, and of a strange language, who neither reverenced old man, nor pitied child.

16 These have carried away the dear-beloved children of the widow, and left her that was alone desolate without daughters.

17 But what can I help you?

18 For he that brought these plagues upon you will deliver you from the hands of your enemies.

19 Go your way, O my children, go your way: for I am left desolate.

20 I have put off the clothing of ‖ peace, and put upon me the sackcloth of my prayer: I will cry unto the Everlasting ‖ [d] in my days.

21 Be of good cheer, O my children: cry unto the Lord; and he shall deliver you from the power and hand of the enemies.

22 For my hope is in the Everlasting that he will save you, and joy is come unto me from the holy One, because of the mercy which shall soon come unto you from the Everlasting our Saviour.

23 For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever.

24 Like as now the neighbours of Sion have seen your captivity; so shall they see shortly your salvation from our God, which shall come upon you with great glory and brightness of the Everlasting.

25 My children, suffer patiently the wrath that is come upon you from God: for thine enemy hath persecuted thee; but shortly thou shalt see his destruction, and shalt tread upon his neck.

26 ‖ My delicate ones have gone rough ways, and were taken away as a flock caught of the enemies.

27 Be

‖ Or, of his discipline in righteousness.

‖ Or, prosperity.

‖ Or, in the time of mine affliction.

‖ Or, My darlings.

27 Be of good comfort, O my children, and cry unto God: for you shall be remembred of him that brought these things upon you.

28 For as it was your mind to go astray from God, so being returned seek him ten times more.

29 For he that hath brought these plagues upon you shall bring you everlasting joy again with your salvation.

30 Take a good heart, O Jerusalem: for he that gave thee that name will comfort thee.

31 Miserable are they that afflicted thee, and rejoyced at thy fall.

32 Miserable are the cities which thy children served: miserable is she that receiveth thy sons.

33 For as she rejoyced at thy ruine, and was glad of thy fall, so shall she be grieved for her own desolation.

34 For I will take away the rejoycing of her great multitude, and her pride shall be turned into mourning.

35 For fire shall come upon her from the Everlasting, long to endure; and she shall be inhabited of devils for a great time.

36 [c] O Jerusalem, look about thee towards the east, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from God. [c] Chap. 5. 5.

37 Lo, thy sons come whom thou sentest away; they come gathered together from the east to the west, by the word of the holy One, rejoycing in the glory of God.

CHAP. V.

1 Jerusalem is moved to rejoyce, 5 and to behold their return out of captivity with glory.

Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of thy mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever.

2 Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God, and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting.

3 For God will shew thy brightness unto every countrey under heaven.

4 For thy name shall be called of God for ever, The peace of righteousness, and The glory of Gods worship.

5 Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and [a] look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the holy One, rejoycing in the remembrance of God. [a] Chap. 36.

6 For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies; but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom.

7 For God hath appointed that [b] every high hill and banks of long continuance should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God. [b] Isa. 40. 4.

8 Moreover, even the woods and every sweet smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God.

9 For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him.

CHAP. VI.

1 The cause of the Jews captivity is their sin; 3 the place thereof is Babylon: The vanity of whose idols and idolatry is set forth at large in this chapter.

¶ A Copy of an epistle which Jeremy sent unto them which were to be led captives into Babylon by the king of the Babylonians, to certifie them as it was commanded him of God.

BEcause of the sins which ye have committed before God ye shall be led away captives into Babylon by Nabuchodonosor king of the Babylonians.

3 So when ye be come unto Babylon, ye shall remain there many years, and for a long season, namely seven generations: and after that I will bring you away peaceably from thence.

4 [a] Now shall ye see in Babylon gods of silver, and of gold, and of wood, born upon shoulders, which cause the nations to fear. [a] Psal. 115. 4. Isa. 44. 8, 9. 10. & 46. 5, 7. Wisd. 13. 10.

5 Beware therefore that ye in no wise be like to strangers, neither be ye afraid of

of them, when ye see the multitude before them and behind them worshipping them:

6 But say ye in your hearts, O Lord, we must worship thee.

7 For mine angel is with you, and I my self caring for your souls.

8 As for their tongue, it is polished by the workman, and they themselves are gilded and laid over with gold; [b] yet are they but false, and cannot speak.

9 And taking gold as it were for a virgin that loves to go gay, they make crowns for the heads of their gods.

10 Sometimes also the priests convey from their gods gold and silver, and bestow it upon themselves.

11 Yea, they will give thereof to the ‖ common harlots, and deck them as men with garments, *being* gods of silver, and gods of gold, and wood.

12 Yet cannot these gods save themselves from rust and moths, though they be covered with purple raiment.

13 They wipe their faces because of the dust of the temple, when there is much upon them.

14 And he that cannot put to death one that offendeth him, holdeth a sceptre as though he were a judge of the countrey.

15 He hath also in his right hand a dagger, and an ax; but cannot deliver himself from war and theeves.

16 Whereby they are known not to be gods. Therefore fear them not.

17 For like as a vessel that a man useth is nothing worth when it is broken; even so it is with their gods. When they be set up in the temple, their eyes be full of dust through the feet of them that come in.

18 And as the ‖ doors are made sure on every side upon him that offendeth the king, as being committed to suffer death; even so the priests make fast their temples with doors, with locks and bars, lest *their gods* be spoiled with robbers.

19 They light them candles, yea, more then for themselves, whereof they cannot see one.

20 They are as one of the beams of the temple: yet they say their hearts are † gnawed upon by things creeping out of the earth: and when they eat them and their clothes, they feel it not.

21 Their faces are blacked through the smoke that cometh out of the temple.

22 Upon their bodies and heads sit bats, swallows, and birds, and the cats also.

23 By this you may know that they are no gods. Therefore fear them not.

24 Notwithstanding the gold that is about them to make them beautifull, except they wipe off the rust, they will not shine: for neither when they were molten did they feel it.

25 The things wherein there is no breath are bought for ‖ a most high price.

26 [c] They are born upon shoulders, having no feet: whereby they declare unto men that they be nothing worth.

27 They also that serve them are ashamed. For if they fall to the ground at any time, they cannot rise up again of themselves: Neither if one set them upright, can they move of themselves: Neither if they be bowed down, can they make themselves straight. But they set ‖ gifts before them as unto dead men.

28 As for the things that are sacrificed unto them, their priests sell and ‖ abuse. In like manner their wives lay up part thereof in salt: but unto the poor and impotent they give nothing of it.

29 Menstruous women and women in childbed [d] eat their sacrifices. By these things ye may know that they are no gods. Fear them not.

30 For how can they be called gods? Because women set meat before the gods of silver, gold, and wood.

31 And the priests sit in their temples, having their clothes rent, and their heads and beards shaven, and nothing upon their heads.

32 They roar and cry before their gods, as men do at the feast when one is dead.

33 The priests also take off their garments,

† Or, fed.

‖ Or, any price.

[c] Isa. 46. 7.

‖ Or, offerings.

‖ Or, spend.

[d] Lev. 12. 4.

ments, and clothe their wives and children.

34 Whether it be evil that one doeth unto them, or good, they are not able to recompense it. They can neither set up a king, nor put him down.

35 In like manner, they can neither give riches nor money. Though a man make a vow unto them, and keep it not, they will not require it.

36 They can save no man from death, neither deliver the weak from the mighty.

37 They cannot restore a blind man to his sight, nor help any man in his distress.

38 They can shew no mercy to the widow, nor do good to the fatherless.

39 Their gods of wood, and which are overlaid with gold and silver, are like the stones that be hewn out of the mountain. They that worship them shall be confounded.

40 How should a man then think and say that they are gods, when even the Chaldeans themselves dishonour them?

41 Who, if they shall see one dumb that cannot speak, || bring him, and intreat Bel that he may speak, as though he were able to understand.

|| Or, *bid him call upon Bel.*

42 Yet they cannot understand this themselves, and leave them: for they have no || knowledge.

|| Or, *sense.*

43 The women also with cords about them, sitting in the ways, burn bran for perfume: but if any of them drawn by some that passeth by lie with him, she reproacheth her fellow that she was not thought as worthy as her self, nor her cord broken.

44 Whatsoever is done among them is false: how may it then be thought or said that they are gods?

45 They are made of carpenters and gold-smiths: they can be nothing else then the workman will have them to be.

46 And they themselves that made them can never continue long: how should then the things that are made of them be gods?

47 For they left lies and reproaches to them that come after.

48 For when there cometh any war or plague upon them, the priests consult with themselves where they may be hidden with them.

49 How then cannot men perceive that they be no gods, which can neither save themselves from war nor from plague?

50 [c] For seeing they be but of wood, and overlaid with silver and gold, it shall be known hereafter that they are false:

[c] Psal. 115.4. Wisd. 13.10.

51 And it shall manifestly appear to all nations and kings that they are no gods, but the works of mens hands, and that there is no work of God in them.

52 Who then may not know that they are no gods?

53 For neither can they set up a king in the land, nor give rain unto men,

54 Neither can they judge their own cause, nor redress a wrong, being unable: for they are as crows between heaven and earth.

55 Whereupon, when fire falleth upon the house of gods of wood, or laid over with gold or silver, their priests will flee away, and escape; but they themselves shall be burnt asunder like beams.

56 Moreover, they cannot withstand any king or enemies: how can it then be thought or said that they be gods?

57 Neither are those gods of wood, and laid over with silver or gold, able to escape either from theeves or robbers:

58 Whose gold, and silver, and garments wherewith they are clothed, they that are strong do take, and go away withall: neither are they able to help themselves.

59 Therefore it is better to be a king, that sheweth his power, or else a profitable vessel in an house, which the owner shall have use of, then such false gods; or to be a door in an house, to keep such things safe as be therein, then such false gods; or a pillar of wood in a palace, then such false gods.

60 For sun, moon, and stars, being bright, and sent to do their offices, are obedient;

61 In

61 In like manner the lightning, when it breaketh forth, is easie to be seen; and ‖ after the same manner the wind bloweth in every countrey;

62 And when God commandeth the clouds to go over the whole world, they do as they are bidden;

63 And the fire sent from above to consume hills and woods, doeth as it is commanded: but these are like unto them neither in shew nor power.

64 Wherefore it is neither to be supposed nor said that they are gods, seeing they are able neither to judge causes, nor to do good unto men.

65 Knowing therefore that they are no gods, fear them not:

66 For they can neither curse nor bless kings;

67 Neither can they shew signs in the heavens among the heathen, nor shine as the sun, nor give light as the moon.

68 The beasts are better then they: for they can get under a covert, and help themselves.

69 It is then by no means manifest unto us that they are gods. Therefore fear them not.

70 For as a scar-crow in a garden of cucumbers keepeth nothing, so are their gods of wood, and laid over with silver & gold.

71 And likewise their gods of wood, and laid over with silver and gold, are like to a white thorn in an orchard, that every bird sitteth upon; as also to a dead body, that is cast into the dark.

72 And you shall know them to be no gods by the ‖ bright purple that rotteth upon them: and they themselves afterward shall be eaten, and shall be a reproach in the countrey.

‖ Or, purple and brightness.

73 Better therefore is the just man that hath none idols: for he shall be far from reproach.

The song of the three holy CHILDREN, which followeth in the third chapter of DANIEL after this place,--*fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.* That which followeth is not in the Hebrew, to wit, *And they walked*---unto these words, *Then Nebuchadnezzar*---verse 24.

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2 *Azarias his prayer and confession in the flame,* 24 *wherewith the Chaldeans about the oven were consumed, but the three children within it were not hurt.* 28 *The song of the three children in the oven.*

AND they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, & blessing the Lord.

2 Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire, said,

3 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers. Thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore.

4 For thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works; thy ways are right, and [a] all thy judgements truth.

5 In all the things which thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, *even* Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgement: for according to truth & judgement didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

6 For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee.

7 In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

8 Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgement.

9 And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hatefull forsakers *of God*, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

10 And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame & reproach to thy servants, and to them that worship thee.

11 Yet deliver us not up wholly for thy

[a] Psal. 115.4. Wisd. 13.10.

thy names sake, neither disannull thou thy covenant:

12 And cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abrahams sake, for thy servant Isaacs sake, and for thy holy Israels sake;

13 To whom thou hast spoken and promised that thou wouldst multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the sea-shore.

14 For we, O Lord, are become less then any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

15 Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt-offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy.

16 [b] Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted;

17 Like as in the burnt-offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs; [c] so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day; and *grant* that we may wholly go after thee. For [d] they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.

18 And now we follow thee with all our heart; we fear thee, and seek thy face.

19 Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy loving kindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

20 Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works; and give glory to thy name, O Lord. And let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed;

21 And let them be confounded || in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken;

22 And let them know that thou art Lord, the onely God, and glorious over the whole world.

23 And the kings servants that put them in ceased not to make the oven hot with || rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood;

24 So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace fourty and nine cubits.

25 And it passed through, and burnt those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

26 But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven;

27 And made the mids of the furnace as it had been a || moist whistling wind; so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

28 Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified and blessed God in the furnace, saying,

29 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

30 And blessed is thy glorious and holy name, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

31 Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory, and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

32 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims, and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

33 Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom, and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

34 Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

35 O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise and || exalt him above all for ever.

36 [b] O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

37 O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

38 O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

39 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

40 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

41 O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord; praise and exalt him above all for ever.

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[b] Bar. 2. 18.

[c] Psal. 51. 17.

[d] Psal. 25. 2, 3.

|| Or, by thy power & might.

|| Or, naphtha, which is a certain kind of fat and chalky clay, *Plin. lib.* 2 *cap.* 105.

|| Or, rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood;

|| Or, cool.

|| Or, highly exalt: and so the rest.

[b] Psal. 148. 4.

42 O every ſhower and dew, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

43 O all ye winds, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

44 O ye fire and heat, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

45 O ye winter and ſummer, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

46 O ye dews and ſtorms of ſnow, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

47 O ye nights and days, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

48 O ye light and darkneſs, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

49 O ye ice and cold, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

50 O ye froſt and ſnow, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

51 O ye lightnings and clouds, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

52 O let the earth bleſs the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

53 O ye mountains and little hills, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

54 O all ye things that grow on the earth, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

55 O ye fountains, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

56 O ye ſeas and rivers, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

57 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

58 O all ye fowls of the † air, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

59 O all ye beaſts and cattel, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

60 O ye children of men, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

61 O Iſrael, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

62 O ye prieſts of the Lord, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

63 O ye ſervants of the Lord, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

64 O ye ſpirits and ſouls of the righteous, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

65 O ye || holy and humble men of heart, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever.

66 O Ananias, Azarias, and Miſael, bleſs ye the Lord; praiſe and exalt him above all for ever. For he hath delivered us from || hell, and ſaved us from the hand of death, and delivered us out of the midſt of the furnace *and* burning flame; even out of the midſt of the fire hath he delivered us

67 O give thanks unto the Lord, becauſe he is gracious: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

68 O all ye that worſhip the Lord, bleſs the God of gods; praiſe him, and give him thanks: for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

† Gr. heaven.

|| Or, ſaints.

|| Or, grave.

The history of *SUSANNA*, set apart from the beginning of *Daniel*, because it is not in the Hebrew, as neither the narration of † *Bel and the Dragon*.

† Gr. Bels Dragon

16 Two judges hide themselves in the garden of Susanna to have their pleasure of her: 28 which when they could not obtain, they accuse her, and cause her to be condemned for adultery: 46 but Daniel examineth the matter again, and findeth the two judges false.

THere dwelt a man in Babylon called Joacim.

2 And he took a wife whose name was Susanna, the daughter of Chelcias, a very fair woman, and one that feared the Lord.

3 Her parents also were righteous, and taught their daughter according to the law of Moses.

4 Now Joacim was a great rich man, and had a fair garden joyning unto his house. And to him resorted the Jews; because he was more honourable then all others.

5 The same year were appointed two of the ancients of the people to be judges, such as the Lord spake of that wickedness came from Babylon from ancient judges, who seemed to govern the people.

6 These kept much at Joacims house: and all that had any suits in law came unto them.

7 Now when the people departed away at noon, Susanna went into her husbands garden to walk.

8 And the two elders saw her going in every day, and walking: so that their lust was inflamed toward her.

9 And they perverted their own mind, and turned away their eyes, that they might not look unto heaven, nor remember just judgements.

10 And albeit they both were wounded with her love, yet durst not one shew another his grief.

11 For they were ashamed to declare their lust, that they desired to have to do with her.

12 Yet they watched diligently from day to day to see her.

13 And the one said to the other, Let us now go home: for it is dinner-time.

14 So when they were gone out, they parted the one from the other: and turning back again they came to the same place; and after they had asked one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust. Then appointed they a time both together when they might find her alone.

15 And it fell out as they watched a fit time, that she went in, † as before, with two maids onely: and she was desirous to wash her self in the garden; for it was hot.

† Gr. yesterday and the day before.

16 And there was no body there save the two elders, that had hid themselves, and watched her.

17 Then she said to her maids, Bring me oyl and washing-balls, and shut the garden-doors, that I may wash me.

18 And they did as she bade them, and shut the garden-doors, and went out themselves at ‖ privy doors to fetch the things that she had commanded them: but they saw not the elders, because they were hid.

‖ Or, side-doors.

19 Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders rose up, and ran unto her, saying,

20 Behold, the garden-doors are shut, that no man can see us, and we are in love with thee: therefore consent unto us, and lie with us.

21 If thou wilt not, we will bear witness against thee that a young man was with thee, and therefore thou didst send away thy maids from thee.

22 Then Susanna sighed, and said, I am straited on every side: for if I do this thing, it is death unto me: and if I do it not, I cannot escape your hands.

23 It is better for me to fall into your hands, and not to do it, then to sin in the sight of the Lord.

24 With that Susanna cried with a loud voice: and the two elders cried out against her.

25 Then ran the one, and opened the garden-door.

26 So

26 So when the ſervants of the houſe heard the cry in the garden, they ruſhed in at a privy door to ſee what was done unto her.

27 But when the elders had declared their matter, the ſervants were greatly aſhamed: for there was never ſuch a report made of Suſanna.

28 And it came to paſs the next day, when the people were aſſembled to her husband Joacim, the two elders came alſo full of miſchievous imagination againſt Suſanna to put her to death,

29 And ſaid before the people, Send for Suſanna, the daughter of Chelcias, Joacims wife. And ſo they ſent.

30 So ſhe came with her father and mother, her children, and all her kindred.

31 Now Suſanna was a very delicate woman, and beauteous to behold.

32 And theſe wicked men commanded to uncover her *face* (for ſhe was covered) that they might be filled with her beauty.

33 Therefore her friends and all that ſaw her wept.

34 Then the two elders ſtood up in the mids of the people, and laid their hands upon her head.

35 And ſhe weeping looked up towards heaven. For her heart truſted in the Lord.

36 And the elders ſaid, As we walked in the garden alone, this woman came in with two maids, and ſhut the garden-doors, and ſent the maids away.

37 Then a young man, who there was hid, came unto her and lay with her.

38 Then we, that ſtood in a corner of the garden, ſeeing this wickedneſs, ran unto them.

39 And when we ſaw them together, the man we could not hold: for he was ſtronger then we, and opened the door, and leaped out.

40 But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was; but ſhe would not tell us. Theſe things do we teſtifie.

41 Then the aſſembly beleeved them, as thoſe that were ỹ elders and judges of the people. So they condemned her to death.

42 Then Suſanna cried out with a loud voice, and ſaid, O everlaſting God, that knoweſt the ſecrets, and knoweſt all things before they be;

43 Thou knoweſt that they have born falſe witneſs againſt me; and behold, I muſt die, whereas I never did ſuch things as theſe men have maliciouſly invented againſt me.

44 And the Lord heard her voice.

45 Therefore when ſhe was led to be put to death, the Lord raiſed up the holy ſpirit of a young youth whoſe name was Daniel;

46 Who cried with a loud voice, I am clear from the bloud of this woman.

47 Then all the people turned them towards him, and ſaid, What mean theſe words that thou haſt ſpoken?

48 So he, ſtanding in the midſt of them, ſaid, Are ye ſuch fools, ye ſons of Iſrael, that without examination or knowledge of the truth ye have condemned a daughter of Iſrael?

49 Return again to the place of judgement: for they have born falſe witneſs againſt her.

50 Wherefore all the people turned again in haſte. And the elders ſaid unto him, Come, ſit down among us, and ſhew it us; ſeeing God hath given thee the honour of an elder.

51 Then ſaid Daniel unto them, Put theſe two aſide one far from another, and I will examine them.

52 So when they were put aſunder one from another, he called one of them, and ſaid unto him, O thou that art waxen old in wickedneſs, now thy ſins which thou haſt committed aforetime are come *to light*.

53 For thou haſt pronounced falſe judgement, and haſt condemned the innocent, and haſt let the guilty go free, albeit the Lord ſaith, [a] The innocent and righteous ſhalt thou not ſlay. [a] Exod. 23.7.

54 Now then, if thou haſt ſeen her, tell me, Under what tree ſaweſt thou them companying together? Who anſwered, Under a † maſtick-tree. † Gr. lentisk-tree.

55 And Daniel ſaid, Very well: thou haſt lied againſt thine own head: for even now the angel of God hath received the ſentence of God to cut thee in two.

56 So he put him aſide, and commanded to bring the other, and ſaid unto him, O thou ſeed of Chanaan, and not of Juda, beauty hath deceived thee, and luſt hath perverted thine heart.

57 Thus have ye dealt with the daughters of Iſrael, and they for fear companied with you: but the daughter of Juda would not abide your wickedneſs.

58 Now therefore tell me, Under what tree didſt thou take them companying together? Who anſwered, Under a ‖ holm tree.

‖ Or, kind of oak.

59 Then ſaid Daniel unto him, Well: thou haſt alſo lied againſt thine own head: for the angel of God waiteth with the ſword to cut thee in two, that he may deſtroy you.

60 With that all the aſſembly cried out with a loud voice, and praiſed God who ſaveth them that truſt in him.

61 And they aroſe againſt the two elders: for Daniel had convicted them of falſe witneſs by their own mouth:

62 And, according to the law of Moſes, [b] they did unto them in ſuch ſort as they maliciouſly intended to do to their neighbour: and they put them to death. Thus the innocent bloud was ſaved the ſame day.

[b] Deut. 19. 19. Prov. 19. 5.

63 Therefore Chelcias and his wife praiſed God for their daughter Suſanna, with Joacim her husband, & all the kindred, becauſe there was no diſhoneſty found in her.

64 From that day forth was Daniel had in great reputation in the ſight of the people.

The hiſtory of the deſtruction of † *BEL and the DRAGON*, cut off from the end of DANIEL.

† Gr. Bels dragon.

19 *The fraud of Bels prieſts is diſcovered by Daniel,* 27 *and the dragon ſlain, which was worſhipped.* 33 *Daniel is preſerved in the lions den.* 42 *The king doth acknowledge the God of Daniel, and caſteth his enemies into the ſame den.*

AND king Aſtyages was gathered to his fathers, and Cyrus of Perſia received his kingdom.

2 And Daniel ‖ converſed with the king, and was honoured above all his friends.

‖ Or, lived with the king.

3 Now the Babylonians had an idol called Bel: and there were ſpent upon him every day twelve great meaſures of fine flour, and fourty ſheep, and ſix veſſels of wine.

4 And the king worſhipped it, and went daily to adore it. But Daniel worſhipped his own God. And the king ſaid unto him, Why doſt not thou worſhip Bel?

5 Who anſwered and ſaid, Becauſe I may not worſhip idols made with hands, but the living God, who hath created the heaven and the earth, and hath ſovereignty over all fleſh.

6 Then ſaid the king unto him, Thinkeſt thou not that Bel is a living god? ſeeſt thou not how much he eateth and drinketh every day?

7 Then Daniel ſmiled, and ſaid, O king, be not deceived: for this is but clay within, and braſs without, and [a] did never eat or drink any thing.

[a] Eccluſ. 30. 19.

8 So the king was wroth, and called for his prieſts, and ſaid unto them, If ye tell me not who this is that devoureth theſe expenſes, ye ſhall die.

9 But if ye can certifie me that Bel devoureth them, then Daniel ſhall die: for he hath ſpoken blaſphemy againſt Bel. And Daniel ſaid unto the king, Let it be according to thy word.

10 Now the prieſts of Bel were threeſcore and ten, beſide their wives and children. And the king went with Daniel into the temple of Bel.

11 So Bels prieſts ſaid, Lo, we go out: but thou, O king, ſet on the meat, and make ready the wine, and ſhut the door faſt, and ſeal it with thine own ſignet.

12 And

12 And to morrow, when thou comeſt in, if thou findeſt not that Bel hath eaten up all, we will ſuffer death; or elſe Daniel, that ſpeaketh falſly againſt us.

13 And they little regarded it. For under the table they had made a privy entrance, whereby they entred in continually, and conſumed thoſe things.

14 So when they were gone forth, the king ſet meats before Bel. Now Daniel had commanded his ſervants to bring aſhes, and thoſe they ſtrewed throughout all the temple in the preſence of the king alone. Then went they out, and ſhut the door, and ſealed it with the kings ſignet, and ſo departed.

15 Now in the night came the prieſts with their wives and children, as they were wont to do, and did eat and drink up all.

16 In the morning betime the king aroſe, and Daniel with him.

17 And the king ſaid, Daniel, are the ſeals whole? And he ſaid, Yea, O king, they be whole.

18 And aſſoon as he had opened the door, the king looked upon the table, and cried with a loud voice. Great art thou, O Bel, and with thee is no deceit at all.

19 Then laughed Daniel, and held the king that he ſhould not go in, and ſaid, Behold now the pavement, and mark well whoſe footſteps are theſe.

20 And the king ſaid, I ſee the footſteps of men, women, and children. And then the king was angry,

21 And took the prieſts, with their wives and children, who ſhewed him the privy doors where they came in, and conſumed ſuch things as were upon the table.

22 Therefore the king ſlew them, and delivered Bel into Daniels power, who deſtroyed him and his temple.

23 ‖ And in that ſame place there was a great dragon, which they of Babylon worſhipped.

24 And the king ſaid unto Daniel, Wilt thou alſo ſay that this is of braſs? Lo, he liveth, he eateth and drinketh. Thou canſt not ſay that he is no living god: therefore worſhip him.

25 Then ſaid Daniel unto the king, I will worſhip the Lord my God: for he is the living God.

26 But give me leave, O king, and I ſhall ſlay this dragon without ſword or ſtaff. The king ſaid, I give thee leave.

27 Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and did ſeethe them together, and made lumps thereof. This he put in the dragons mouth; and ſo the dragon burſt in ſunder. And Daniel ſaid, ‖ Lo, theſe are the gods you worſhip.

‖ Or, *Behold what you worſhip.*

28 When they of Babylon heard that, they took great indignation, and conſpired againſt the king, ſaying, The king is become a Jew, and he hath deſtroyed Bel, he hath ſlain the dragon, & put the prieſts to death.

29 So they came to the king, and ſaid, Deliver us Daniel, or elſe we will deſtroy thee and thine houſe.

30 Now when the king ſaw that they preſſed him ſore, being conſtrained, he [b] delivered Daniel unto them:

[b] Dan. 6. 16.

31 Who caſt him into the lions den: where he was ſix days.

32 And in the den there were ſeven lions; and they had given them every day ‖ two carcaſes, and two ſheep: which then were not given to them, to the intent they might devour Daniel.

‖ Or, *two ſlaves.*

33 Now there was in Jewry a prophet called Habbacuc, who had ‖ made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field for to bring it to the reapers.

‖ Or, *ſod.*

34 But the angel of the Lord ſaid unto Habbacuc, Go carry the dinner that thou haſt into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lions den.

35 And Habbacuc ſaid, Lord, I never ſaw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is.

36 Then the angel of the Lord took him by the crown, and [c] bare him by the hair of his head, and through the vehemency of his ſpirit ſet him in Babylon over the den.

[c] Ezek. 8. 3.

37 And Habbacuc cried, ſaying, O

d 1 Kin. 17. 4.

Daniel, Daniel, [d] take the dinner which God hath ſent thee.

38 And Daniel ſaid, Thou haſt remembred me, O God: neither haſt thou forſaken them that ſeek thee and love thee.

39 So Daniel aroſe, and did eat. And the angel of the Lord ſet Habbacuc in his own place again immediately.

40 Upon the ſeventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniel was ſitting.

41 Then cried the king with a loud voice, ſaying, Great art thou, O Lord God of Daniel; and there is none other beſides thee.

42 [e] And he drew him out, and caſt thoſe that were the cauſe of his deſtruction into the den: and they were devoured in a moment before his face.

e Jer. 37. 17.

The prayer of MANASSES king of Juda, when he was holden captive in Babylon.

O Lord, almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Iſaac and Jacob, and of their righteous ſeed; who haſt made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; who haſt bound the ſea by the word of thy commandment; who haſt ſhut up the deep, and ſealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; whom all men fear, and tremble before thy power: For the majeſty of thy glory cannot be born, and thine angry threatning towards ſinners is importable: But thy mercifull promiſe is unmeaſurable & unſearchable: for thou art the moſt high Lord, of great compaſſion, long-ſuffering, very mercifull, and repenteſt of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodneſs haſt promiſed repentance and forgiveneſs to them that have ſinned againſt thee, and of thine infinite mercy haſt appointed repentance unto ſinners that they may be ſaved. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the juſt, haſt not appointed repentance to the juſt, as to Abraham, and Iſaac, and Jacob, which have not ſinned againſt thee; but thou haſt appointed repentance unto me, that am a ſinner: for I have ſinned above the number of the ſands of the ſea. My tranſgreſſions, O Lord, are multiplied; my tranſgreſſions are multiplied: and I am not worthy to behold and ſee the height of heaven, for the multitude of mine iniquity. I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, || neither have any releaſe: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee: I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have ſet up abominations, and have multiplied offenſes. Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beſeeching thee of grace. I have ſinned, O Lord, I have ſinned; and I acknowledge mine iniquities: wherefore I humbly beſeech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and deſtroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reſerving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, *even* the God of them that repent: and in me thou wilt ſhew all thy goodneſs: for thou wilt ſave me that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. Therefore I will praiſe thee for ever all the days of my life. For all the powers of the heavens do praiſe thee: and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

|| Or, neither ſaie my breath.

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The first book of the MACCABEES.

CHAP. I.

1 Alexanders empire is parted among his chief officers. 14 Antiochus giveth leave to set up the fashions of the Gentiles in Jerusalem, 22 spoileth it, and the temple, 57 setteth up therein the abomination of desolation, 63 slayeth those that circumcise their children.

AND it happened, after that Alexander *son* of Philip, the Macedonian, who came out of the land of || Chettiim, had smitten Darius king of the Persians and Medes, that he reigned in his stead, the first over Greece,

2 And made many wars, and wan many strong holds, and slew the kings of the earth,

3 And went through to the ends of the earth, and took spoils of many nations, insomuch that the earth was quiet before him. Whereupon || he was exalted, and his heart was lifted up.

4 And he gathered a mighty strong host, and ruled over countreys, and nations, and || kings, who became tributaries unto him.

5 And after these things he fell sick, and perceived † that he should die.

6 Wherefore he called his servants, such as were honourable, and had been brought up with him from his youth, and parted his kingdom among them while he was yet alive.

7 So Alexander reigned twelve years, and *then* died.

8 And his servants bare rule every one in his place.

9 And after his death they all put crowns *upon themselves*: so did their sons after them many years. And evils were multiplied in the earth.

10 And there came out of them a wicked root, Antiochus *surnamed* Epiphanes, son of Antiochus the king, who had been an hostage at Rome. And he reigned in the hundred and thirty and seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

11 In those days went there out of Israel wicked men, who perswaded many, saying, Let us go, and make a covenant with the heathen that are round about us. For since we departed from them † we have had much sorrow.

† Gr. *many evils have found us.*

12 So this device pleased them well.

13 Then certain of the people were so forward herein that they went to the king; who gave them licence to do after the ordinances of the heathen.

14 Whereupon [a] they || built a place of exercise at Jerusalem according to the customs of the heathen;

[a] 2 Macc. 4. 12.
|| Or, *set up an open school at Jerusalem.*

15 And [b] made themselves uncircumcised, and forsook the holy covenant, and joyned themselves to the heathen, and [c] were sold to do mischief.

[b] 1 Cor. 7. 18.
[c] 1 Kin. 21. 25.

16 Now when the kingdom was established before Antiochus, he thought to reign over Egypt, that he might have the dominion of two realms.

17 Wherefore he entred into Egypt [d] with a great multitude, with chariots, and elephants, and horsemen, & a great navy,

[d] Dan. 11. 25.

18 And made war against Ptolemee king of Egypt. But Ptolemee was afraid of him, and fled; and many were wounded to death.

19 Thus they got the strong cities in the land of Egypt; and he took the spoils thereof.

20 And after that Antiochus had smitten Egypt, he returned again in the hundred fourty and third year, and [e] went up against Israel and Jerusalem with a great multitude,

[e] Dan. 8. 12.

21 And [f] entred proudly into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the candlestick of light, and all the vessels thereof,

[f] Dan. 11. 31.

22 And the table of the shew-bread, and the pouring vessels, and the vials, and the censers of gold, and the veil, and the crowns, and the golden ornaments that were before the temple, || all which he pulled off.

|| Or, *he pilled all things.*

23 He took also the silver and the gold, and the † precious vessels. Also he took the hidden treasures which he found.

† Gr. *desirable.*

24 And

24 And when he had taken all away, he went into his own land, having made a great massacre, and spoken very proudly.

25 Therefore there was great mourning in Israel in every place where they were;

26 So that the princes and elders mourned, the virgins and young men were made feeble, and the beauty of women was changed.

27 Every bridegroom took up lamentation, and she that sat in the marriage-chamber was in heaviness.

28 The land also was moved for the inhabitants thereof, and all the house of Jacob was covered with confusion.

29 And after two years fully expired [g] the king sent his chief collectour of tribute unto the cities of Juda, who came unto Jerusalem with a great multitude, [g] 2 Mac. 5. 24.

30 And spake peaceable words unto them: but *all was* deceit. For when they had given him credence, he fell suddenly upon the city, and smote it very sore, and destroyed much people of Israel.

31 And when he had taken the spoils of the city, he set it on fire, and pulled down the houses and walls thereof on every side.

32 But the women and children took they captive, and possessed the cattel.

33 Then builded they the city of David with a great and strong wall, *and* with mighty towers, and made it a strong hold for them.

34 And they put therein a sinfull nation, wicked men, and fortified *themselves* therein.

35 They stored it also with armour and victuals: and when they had gathered together the spoils of Jerusalem, they laid them up there, and so they became a sore snare.

36 For it was a place to lie in wait against the sanctuary, and an evil adversary to Israel.

37 Thus they shed innocent bloud on every side of the sanctuary, and defiled it:

38 Insomuch that the inhabitants of Jerusalem fled because of them. Whereupon *the city* was made an habitation of strangers, and became strange to those that were born in her, and her own children left her.

39 Her sanctuary was laid waste like a wilderness: [h] her feasts were turned into mourning, her sabbaths into reproach, her honour into contempt. [h] 2 Mac. 6. 6.

40 As had been her glory, so was her dishonour increased, and her excellency was turned into mourning.

41 Moreover, king Antiochus wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people,

42 And every one should leave his laws. So all the heathen agreed according to the commandment of the king.

43 Yea, many also of the Israelites consented to his religion, and sacrificed unto idols, and profaned the sabbath.

44 For the king had sent letters by messengers unto Jerusalem and the cities of Juda, that they should follow ‖ the strange laws of the land; ‖ Or, the laws and rites of the strangers of the land.

45 And forbid burnt offerings, and sacrifice, and drink-offerings in the temple; and that they should profane the sabbaths and festival days;

46 And pollute the sanctuary, and holy people:

47 Set up altars, and groves, and chappels of idols; and sacrifice swines flesh, and unclean beasts;

48 That they should also leave their children uncircumcised, and make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and profanation;

49 To the end they might forget the law, and change all the ordinances.

50 And [i] whosoever would not do according to the commandment of the king, *he said*, he should die. [i] 2 Mac. 6. 9.

51 In the self same manner wrote he to his whole kingdom, and [k] appointed overseers over all the people, commanding the cities of Juda to sacrifice, city by city. [k] 2 Mac. 5. 22.

52 Then many of the people were gathered unto them, to wit, every one that for-

forsook the law: and so they committed evils in the land;

53 ‖ And drove the Israelites into secret places, even whersoever they could flee for succour.

54 Now the fifteenth day of *the moneth* Casleu, in the hundred fourty and fifth year, they set up [m] the abomination of desolation upon the altar, and builded idol-altars throughout the cities of Juda on every side;

55 And burnt incense at the doors of their houses, and in the streets.

56 And when they had rent in pieces the books of the law which they found, they burnt them with fire.

57 And whersoever was found with any the book of the testament, or if any consented to the law, † the kings commandment was that they should put him to death.

58 Thus did they by their authority unto the Israelites every moneth, to as many as were found in the cities.

59 Now the five and twentieth day of the moneth they did sacrifice upon the idol altar which was upon the altar of God:

60 At which time according to the commandment [n] they put to death certain women † that had caused their children to be circumcised:

61 And they hanged the infants about their necks, and rifled their houses, and slew them that had circumcised them.

62 Howbeit many in Israel were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat any unclean thing.

63 Wherefore they chose rather to die, that they might not be defiled with meats, and that they might not profane the holy covenant. So then they died.

64 And there was very great wrath upon Israel.

CHAP. II.

6 Mattathias lamenteth the case of Jerusalem. 24 He slayeth a Jew that did sacrifice to idols in his presence, and the kings messenger also. 34 He and his are assailed on the sabbath, and make no resistance. 50 He dieth, and instructeth his sons; 66 and maketh their brother Judas Maccabeus general.

IN those days ‖ arose Mattathias *the son* of John, *the son* of Simeon, a priest of the sons of [a] Joarib, from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.

2 And he had five sons; Joannan, ‖ called ‖ Caddis;

3 Simon, called Thassi;

4 Judas, who was called Maccabeus;

5 Eleazar, called ‖ Avaran; and Jonathan, whose surname was Appus.

6 And when he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Juda and Jerusalem,

7 He said, Wo is me! wherefore was I born to see this misery of my people and of the holy city, and to dwell there when it was delivered into the hand of the enemy, and the sanctuary into the hand of strangers?

8 Her temple is become as a man without glory.

9 [b] Her glorious vessels are carried away into captivity: her infants are slain in the streets, her young men with the sword of the enemy.

10 What nation hath not had a part in *her* kingdom, and gotten of her spoils?

11 All her ornaments are taken away: of a free woman she is become a bondslave.

12 And behold, our ‖ sanctuary, even our beauty and our glory, is laid waste, and the Gentiles have profaned it.

13 To what end therefore shall we live any longer?

14 Then Mattathias and his sons rent their clothes, and put on sackcloth, and mourned very sore.

15 In the mean while the kings officers, such as compelled the people to revolt, came into the city Modin, to make them sacrifice.

16 And when many of Israel came unto them, Mattathias also and his sons came together.

17 Then answered the kings officers, and said to Mattathias on this wise, Thou art a ruler and an honourable and

‖ Or, Mattathias the son of John, &c. arose from Jerusalem, or out of Jerusalem.
a 1 Chr. 24. 7.
‖ Or, who was called: &c. to afterward in the rest.
Caddis
‖ Or, Avaron, or Abaron. See ch. 6. 43.
b Chap. 1. 23, 24.
‖ Or, holy thing.

Or, and so made void the commandment.
b 2 Mac. 6. 6.
Or, set up in every place of incense.
1 Mac. 1. 54. 38. 2 Chron. 33. 4, 7. Dan. 11. 31.
Or, the kings commandment was him that.
‖ Or, the laws and rites of the strangers of the land.
2 Mac. 6. 10.
Or, to put to death.
Or, children.
2 Mac. 6. 9.
a 2 Mac. 5. 22.

and great man in this city, and ſtrengthned with ſons and brethren:

18 Now therefore come thou firſt, and fulfill the kings commandment, like as all the heathen have done, yea, and the men of Juda alſo, and ſuch as remain at Jeruſalem. So ſhalt thou and thy houſe be in the number of the kings friends, and thou and thy children ſhall be honoured with ſilver and gold and many rewards.

19 Then Mattathias anſwered and ſpake with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the kings dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give conſent to his commandments;

20 Yet will I and my ſons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers.

21 God forbid that we ſhould forſake the law and the ordinances.

22 We will not hearken to the kings words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left.

23 Now when he had left ſpeaking theſe words, there came one of the Jews in the ſight of all to ſacrifice on the altar which was at Modin according to the kings commandment.

24 Which thing when Mattathias ſaw, he was inflamed with zeal, and his reins trembled neither could he forbear to ſhew his anger according to judgement: wherefore he ran, and ſlew him upon the altar.

25 Alſo the kings commiſſioner, who compelled men to ſacrifice, he killed at that time, and the altar he pulled down.

26 Thus dealt he zealouſly for the law of God, like as [c] Phinees did unto Zambri the ſon of Salom. [c] Num. 25. 7.

27 And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, ſaying, Whoſoever is zealous of the law, and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me.

28 So he and his ſons fled into the mountains, and left all that ever they had in the city.

29 Then many that ſought after juſtice and judgement went down into the wilderneſs, to † dwell there, † Gr. ſit, or abide.

30 Both they, and their children, and their wives, and their cattel, becauſe † afflictions increaſed ſore upon them. † Gr. evils were multiplied upon them.

31 Now when it was told the kings ſervants, and [d] the hoſt that was at Jeruſalem in the city of David, that certain men who had broken the kings commandment, were gone down into the ſecret places in the wilderneſs, [d] Chap. 1. 33.

32 They purſued after them a great number: and having overtaken them, they camped againſt them, and made war againſt them on the ſabbath day.

33 And they ſaid unto them, Let that which you have done hitherto ſuffice: come forth, and do according to the commandment of the king, and you ſhall live.

34 But they ſaid, We will not come forth, neither will we do [e] the kings commandment, to profane the ſabbath day. [e] Chap. 1. 45.

35 So then they gave ‖ them the battel with all ſpeed. ‖ Or, the Jews.

36 Howbeit they anſwered them not, neither caſt they a ſtone at them, nor ſtopped the places where they lay hid;

37 But ſaid, Let us die all in our † innocency: heaven and earth ſhall teſtifie for us that you put us to death wrongfully. † Gr. ſimplicity.

38 So they roſe up againſt them in battel on the ſabbath, & they ſlew them with their wives and children, and their cattel, to the number of a thouſand † people. † Gr. ſouls of men.

39 Now when Mattathias and his friends underſtood hereof, they mourned for them right ſore.

40 And one of them ſaid to another, If we all do as our brethren have done, and fight not for our lives and laws againſt the heathen, they will now quickly root us out of the earth.

41 At that time therefore they decreed, ſaying, Whoſoever ſhall come to make battel with us on the ſabbath-day, we will fight againſt him; neither will we die all, as our brethren that were murdered in the ſecret places.

42 Then came there unto him a company of Aſſideans, who were mighty men of Iſrael, even all ſuch as were voluntarily devoted unto the law.

43 Alſo

43 Alſo all they that fled for perſecution joyned themſelves unto them, and were a ſtay unto them.

44 So they joyned their forces, and ſmote ſinfull men in their anger, and wicked men in their wrath. But the reſt fled to the heathen for ſuccour.

45 Then Mattathias and his friends went round about, and pulled down the altars.

46 And what children ſoever they found within the coaſt of Iſrael uncircumciſed, thoſe they circumciſed || valiantly.

47 They purſued alſo after the proud men, & the work proſpered in their hand.

48 So they recovered the law out of the hand of the Gentiles, and out of the hand of kings; neither † ſuffered they the ſinner to triumph.

49 Now when the time drew near that Mattathias ſhould die, he ſaid unto his ſons, Now hath pride and rebuke gotten ſtrength, and the time of deſtruction, and the wrath of indignation.

50 Now therefore, my ſons, be ye zealous for the law, and give your lives for the covenant of your fathers.

51 Call to remembrance what acts our fathers did in their † time: ſo ſhal ye receive great honour and an everlaſting name.

52 [f] Was not Abraham found faithfull in tentation, and it was imputed unto him for righteouſneſs?

53 [g] Joſeph in the time of his diſtreſs kept the commandment, and was made lord of Egypt.

54 [h] Phinees our father in being zealous and fervent obtained the covenant of an everlaſting prieſthood.

55 [i] Jeſus for fulfilling the word was made a judge in Iſrael.

56 [k] Caleb for bearing witneſs before the congregation received the heritage of the land.

57 [l] David for being mercifull poſſeſſed the throne of an everlaſting kingdom.

58 [m] Elias for being zealous and fervent for the law was taken up into heaven.

59 [n] Ananias, Azarias and Miſael by beleeving were ſaved out of the flame.

60 [o] Daniel for his innocency was delivered from the mouth of lions. [o] Dan. 6. 22.

61 And thus conſider ye throughout all ages, that none that put their truſt in him ſhall be overcome.

62 Fear not then the words of a ſinfull man: for his glory ſhall be dung and worms.

63 To day he ſhall be lifted up, and to morrow he ſhall not be found, becauſe he is [p] returned into his duſt, and his thought is come to nothing. [p] Gen. 3. 19. Pſ. 146. 4

64 Wherefore, ye my ſons, be valiant, and ſhew your ſelves men in the behalf of the law: for by it ſhall you obtain glory.

65 And behold, I know that your brother Simon is a man of counſel: give ear unto him alway: he ſhall be a father unto you.

66 As for Judas Maccabeus, he hath been mighty and ſtrong, even from his youth up: let him be your captain, and || fight the battel of the people. || Or, fight ye the battel of the people.

67 Take alſo unto you all thoſe that obſerve the law; and avenge ye the wrong of your people.

68 Recompenſe fully the heathen; and take heed to the commandments of the law.

69 So he bleſſed them, and was gathered to his fathers.

70 And he died in the hundred fourty and ſixth year, and his ſons buried him in the ſepulchres of his fathers at Modin: and all Iſrael made great lamentation for him.

CHAP. III.

1 The valour and fame of Judas Maccabeus. 10 He overthroweth the forces of Samaria and Syria. 27 Antiochus ſendeth a great power againſt him. 44 He and his fall to faſting and prayer, 58 and are encouraged.

THen his ſon Judas, called Maccabeus, roſe up in his ſtead.

2 And all his brethren helped him, and ſo did all they that held with his father: and they fought with cheerfulneſs the battel of Iſrael.

3 So he gat his people great honour, and put on a breaſt-plate as a giant, and girt

girt his warlike harneſs about him, and he made battels, protecting the hoſt with his ſword.

4 In his acts he was like a lion, and like a lions whelp roaring for his prey.

5 For he purſued the wicked & ſought them out, and burnt up thoſe that vexed his people.

6 Wherefore the wicked ſhrunk for fear of him, and all the workers of iniquity were troubled, becauſe ſalvation proſpered in his hand.

7 He grieved alſo many kings, and made Jacob glad with his acts: and his memorial is bleſſed for ever.

8 Moreover he went through the cities of Juda, deſtroying the ungodly out of them, and turning away wrath from Iſrael:

9 So that he was renowned unto the utmoſt part of the earth, and he † received unto him ſuch as were ready to periſh.

† Gr. gathered together.

10 Then Apollonius gathered the Gentiles together, and a great hoſt out of Samaria, to fight againſt Iſrael.

11 Which thing when Judas perceived, he went forth to meet him; and ſo he ſmote him, and ſlew him: many alſo fell down ſlain, but the reſt fled.

12 Wherefore Judas took their ſpoils, and Apollonius ſword alſo; and therewith he fought all his life long.

13 Now when Seron a prince of the army of Syria heard ſay that Judas had gathered unto him a multitude and company of the faithfull to go out with him to war,

14 He ſaid, I will get me a name and honour in the kingdom: for I will go fight with Judas and them that are with him, who deſpiſe the kings commandment.

15 So he made him ready to go up: and there went with him a mighty hoſt of the ungodly to help him, and to be avenged of the children of Iſrael.

16 And when he came near to the going up of Bethoron, Judas went forth to meet him with a ſmall company:

17 Who, when they ſaw the hoſt coming to meet them, ſaid unto Judas, How ſhall we be able, being ſo few, to fight againſt ſo great a multitude *and* ſo ſtrong, ſeeing we are ready to faint with faſting all this day?

18 Unto whom Judas anſwered, [a] It is no hard matter for many to be ſhut up in the hands of a few: and with *the God of* heaven it is all one to deliver with a great multitude or a ſmall company.

[a] 1 Sam. 14. 6. 2 Chron. 14. 11.

19 For the victory of battel ſtandeth not in the multitude of an hoſt, but ſtrength cometh from heaven.

20 They come ‖ againſt us † in much pride and iniquity to deſtroy us, and our wives and children, and to ſpoil us:

‖ Or, unto us. † Gr. in multitude of pride, or envy, and iniquity.

21 But we fight for our lives and our laws.

22 Wherefore the Lord himſelf will overthrow them before our face. And as for you, be ye not afraid of them.

23 Now aſſoon as he had left off ſpeaking, he leapt ſuddenly upon them: and ſo Seron and his hoſt was overthrown before him.

24 And they purſued them † from the going down of Bethoron unto the plain, where were ſlain about eight hundred men of them: and the reſidue fled into the land of the Philiſtines.

† Gr. in the going down.

25 Then began the fear of Judas and his brethren and an exceeding great dread to fall upon the nations round about them:

26 Inſomuch as his fame came unto the king, and all nations talked of the battels of Judas.

27 Now when king Antiochus heard theſe things, he was full of indignation. Wherefore he ſent, and gathered together all the forces of his realm, *even* a very † ſtrong army.

† Gr. at every need.

28 He opened alſo his treaſure, and gave his ſouldiers pay for a year, commanding them to be ready † whenſoever he ſhould need them.

† Gr. that the collections of tributes in the country were ſmall.

29 Nevertheleſs, when he ſaw that the money of his treaſures failed, and † that the tributes in the countrey were ſmall, becauſe of the diſſenſion and plague which he had brought upon the land ‖ in taking

taking away the laws which had been of old time;

30 He feared that he ſhould † not be able to bear the charges any longer, nor to have ſuch gifts to give ſo liberally as he did before: for he had abounded above the kings that were before him.

31 Wherefore being greatly perplexed in his mind, he determined to go into Perſia, there to take the tributes of the countreys, and to gather much money.

32 So he left Lyſias, a noble man, and one of the bloud royal, to overſee the affairs of the king from the river Euphrates unto the borders of Egypt;

33 And to bring up his ſon Antiochus untill he came again.

34 Moreover, he delivered unto him the half of his forces, and the elephants, and gave him charge of all things that he would have done, as alſo concerning them that dwelt in Juda and Jeruſalem;

35 *To wit*, that he ſhould ſend an army againſt them to deſtroy and root out the ſtrength of Iſrael and the remnant of Jeruſalem, and to take away their memorial from that place;

36 And that he ſhould place ſtrangers in all their quarters, and divide their land by lot.

37 So the king took the half of the forces that remained, and departed from Antioch † his royal city, the hundred fourty and ſeventh year; and having paſſed the river Euphrates, he went through the high countreys.

38 Then Lyſias choſe Ptolemee the *ſon* of Dorymenes, and Nicanor, and Gorgias, mighty men of the kings friends:

39 And with them he ſent fourty thouſand *foot*men and ſeven thouſand horſemen, to go into the land of Juda, and to deſtroy it, as the king commanded.

40 So they went forth with all their power, and came and pitched by Emmaus in the plain countrey.

41 And the merchants of the countrey hearing the fame of them took ſilver and gold very much, with || ſervants, and came into the camp to buy the children of Iſrael for ſlaves: a power alſo of Syria and of the land || of the Philiſtines joyned themſelves unto them.

42 Now when Judas and his brethren ſaw that miſeries were multiplied, and that the forces did encamp themſelves in their borders; for they knew how the king had given commandment to deſtroy the people, and utterly aboliſh them;

43 They ſaid one to another, Let us reſtore the decayed eſtate of our people, and let us fight for our people and the ſanctuary.

44 Then was the congregation gathered together, that they might be ready for battel, and that they might pray and ask mercy and compaſſion.

45 Now Jeruſalem lay void [b] as a wilderneſs. There was none of her children that went in or out: the ſanctuary alſo was troden down, and aliens kept the ſtrong hold; the heathen had their habitation in that place: and joy was taken from Jacob, and the pipe with the harp ceaſed.

46 Wherefore the Iſraelites aſſembled themſelves together, and came to || Maſpha, over againſt Jeruſalem. For [c] in Maſpha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Iſrael.

47 Then they faſted that day, and put on ſackcloth, and caſt aſhes upon their heads, and rent their clothes,

48 And laid open the book of the law, || wherein the heathen had ſought to paint the likeneſs of their images.

49 They brought alſo the prieſts garments, and the firſt-fruits, and the tithes: and the [d] Nazarites they ſtirred up, who had accompliſhed their days.

50 Then cried they with a loud voice toward heaven, ſaying, What ſhall we do with theſe, and whither ſhall we carry them away?

51 For thy ſanctuary is troden down and profaned, and thy prieſts are in heavineſs, and brought low.

52 And lo, the heathen are aſſembled together againſt us to deſtroy us: what things they imagine againſt us thou knoweſt.

53 How

Gr. have.

1 Sam. 4 6. 1 Chron. 18.

|| Or, unto m.

† Gr. in multitude of pride, or envy, and iniquity.

† Gr. in the going down.

Gr. city of kingdom.

† Gr. as every need.

a Gr. that the poſſeſſions of tribute in the countrey were four.

Or, for the taking away of the laws.

Or, men.

|| Or, of ſtrangers.

b Chap. 1. 38, 39.

|| Or, Mizpa.

c Judg. 20. 1. 1 Sam. 7. 5.

|| Or, for the which the heathen had made diligent ſearch, that they might paint therein the likeneſs of their idols.

d Num. 6. 2.

53 How shall we be able to stand against them, except thou, *O God*, be our help?

54 Then sounded they with trumpets, and cried with a loud voice.

55 And after this, Judas ordained captains over the people, *even* captains over thousands, and over hundreds, and over fifties, and over tens.

56 But as for such as [e] were building houses, or had betrothed wives, or were planting vineyards, or [f] were fearfull, those he commanded that they should return every man to his own house according to the law.

57 So the camp removed, and pitched upon the south side of Emmaus.

58 And Judas said, Arm your selves, and be valiant men, and see that ye be in readiness against the morning, that ye may fight with these nations that are assembled together against us to destroy us and our sanctuary.

59 For it is better for us to die in battel then to behold the calamities of our people and our sanctuary.

60 Nevertheless, as the will *of God* is in heaven, so let him do.

[e] Deut. 20. 5, &c.
[f] Judg. 7. 3.

CHAP. IV.

6 Judas defeateth the plot 14 and forces of Gorgias, 23 and spoileth their tents, 34 and overthroweth Lysias. 45 He pulleth down the altar which the heathen had profaned, and setteth up a new; 60 and maketh a wall about Sion.

THen took Gorgias five thousand *foot*-men and a thousand of the best horsemen, and removed out of the camp by night;

2 To the end he might rush in upon the camp of the Jews, and smite them suddenly. And the men of the fortress were his guides.

3 Now when Judas heard thereof, he himself removed, and the valiant men with him, that he might smite the kings army which was at Emmaus,

4 While as yet the forces were dispersed from the camp.

5 In the mean season came Gorgias by night into the camp of Judas: and when he found no man there, he sought them in the mountains: for said he, These fellows flee from us.

6 But assoon as it was day, Judas shewed himself in the plain with three thousand men, who nevertheless had neither ‖armour nor swords to their minds. ‖ Or, targets.

7 And they saw the camp of the heathen, that it was strong, and well harnessed, and compassed round about with horsemen; and these were expert of war.

8 Then said Judas to the men that were with him, Fear ye not their multitude, neither be ye afraid of their assault.

9 Remember how our fathers were delivered in the Red sea, when Pharaoh pursued them with an army.

10 Now therefore let us cry unto heaven, if peradventure the Lord will have mercy upon us, and remember the covenant of our fathers, and destroy this host before our face this day:

11 That so all the heathen may know that there is one who delivereth and saveth Israel.

12 Then the strangers lift up their eyes, and saw them coming over against them.

13 Wherefore they went out of the camp to battel: but they that were with Judas sounded their trumpets.

14 So they joyned battel; and the heathen being discomfited fled into the plain.

15 Howbeit all the hindmost of them were slain with the sword: for they pursued them unto † Gazera, and unto the plains of Idumea, and Azotus, and Jamnia, so that there were slain of them upon a three thousand men. † Gr. Assermoth.

16 This done, Judas returned again with his host from pursuing them;

17 And said to the people, Be not greedy of the spoils, in as much as there is a battel before us,

18 And Gorgias and his host are here by us in the mountain: but stand ye now against our enemies, and overcome them; & after this ye may boldly take the spoils.

19 As Judas was yet speaking these words, there appeared a part of them looking out of the mountain:

20 Who

20 Who when they perceived that the Jews had put their hoſt to flight, and were burning the tents: for the ſmoke that was ſeen declared what was done:

21 When therefore they perceived theſe things, they were ſore afraid: and ſeeing alſo the hoſt of Judas in the plain ready to fight,

22 They fled every one into the land of ſtrangers.

23 Then Judas returned to ſpoil the tents: where they got much gold and ſilver, and blue ſilk, and purple of the ſea, and great riches.

24 After this they went home, and ſung a ſong of thankſgiving, and praiſed the Lord in heaven: [a] Becauſe ‖ it is good, becauſe his mercy *endureth* for ever.

25 Thus Iſrael had a great deliverance that day.

26 Now all the ſtrangers that had eſcaped came and told Lyſias what had happened.

27 Who, when he heard thereof, was confounded and diſcouraged, becauſe neither ſuch things as he would were done unto Iſrael, nor ſuch things as the king commanded him were come to paſs.

28 The next year therefore following Lyſias gathered together threeſcore thouſand choice men *of foot*, and five thouſand horſemen, that he might ſubdue them.

29 So they came into Idumea, and pitched their tents at Bethſura: and Judas met them with ten thouſand men.

30 And when he ſaw that mighty army, he prayed, and ſaid, Bleſſed art thou, O Saviour of Iſrael, [b] who didſt quail the violence of the mighty man by the hand of thy ſervant David, and gaveſt the hoſt of ‖ ſtrangers into the hands of [c] Jonathan the ſon of Saul, and his armour-bearer.

31 Shut up this army in the hand of thy people Iſrael, and let them be confounded in their power and horſemen.

32 Make them to be of no courage, and cauſe the boldneſs of their ſtrength to † fall away, and let them quake at their deſtruction.

33 Caſt them down with the ſword of them that love thee: and let all thoſe that know thy name praiſe thee with thankſgiving.

34 So they joyned battel: and there were ſlain of the hoſt of Lyſias about five thouſand men, even before them were they ſlain.

35 Now when Lyſias ſaw his army put to flight, and the manlineſs of Judas ſouldiers, and how they were ready either to live or die valiantly, he went into Antiochia, and gathered together a company of ſtrangers; and having made his army greater then it was, he purpoſed to come again into Judea.

36 Then ſaid Judas and his brethren, Behold, our enemies are diſcomfited: let us go up to cleanſe and ‖ dedicate the ſanctuary.

37 Upon this all the hoſt aſſembled themſelves together, and went up into mount Sion.

38 And when they ſaw the ſanctuary deſolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burnt up, and ſhrubs growing in the courts as in a foreſt or in one of the mountains, yea, and the prieſts chambers pulled down;

39 They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and caſt aſhes upon their heads,

40 And fell down flat to the ground upon their faces, and blew an alarm with the trumpets, and cried towards heaven.

41 Then Judas appointed certain men to fight againſt [d] thoſe that were in the fortreſs, until he had cleanſed the ſanctuary.

42 So he choſe prieſts of blameleſs converſation, ſuch as had pleaſure in the law:

43 Who cleanſed the ſanctuary, and bare out the defiled ſtones into an unclean place.

44 And when as they conſulted what to do with the altar of burnt-offerings, which was profaned;

45 They thought it beſt to pull it down, leſt it ſhould be a reproach to them, becauſe the heathen had defiled it. Wherefore they pulled it down,

46 And

‖ Or, targets.

[a] Pſal. 136. 1. &c.

‖ Or, repair.

† Gr. Aſſare-mob.

[b] 1 Sam. 17. 50.

‖ Or, ſtrangers.

[c] 1 Sam. 14. 13, 14.

† Gr. fall,

[d] Chap. 1. 34.

46 And laid up the ſtones in the mountain of the temple in a convenient place, [e] untill there ſhould come a prophet to ſhew what ſhould be done with them.

47 Then they took whole ſtones [f] according to the law, and built a new altar according to the former;

48 And made up the ſanctuary, and the things that were within the temple, and hallowed the courts.

49 They made alſo new holy veſſels; and into the temple they brought the candleſtick, and the altar of burnt-offerings, and of incenſe, and the table.

50 And upon the altar they burnt incenſe: and the lamps that were upon the candleſtick they lighted, that they might give light in the temple.

51 Furthermore, they ſet the loaves upon the table, and ‖ ſpread out the veils, and finiſhed all the works which they had begun to make.

52 Now in the five and twentieth day of the ninth moneth, which *is called* the moneth Caſleu, in the hundred fourty and eighth year, they roſe up betimes in the morning,

53 And offered ſacrifice according to the law upon the new altar of burnt-offerings which they had made.

54 Look at what time and what day the heathen had profaned it, even in that was it dedicated with ſongs and citherns and harps and cymbals.

55 Then all the people fell upon their faces, worſhipping & praiſing the God of heaven, who had given them good ſucceſs.

56 And ſo they kept the dedication of the altar eight days, and offered burnt-offerings with gladneſs, and ſacrificed the ſacrifice of ‖ deliverance and praiſe.

57 They deckt alſo the foreſront of the temple with crowns of gold, and with ſhields; and the gates and the chambers they ‖ renewed, and ‖ hanged doors upon them.

58 Thus was there very great gladneſs among the people, for that the reproach of the heathen was put away.

59 Moreover Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Iſrael ordained that the days of the dedication of the altar ſhould be kept in their ſeaſon from year to year, by the ſpace of eight days, from the five & twentieth day of the moneth Caſleu, with mirth and gladneſs.

60 At that time alſo they builded up the mount Sion with high walls and ſtrong towers round about, leſt the Gentiles ſhould come and tread it down, [g] as they had done before.

61 And they ſet there a gariſon to keep it: and fortified Bethſura to preſerve it, that the people might have a defence againſt Idumea.

CHAP. V.

3 Judas ſmiteth the children of Eſau, Bean, and Ammon. 17 Simon is ſent into Galilee. 25 The exploits of Judas in Galaad. 51 He deſtroyeth Ephron for denying him to paſs through it. 56 Divers that in Judas abſence would fight with their enemies are ſlain.

NOw when the nations round about heard that the altar was built, and the ſanctuary renewed as before, it diſpleaſed them very much.

2 Wherefore they thought to deſtroy the generation of Jacob that was among them: and thereupon they began to ſlay and deſtroy the people.

3 Then Judas fought againſt the children of Eſau in Idumea at ‖ Arabattine, becauſe they beſieged Iſrael: and he gave them a great overthrow, and abated their courage, and took their ſpoils.

4 Alſo he remembred the ‖ injury of the children of ‖ Bean, who had been a ſnare & an offence unto the people, in that they lay in wait for them in the ways.

5 He ſhut them up therefore in the towers, and encamped againſt them, and deſtroyed them utterly, and burnt the towers of that *place* with fire, and all that were therein.

6 Afterward he paſſed over to the children of Ammon; where he found a mighty power, and much people, with Timotheus their captain.

7 So he fought many battels with them, till at length they were diſcomfited before him; and he ſmote them.

8 And

[e] Chap. 9. 27. & 14. 41.
[f] Exod. 20. 25. Deut. 27. 5. Joſh. 8. 31.
[g] Chap. 1. 31.
‖ Or, *ſpread abroad the hangings, or hanged up the veils.*
‖ Or, *peace-offerings.*
‖ Or, *dedicated*
‖ Or, *made doors for them.*
‖ Or, *Arabattene, or Arabatta, or Acrabattine.*
‖ Or, *malice.*
‖ Or, *Haſan.* Gen. 36. 27. Numb. 33. 31, 32.

8 And when he had taken Jazar with the towns belonging thereto, he returned into Judea.

9 Then the heathen that were at Galaad assembled themselves together against the Israelites that were in their quarters, to destroy them. But they fled to the fortress of Dathema,

10 And sent letters unto Judas and his brethren, The heathen that are round about us are assembled together against us to destroy us.

11 And they are preparing to come and take the fortress whereunto we are fled, Timotheus being captain of their host.

12 Come now therefore, and deliver us from their hands: for many of us are slain.

13 Yea, all our brethren that were in the places of ‖ Tobie are put to death: their wives and their children also they have carried away captives, and born away their stuff; and they have destroyed there about a thousand men.

14 While these letters were yet reading, behold, there came other messengers from Galilee with their clothes rent, who reported on this wise,

15 And said, They of Ptolemais, and of Tyrus, and Sidon, and all Galilee of the Gentiles are assembled together against us to consume us.

16 Now when Judas and the people heard these words, there assembled a great congregation together to consult what they should do for their brethren that were in trouble, and assaulted of them.

17 Then said Judas unto Simon his brother, Choose thee out men, and go and deliver thy brethren that are in Galilee: for I and Jonathan my brother will go into the country of Galaad.

18 So he left Joseph the *son* of Zacharias, and Azarias, captains of the people, with the remnant of the host in Judea, to keep it:

19 Unto whom he gave commandment, saying, Take ye the charge of this people, and see that you make not war against the heathen until the time that we come again.

20 Now unto Simon were given three thousand men to go into Galilee, and unto Judas eight thousand men for the country of Galaad.

21 Then went Simon into Galilee, where he fought many battels with the heathen, so that the heathen were discomfited by him.

22 And he pursued them unto the gate of Ptolemais: and there were slain of the heathen about three thousand men, whose spoils he took.

23 And ‖ those that were in Galilee, and in Arbattis, with their wives and their children, and all that they had, took he away *with him*, and brought them into Judea with great joy.

24 Judas Maccabeus also and his brother Jonathan went over Jordan, and travelled three days journey in the wilderness.

25 Where they met with the Nabathites, who came unto them in peaceable manner, and told them every thing that had happened to their brethren in the land of Galaad;

26 And how that many of them were shut up in ‖ Bosora and Bosor, and Alema, ‖ Casphor, Maked, and Carnaim: all these cities are strong and great:

27 And that they were shut up in the rest of the cities of the country of Galaad, and that against to morrow ‖ they had appointed to bring their host against the forts, and to take them, and to destroy them all in one day.

28 Hereupon Judas and his host turned suddenly by the way of the wilderness unto ‖ Bosora: And when he had won the city, he slew all the males with the edge of the sword, and took all their spoils, and burnt the city with fire.

29 From whence he removed by night, and went till he came to the fortress.

30 And betimes in the morning they † looked up, and behold, there was an innumerable people bearing ladders and other engines of war to take the fortress: for ‖ they assaulted them.

31 When Judas therefore saw that the

‖ Or, captive Jews.

‖ Or, Bosorra.

‖ Or, Chasfor, or Casphon, as ver. 36.

‖ Or, the heathen.

‖ Or, Bosor.

† Gr. lift up their eyes.

‖ Or, the heathen assaulted the Jews.

battel was begun, and that the cry of the city went up to heaven with trumpets and a great ſound,

32 He ſaid unto his hoſt, Fight this day for your brethren.

33 So he went forth behind them in three companies, who ſounded their trumpets, and cried with prayer.

34 Then the hoſt of Timotheus, knowing that it was Maccabeus, fled from him. Wherefore he ſmote them with a great ſlaughter, ſo that there were killed of them that day about eight thouſand men.

35 This done, Judas turned aſide to Maſpha: and after he had aſſaulted it, he took it and ſlew all the males therein, and received the ſpoils thereof, and burnt it with fire.

a See ver. 26.

36 From thence went he and took Caſphon, Maged, Boſor, and the other cities of the countrey of Galaad.

37 After theſe things gathered Timotheus another hoſt, and encamped againſt Raphon beyond the brook.

38 So Judas ſent *men* to eſpy the hoſt, who brought him word, ſaying, All the heathen that be round about us are aſſembled unto them, even a very great hoſt.

39 He hath alſo hired the Arabians to help them; and they have pitched their tents beyond the brook ready to come and fight againſt thee. Upon this Judas went to meet them.

40 Then Timotheus ſaid unto the captains of his hoſt, When Judas and his hoſt come near the brook, if he paſs over firſt unto us, we ſhall not be able to withſtand him: for he will mightily prevail againſt us.

41 But if he be afraid, and camp beyond the river, we ſhall go over unto him, and prevail againſt him.

42 Now when Judas came near the brook, he cauſed the ſcribes of the people to remain by the brook: Unto whom he gave commandment, ſaying, Suffer no man to remain in the camp, but let all come to the battel.

43 So he went firſt over unto them, and all the people after him. Then all the heathen being diſcomfited before him caſt away their weapons, and fled unto the temple that was at Carnaim.

44 But ‖ they took the city, and burnt the temple, with all that were therein. Thus was Carnaim ſubdued, neither could they ſtand any longer before Judas.

‖ Judas and his company.

45 Then Judas gathered together all the Iſraelites that were in the countrey of Galaad, from the leaſt unto the greateſt, even their wives, and their children, and their ſtuff, a very great hoſt, to the end they might come into the land of Judea.

46 Now when they came unto Ephron, (this was a great city in the way as they ſhould go very well fortified) they could not turn from it either on the right hand or the left, but muſt needs paſs through the midſt of it.

Or, to meet them in battel.

47 Then they of the city ſhut them out, and ſtopped up the gates with ſtones.

48 Whereupon Judas ſent unto them in peaceable manner, ſaying, Let us paſs through your land to go into our own countrey, and none ſhall do you any hurt: we will onely paſs through on foot. Howbeit they would not open unto him.

49 Wherefore Judas commanded a proclamation to be made throughout the hoſt that every man ſhould pitch his tent in the place where he was.

50 So the ſouldiers pitched, and aſſaulted the city all that day and all that night, till at the length the city was delivered into his hands:

51 Who then ſlew all the males with the edge of the ſword, and raſed the city, and took the ſpoils thereof, and paſſed through ỹ city over them that were ſlain.

52 After this went they over Jordan, into the great plain before Beth-ſan.

53 And Judas gathered together thoſe that came behind, and ‖ exhorted the people all the way through, till they came into the land of Judea.

‖ Or, went hindmoſt. Num. 10. 25.

‖ Or, comforted or encouraged.

54 So they went up to mount Sion with joy and gladneſs, where they offered ‖ burnt offerings, becauſe not one of them were ſlain untill they had returned in peace.

‖ peace-offerings. Joſeph. Antiq. 12. 12.

55 Now

55 Now what time as Judas and Jonathan were in the land of Galaad, and Simon his brother in Galilee before Ptolemais,

56 Joseph the *son* of Zacharias, and Azarias, captains of the garisons, heard of the valiant acts and warlike deeds which they had done.

57 Wherefore they said, Let us also get us a name, and go fight against the heathen that are round about us.

58 So when they had given charge unto the garison that was with them, they went towards Jamnia.

59 Then came Gorgias and his men out of the city † to fight against them.

60 And so it was that Joseph and Azarias were put to flight, and pursued unto the borders of Judea: and there were slain that day of the people of Israel about two thousand men.

61 Thus was there a great overthrow among the children of Israel, because they were not obedient unto Judas and his brethren, but thought to do some valiant act.

62 Moreover, these men came not of the seed of those by whose hand deliverance was given unto Israel.

63 Howbeit the man Judas and his brethren were greatly renowned in the sight of all Israel, and of all the heathen wheresoever their name was heard of:

64 Insomuch as the people assembled unto them with joyfull acclamations.

65 Afterward went Judas forth with his brethren, and fought against the children of Esau in the land toward the south, where he smote Hebron and the † towns thereof, and pulled down the fortress of it, and burnt the towres thereof round about.

66 From thence he removed to go into the land of † the Philistines, and passed through Samaria.

67 At that time certain priests desirous to shew their valour were slain in battel, for that they went out to fight unadvisedly.

68 So Judas turned to Azotus in the land of the Philistines: and when he had pulled down their altars, and burnt their carved images with fire, and spoiled their cities, he returned into the land of Judea.

CHAP. VI.

8 *Antiochus dieth,* 12 *and confesseth that he is plagued for the wrong done to Jerusalem.* 20 *Judas besiegeth those in the towre at Jerusalem.* 28 *They procure Antiochus the younger to come into Judea.* 51 *He besiegeth Sion,* 60 *and maketh peace with Israel;* 62 *yet overthroweth the wall of Sion.*

ABout that time king Antiochus travelling through the high countreys heard say that Elymais in the countrey of Persia was a city greatly renowned for riches, silver and gold;

2 And that there was in it a very rich temple, wherein were || coverings of gold, and breast-plates and || shields, which Alexander *son* of Philip the Macedonian king, who reigned first among the Grecians, had left there.

3 Wherefore he came and sought to take the city, and to spoil it: but he was not able, because they of the city, having had warning thereof,

4 Rose up against him in battel. So he fled, and departed thence with great heaviness, and returned to Babylon.

5 Moreover there came one who brought him tidings into Persia that the armies which went against the land of Judea were put to flight;

6 And that Lysias, who went forth first with a great power, was driven away of the Jews; and that they were made strong by the armour and power and store of spoils which they had gotten of the armies whom they had destroyed;

7 Also that they had pulled down [a] the abomination which he had set up upon the altar in Jerusalem, and that they had compassed about the sanctuary with high walls as before, and his city Bethsura.

8 Now when the king heard these words, he was astonished, and sore moved. Whereupon he laid him down upon his bed, and fell sick for grief, because it had not befallen him as he looked for.

9 And there he continued many days.

|| Judas and his company.

† Or, to meet them in battel.

† Or, towns.

|| Or, shields.

|| Or, armour.

[a] Chap. 1. 54.

|| Or, went hindmost. Num. 10. 25.

|| Or, comforted or encouraged.

† peace-offerings. Joseph. Antiq. 12. 12.

for his grief was ever more and more, and he made account that he ſhould die.

10 Wherefore he called for all his friends, and ſaid unto them, The ſleep is gone from mine eyes, and my heart faileth for very care.

11 And I thought with my ſelf, Into what tribulation am I come, and how great a floud *of miſery* is it wherein now I am! For I was bountifull and beloved in my power.

12 But now I remember the evils that I did at Jeruſalem, and that [b] I took all the veſſels of gold and ſilver that were therein, and [c] ſent to deſtroy the inhabitants of Judea without a cauſe.

13 I perceive therefore that for this cauſe theſe troubles are come upon me; and behold, I periſh through great grief in a ſtrange land.

14 Then called he for Philip, one of his friends, whom he made ruler over all his realm,

15 And gave him the crown, and his robe, and his ſignet, to the end || he ſhould bring up his ſon Antiochus, and nouriſh him up for the kingdom.

16 So king Antiochus died there in the hundred fourty and ninth year.

17 Now when Lyſias knew that the king was dead, he ſet up Antiochus his ſon, whom he had brought up being young, to reign in his ſtead: And his name he called Eupator.

18 About this time they that were in the towre ſhut up the Iſraelites round about the ſanctuary, and ſought always their hurt, and the ſtrengthning of the heathen.

19 Wherefore Judas purpoſing to deſtroy them, called all the people together to beſiege them.

20 So they came together, and beſieged them in the hundred and fiftieth year: and he made mounts for ſhot againſt them, and *other* engines.

21 Howbeit certain of them that were beſieged got forth, unto whom ſome ungodly men of Iſrael joyned themſelves.

22 And they went unto the king, and ſaid, How long will it be ere thou execute judgement, and avenge our brethren?

23 We have been willing to ſerve thy father, and do as he would have us, and to obey his commandments.

24 For which cauſe they of our nation beſiege the towre, and are alienated from us: moreover, [d] as many of us as they could light on they ſlew, and ſpoiled our inheritance.

25 Neither have they ſtretched out their hand againſt us onely, but alſo againſt all their borders.

26 And behold, this day are they beſieging the towre at Jeruſalem, to take it: the ſanctuary alſo, and [e] Bethſura have they fortified.

27 Wherefore if thou doſt not prevent them quickly, they will do greater things then theſe; neither ſhalt thou be able to rule them.

28 Now when the king heard this, he was angry, and gathered together all his friends, and the captains of his army, and thoſe that had charge of the horſe.

29 There came alſo unto him from other kingdoms, and from the iſles of the ſea, bands of hired ſouldiers:

30 So that the number of his army was an hundred thouſand footmen and twenty thouſand horſemen, and two and thirty elephants exerciſed in battel.

31 Theſe went through Idumea, and pitched againſt Bethſura, which they aſſaulted many days, making engines of war. But they *of Bethſura* came out, and burnt them with fire, and fought valiantly.

32 Upon this Judas removed from the towre, and pitched in Bathzacharias, over againſt the kings camp.

33 Then the king riſing very early marched fiercely with his hoſt toward Bathzacharias, where his armies made them ready to battel, and ſounded the trumpets.

34 And to the end they might provoke the elephants to fight, they ſhewed them the bloud of grapes and mulberries.

35 More-

[b] Chap. 1. 21, &c.

[c] Chap. 4. 37.

|| Or, he ſhould nare his ſon Antiochus to him.

[d] Chap. 5. 22, 65, 51.

[e] Chap. 4. 61.

35 Moreover, they divided the beasts among the armies, and for every elephant they appointed a thousand men armed with coats of male, and with helmets of brass on their heads; and besides this, for every beast were ordained five hundred horsemen of the best.

36 These were ready at every occasion: Whersoever the beast was, and whithersoever the beast went, they went also; neither departed they from him.

37 And upon the beasts there were strong towres of wood, which covered every one of them, and were girt fast unto them with devices: there were also upon every one two and thirty strong men that fought upon them, besides the Indian that ruled him.

38 As for the remnant of the horsemen, they set them on this side and that side, at the two parts of the host, || giving them signs what to do, and being harnessed all over amidst the ranks.

39 Now when the sun shone upon the shields of gold and brass, the mountains glistred therewith, and shined like lamps of fire.

40 So part of the kings army being spread upon the high mountains, and part on the valleys below, they marched on safely and in order.

41 Wherefore all that heard the noise of their multitude, and the marching of the company, and the ratling of the harness, were moved: for the army was very great and mighty.

42 Then Judas and his host drew near, and entred into battel: and there were slain of the kings army six hundred men.

43 ¶ † Eleazar also *surnamed* Savaran, perceiving that one of the beasts, armed with royal harness, was higher then all the rest, and supposing that the king was upon him,

44 Put himself in jeopardy, to the end he might deliver his people, and get him a perpetual name:

45 Wherefore he ran upon him couragiously through the midst of the battel, slaying on the right hand and on the left, || so that they were divided from him on both sides.

46 Which done, he crept under the elephant, and thrust him under, and slew him: whereupon the elephant fell down upon him, and there he died.

47 Howbeit *the rest of the Jews*, seeing the strength of the king and the violence of his forces, turned away from them.

48 ¶ Then the kings army went up to Jerusalem to meet them; and the king pitched his tents || against Judea and against mount Sion.

49 But with them that were in Bethsura he made peace: || for they came out of the city, because they had no victuals there to endure the siege, it being a year of rest to the land.

50 So the king took Bethsura, and set a garison there to keep it.

51 As for the sanctuary, he besieged it many days, || and set there artillery with engines, and instruments to cast fire and stones, and pieces to cast darts and slings.

52 Whereupon || they also made engines against their engines, and held them battel a long season.

53 Yet at the last their vessels being without victuals; for that it was the seventh year, and they in Judea that were delivered from the Gentiles had eaten up the residue of the store;

54 There were but a few left in the sanctuary, because the famine did so prevail against them that they were fain to disperse themselves every man to his own place.

55 At that time Lysias heard say that Philip, whom Antiochus the king whiles he lived had appointed to bring up his son Antiochus, that he might be king,

56 Was returned out of Persia and Media, and the kings host also that went with him, and that he sought to take unto him the ruling of the affairs.

57 Wherefore he went in all haste, and said to the king, and the captains of the host, and the company, We decay daily, and our victuals are but small, and the

|| Or, *so that he cut them in pieces.*

|| Or, *in Judea.*

|| Add out of Joseph. *and they yeelded themselves.*

|| Or, *made there mounts for shot.*

|| Or, *the Jews.*

† Chap. 5. 23, 45, 51.

† Chap. 4. 61.

|| Or, *strong men up, and being compassed with their ranks to defend with weapons.*

† Chap. 5. 5.

place we lay siege unto is strong, and the affairs of the kingdom lie upon us.

58 Now therefore let us † be friends with these men, and make peace with them, and with all their nation;

59 And covenant with them that they shall live after their laws as they did before: for they are therefore displeased, and have done all these things, because we abolished their laws.

60 So the king and the princes were content. Wherefore he sent unto them to make peace; and they accepted thereof.

61 Also the king and the princes made an oath unto them: whereupon they went out of the strong hold.

62 Then the king entred into mount Sion: but when he saw the strength of the place, he brake his oath that he had made, and gave commandment to pull down the wall round about.

63 Afterward departed he in all haste, and returned unto Antiochia, where he found Philip to be master of the city. So he fought against him, and took the city by force.

CHAP. VII.

1 Antiochus is slain, and Demetrius reigneth in his stead. 5 Alcimus would be high priest, and complaineth of Judas to the king. 16 He slayeth threescore Assideans. 43 Nicanor is slain and the kings forces are defeated by Judas. 49 The day of this victory is kept holy every year.

IN the hundred and one and fiftieth year [a] Demetrius the son of Seleucus departed from Rome, and came up with a few men unto ‖ a city of the sea coast, and reigned there.

2 And as he entred into the † palace of his ancestours, so it was that his forces had taken Antiochus and Lysias to bring them unto him.

3 Wherefore, when he knew it, he said, Let me not see their faces.

4 So his host slew them. Now when Demetrius was set upon the throne of his kingdom,

5 There came unto him all the wicked and ungodly men of Israel, having Alcimus, who was desirous to be high priest, for their captain.

6 And they accused the people to the king, saying, Judas and his brethren have slain all thy friends, and driven us out of our own land.

7 Now therefore send some man whom thou trustest, and let him go and see what havock he hath made amongst us, and in the kings land, and let him punish them with all them that aid them.

8 Then the king chose Bacchides a friend of the king, who ruled beyond the flood, and was a great man in the kingdom, and faithfull to the king.

9 And him he sent with that wicked Alcimus, whom he made high priest, and commanded that he should take vengeance of the children of Israel.

10 So they departed, and came with a great power into the land of Judea: where they sent messengers to Judas and his brethren with peaceable words deceitfully.

11 But they gave no heed to their words: for they saw that they were come with a great power.

12 Then did there assemble unto Alcimus and Bacchides a company of ‖ scribes, to require justice.

13 Now the Assideans were the first among the children of Israel that sought peace of them.

14 For said they, One that is a priest of the seed of Aaron is come with this army, and he will do us no wrong.

15 So he spake unto them peaceably, and sware unto them, saying, We will procure the harm neither of you nor your friends.

16 Whereupon they beleeved him. Howbeit he took of them threescore men, and slew them in one day, according to the words which he wrote,

17 [b] The flesh of thy saints *have they cast out*, and their bloud have they shed round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.

18 Wherefore the fear and dread of them fell upon all the people, who said, There is neither truth nor † righteousness in them: for they have broken the covenant and oath that they made.

19 After

+ Gr. *give hands.*

a 2 Mac. 14. 1.

‖ Tripolis. Joseph. Antiq. lib. 12. c. 16.

† Gr. *house of the kingdom of his father.*

‖ Or, *scribes, governours, chief men or men in authority.*

b Psal. 79. 2, 3.

† Gr. *judgements.*

19 After this removed Bacchides from Jerusalem, and pitched his tents in Bezeth: where he sent and took many of the men that had forsaken him, and certain of the people also, and, when he had slain them, *he cast them* into the great pit.

20 Then committed he the countrey to Alcimus, and left with him a power to aid him. So Bacchides went to the king.

21 But Alcimus ‖ contended for the high priesthood.

‖ Or, labored to defend his high priesthood.

22 And unto him resorted all such as troubled the people: who, after they had gotten the land of Juda into their power, did much hurt in Israel.

23 Now when Judas saw all the mischief that Alcimus and his company had done among the Israelites, even above the heathen,

24 He went out into all the coasts of Judea round about, and took vengeance of them that had ‖ revolted from him, so that they durst no more ‖ go forth into the countrey.

‖ Or, did some enemy. ‖ Or, invaded the country.

25 On the other side, when Alcimus saw that Judas and his company ‖ had gotten the upper hand, and knew that he was not able † to abide their force, he went again to the king, and said all the worst of them that he could.

‖ Or, were risen any thing. † Gr. to abide him.

26 Then the king sent Nicanor one of his honourable princes, a man that bare deadly hate unto Israel, with commandment to destroy the people.

27 So Nicanor came to Jerusalem with a great force, and sent unto Judas and his brethren deceitfully with † friendly words, saying,

† Gr. peaceable.

28 Let there be no battel between me and you. I will come with a few men, that I may † see you in peace.

† Gr. for your face.

29 He came therefore to Judas, and they saluted one another peaceably. Howbeit the enemies were prepared to take away Judas by violence.

30 Which thing after it was known to Judas, *to wit*, that he came unto him with deceit, he was sore afraid of him, and would see his face no more.

31 Nicanor also, when he saw that his counsel was discovered, went out to † fight against Judas besides ‖ Caphar salama.

† Gr. meet Judas in battel. ‖ Or, Carphasalama.

32 Where there was slain of Nicanors side about five thousand men; and *the rest* fled into the city of David.

33 After this went Nicanor up to mount Sion, and there came out of the sanctuary certain of the priests and certain of the elders of the people to salute him peaceably, and to shew him the burnt-sacrifice that was offered for the king.

34 But he mocked them, and laughed at them, and † abused them shamefully, and spake proudly,

† Gr. defiled them.

35 And swore in his wrath, saying, Unless Judas and his host be now delivered into my hands, if ever I come again † in safety, I will burn up this house. And with that he went out in a great rage.

† Gr. in peace.

36 Then the priests entred in, and stood before the altar and the temple, weeping, and saying,

37 Thou, *O Lord*, didst choose this house to be called by thy name, and to be a house of prayer and petition for thy people.

38 Be avenged of this man and his host, and let them fall by the sword. Remember their blasphemies, and suffer them not to continue any longer.

39 So Nicanor went out of Jerusalem, and pitched his tents in Bethoron; where an host out of Syria met him.

40 But Judas pitched in Adasa with three thousand men; and there he prayed, saying,

41 [c] *O Lord*, when they that were sent from the king of the Assyrians blasphemed, thine angel went out and smote an hundred fourscore and five thousand of them:

[c] 2 Kin. 19. 35. Isa. 37. 36. Eccles. 48. 21. 2 Mac. 8. 19.

42 Even so destroy thou this host before us this day, that the rest may know that he hath spoken blasphemously against thy sanctuary; and judge thou him according to his wickedness.

43 So the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar the hosts joyned battel: But Nicanors host was discomfited; and he

himself was first slain in the battel.

44 Now when Nicanors host saw that he was slain, they cast away their weapons, and fled.

45 Then ‖ they pursued after them a days jonrney, from Adasa unto Gazera, sounding an alarm after them with their trumpets.

‖ Or, *the Jews.*

46 Whereupon they came forth out of all the towns of Judea round about, and closed them in; so that they turning back upon them that pursued them were all slain with the sword, and not one of them was left.

47 Afterwards they took the spoils and the prey, and smote off Nicanors head and his right hand, which he stretched out so proudly, and brought them away, and hanged them up towards Jerusalem.

48 For this cause the people rejoyced greatly; and they kept that day a day of great gladness.

49 Moreover [d] they ordained to keep yearly this day, being the thirteenth of Adar.

[d] 2 Mac. 15. 36.

50 Thus [e] the land of Juda was in rest a little while.

[e] Chap. 9. 57. & 14. 4.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Judas is informed of the power and policy of the Romanes, 20 and maketh a league with them. 24 The articles of that league.

NOw Judas had heard of the fame of the Romanes, that they were mighty and valiant men, and such as would lovingly accept all that joyned themselves unto them, and make a league of amity with all that came unto them;

2 And that they were men of great valour. It was told him also of their wars and noble acts which they had done amongst the ‖ Galatians, and how they had conquered them, and brought them under tribute;

‖ Or, *Frenchman.*

3 And what they had done in the countrey of Spain for the winning of the mines of the silver and gold which is there;

4 And that by their policy and patience they had conquered ‖ all the place, though it were very far from them; and the kings also that came against them from the uttermost part of the earth, till they had discomfited them, and given them a great overthrow, so that the rest did give them tribute every year;

‖ Or, *every place.*

5 Besides this, how they had discomfited in battel Philip, and Perseus king of the ‖ Citims, with others that lift up themselves against them, and had overcome them;

‖ Or, *Macedonians.*

6 How also Antiochus the great king of Asia, that came against them in battel, having an hundred and twenty elephants, with horsemen and chariots and a very great army, was discomfited by them;

7 And how they took him alive, and covenanted that he and such as reigned after him should pay a great tribute, & give hostages, & that which was agreed upon,

8 And the countrey of India, and Media, and Lydia, and of the goodliest countreys, which they took of him, and gave to king Eumenes;

9 Moreover, how the Grecians had determined to come and destroy them,

10 And that they, having knowledge thereof, sent against them a certain captain, and fighting with them slew many of them, and carried away captives their wives and their children, and spoiled them, and took possession of their lands, and pulled down their strong holds, and brought them to be their servants unto this day.

11 *It was told him* besides how they destroyed and brought under their dominion all other kingdoms and isles that at any time resisted them;

12 But with their friends, and such as relied upon them, they kept amity; and that they had conquered kingdoms both far and nigh, insomuch as all that heard of their name were afraid of them:

13 Also, that whom they would help to a kingdom, those reign; and whom again they would, they displace: finally, that they were greatly exalted:

14 Yet for all this, none of them wore a crown, or was clothed in purple to be magnified thereby:

15 Moreover, how they had made for them-

themſelves a ſenate-houſe, wherein three hundred and twenty men ſat in counſel daily, conſulting alway for the people, to the end they might be well ordered:

16 And that they committed their government to one man every year, who ruled over all their countrey; and that all were obedient to that one; and that there was neither envy nor emulation amongſt them.

17 In conſideration of theſe things Judas choſe Eupolemus the ſon of John, *the ſon* of Accos, and Jaſon the ſon of Eleazar, and ſent them to Rome to make a league of amity and confederacy with them,

18 *And to entreat them* that they would take the yoke from them: for they ſaw that the kingdom of the Grecians did oppreſs Iſrael with ſervitude.

19 They went therefore to Rome; which was a very great journey; and came into the ſenate; where they ſpake, and ſaid,

20 Judas Maccabeus with his brethren, and the people of the Jews, have ſent us unto you, to make a confederacy and peace with you, and that we might be regiſtred your confederates and friends.

21 So that matter pleaſed the Romanes well.

22 And this is the copy of the epiſtle which *the ſenate* wrote back again in tables of braſs, and ſent to Jeruſalem, that there they might have by them a memorial of peace and confederacy;

23 Good ſucceſs be to the Romanes, and to the people of the Jews, by ſea and by land for ever: the ſword alſo and enemy be far from them.

24 If there come firſt any war upon the Romanes, or any of their confederates throughout all their dominion,

25 The people of the Jews ſhall help them, as the time ſhall be appointed, with all their heart.

26 Neither ſhall they give any thing unto them that make war upon them, or aid them with victuals, weapons, money, or ſhips, as it hath ſeemed good unto the Romanes; but they ſhall keep their covenant, without taking any thing therefore.

27 In the ſame manner alſo, if war come firſt upon the nation of the Jews, the Romanes ſhall help them with all their heart, according as the time ſhall be appointed them.

28 Neither ſhall victuals be given to them that take part againſt them, or weapons, or money, or ſhips, as it hath ſeemed good to the Romanes; but they ſhall keep their covenants, and that without deceit.

29 According to theſe articles did the Romanes make a covenant with the people of the Jews.

30 Howbeit, if hereafter the one party or the other ſhall think meet to add or diminiſh any thing, they may do it at their pleaſures: and whatſoever they ſhall add or take away, ſhall be ratified.

31 And as touching the evils that Demetrius doeth to the Jews, we have written unto him, ſaying, Wherefore haſt thou made thy yoke heavy upon our friends and confederates the Jews?

32 If therefore they complain any more againſt thee, we will do them juſtice, and fight with thee by ſea and by land.

CHAP. IX.

1 Alcimus and Bacchides come again with new forces into Judea. 7 The army of Judas flee from him, 17 and he is ſlain. 30 Jonathan is in his place, 40 and revengeth his brother Johns quarrel. 55 Alcimus is plagued, and dieth. 70 Bacchides maketh peace with Jonathan.

FUrthermore, when Demetrius heard that Nicanor and his hoſt were ſlain in battel, † he ſent Bacchides and Alcimus into the land of Judea the ſecond time, and with them || the chief ſtrength of his hoſt.

† Gr. *he added, or proceeded to ſend.*

2 Who went forth by the way that leadeth to || Galgala, and pitched their tents before Maſeloth, which is in Arbela: and after they had won it, they ſlew much people.

|| Or, *the right wing.*

3 Alſo the firſt moneth of the hundred fifty and ſecond year they encamped before Jeruſalem.

|| Or, *Macedonians.*

‡ Or, *Galilea.*

4 From

4 From whence they removed, and went to || Berea, with twenty thousand *foot*men and two thousand horsemen.

|| Or, *Berrotha*, Joseph.

5 Now Judas had pitched his tents at Eleasa, and three thousand chosen men with him:

6 Who, seeing the multitude of the other army to be so great, were sore afraid: whereupon many conveyed themselves out of the host, insomuch as there abode of them no mo but eight hundred men.

7 When Judas therefore saw that his host slipt away, and that the battel pressed upon him, he was sore troubled in mind and much distressed, for that he had no time to gather them together.

8 Nevertheless unto them that remained he said, Let us arise, and go up against our enemies, if peradventure we may be able to fight with them.

9 But they dehorted him, saying, We shall never be able. ‖ Let us now rather save our lives; and hereafter we will return with our brethren, and fight against them: for we are but few.

‖ We follow here the Romane copy.

10 Then Judas said, God forbid that I should do this thing, and flee away from them. If our time be come, let us die manfully for our brethren, and † let us not stain our honour.

† Gr. *let us not leave any just cause behind us why our glory should be spoken against.*

11 With that the host *of Bacchides* removed out of their tents, and stood over against them, their horsemen being divided into two troops, and their slingers and archers going before the host, and they that marched in the fore ward were all mighty men.

12 As for Bacchides, he was in the right wing. So the host drew near on the two parts, and sounded their trumpets.

13 They also of Judas side, even they sounded their trumpets also, so that the earth shook at the noise of the armies: and ý battel continued from morning til night.

14 Now when Judas perceived that Bacchides and the strength of his army were on the right side, he took with him all the hardy men;

15 Who discomfited the right wing, and pursued them unto the mount Azotus.

16 But when they of the left wing saw that they of the right wing were discomfited, they followed upon Judas and those that were with him hard at the heels from behind.

17 Whereupon there was a sore battel, insomuch as many were slain on both parts.

18 Judas also was killed, and the remnant fled.

19 Then Jonathan and Simon took Judas their brother, and buried him in the sepulchre of his fathers in Modin.

20 Moreover they bewailed him, and [a] all Israel made great lamentation for him, and mourned many days, saying,

[a] Chap. 13. 26.

21 How is the valiant man fallen, that delivered Israel!

22 As for the other things concerning Judas and his wars, and the noble acts which he did, and his greatness, they are not written: for they were very many.

23 ¶ Now after the death of Judas the wicked began to put forth their heads in all the coasts of Israel, and there rose up all such as wrought iniquity.

24 In those days also was there a very great famine, by reason whereof the countrey revolted, and went with them.

¶ Bacchides and his company.

25 Then Bacchides chose the wicked men, & made them lords of the countrey.

26 And they made enquiry and search for Judas friends, and brought them unto Bacchides, who took vengeance of them, and † used them despitefully.

† Gr. *mocked them.*

27 So was there a great affliction in Israel, the like whereof was not since the time [b] that a prophet was not seen amongst them.

[b] Chap. 4. 46.

28 For this cause all Judas friends came together, and said unto Jonathan,

29 Since thy brother Judas died, we have no man like him to go forth against our enemies, and Bacchides, and against them of our nation that are adversaries to us.

30 Now therefore we have chosen thee this day to be our prince, and captain in his stead, ý thou mayest fight our battels.

31 Upon

31 Upon this Jonathan took the governance upon him at that time, and rose up in stead of his brother Judas.

32 But when Bacchides gat knowledge thereof, he sought for to slay him.

33 Then Jonathan and Simon his brother, and all that were with him, perceiving that, fled into the wilderness of Thecoe, and pitched their tents by the water of the pool Asphar.

34 ‖ Which when Bacchides understood, he came neer to Jordan with all his host upon the sabbath day.

35 Now Jonathan had sent his brother ‖ *John* a captain of the people, to pray his friends the Nabathites † that they might leave with them their carriage, which was much.

36 But the children of † Jambri came out of Medaba, and took John and all that he had, and went their way with it.

37 After this came word to Jonathan and Simon his brother that the children of Jambri made a great marriage, and were bringing the bride from ‖ Nadabatha with a great train, as being the daughter of one of the great princes of Chanaan.

38 Therefore they remembred John their brother, and went up and hid themselves under the covert of the mountain.

39 Where they lift up their eyes, and looked, and behold, there was much ado and great carriage: and the bridegroom came forth, and his friends and brethren to meet them with ‖ drums and ‖ instruments of musick, and many weapons.

40 Then Jonathan and they that were with him rose up against them from the place where they lay in ambush, and made a slaughter of them in such sort as many fell down dead, and the remnant fled into the mountain: & they took all their spoils.

41 Thus was the marriage turned into mourning, and the noise of their melody into lamentation.

42 So when they had avenged fully the bloud of their brother, they turned again to the marish of Jordan.

43 Now when Bacchides heard hereof, he came on the sabbath-day unto the banks of Jordan with a great power.

44 Then Jonathan said to his company, Let us go up now, and fight for our lives: for it standeth not with us to day as in time past:

45 For behold, the battel is before us and behind us, and the water of Jordan on this side and that side, the marish likewise and wood; neither is there place for us to turn aside.

46 Wherefore cry ye now unto heaven, that ye may be delivered from the hand of your enemies.

47 With that they joyned battel, and Jonathan stretched forth his hand to smite Bacchides; but he turned back from him.

48 Then Jonathan and they that were with him leapt into Jordan, and swam over unto the farther bank: howbeit the other passed not over Jordan unto them.

49 So there were slain on Bacchides side that day about † a thousand men.

50 Afterward returned *Bacchides* to Jerusalem, and ‖ repaired the strong cities in Judea, the fort in Jericho, and Emmaus, and Bethoron, and Bethel, and Thamnatha, Pharathoni, and ‖ Taphon; *these did he strengthen* with high walls, with gates, and with bars.

51 And in them he set a garison, that they might work malice upon Israel.

52 He fortified also † the city Bethsura, and Gazara, and the towre, and put forces in them, and provision of victuals.

53 Besides, he took the chief mens sons in the countrey for hostages, and put them into the towre at Jerusalem to be kept.

54 Moreover, in the hundred fifty and third year, in the second moneth, Alcimus commanded that the wall of the inner court of the sanctuary should be pulled down: he pulled down also the works of the prophets.

55 And as he began to pull down, even at that time was Alcimus plagued, and his enterprises hindred. For his mouth was stopped, and he was taken with a palsie, so that he could no more speak any thing, nor give order concerning his house.

56 So

Or, which when Bacchides understood on the sabbath day, he came neer, Joseph. Antiq. lib. 13. c. 1.

Gr. and he with him

Gr. the carriage, or, stuff

Gr. Jambri.

Or, Medaba.

‖ Bacchides and his company.

Or, timbrels (Or, melodious)

† Gr. proceeds from them.

Chap. 4. 46.

† Char. 13. 36.

† two thousand men, Joseph. Antiq. lib. 13. cap. 2.

‖ Or, built. ‖ Joseph. Tecoa.

† Gr. the city is Bethsura.

56 So Alcimus died at that time with great torment.

57 Now when Bacchides saw that Alcimus was dead, he returned to the king: whereupon[c] the land of Judea was in rest two years.

[c] Chap. 7. 50.

58 Then all the ungodly men held a counsel, saying, Behold, Jonathan and his company are at ease, and dwell without care: now therefore we will bring Bacchides hither, who shall take them all in one night.

59 So they went and consulted with him.

60 Then removed he, and came with a great host, and sent letters privily to his adherents in Judea that they should take Jonathan and those that were with him: howbeit they could not, because their counsel was known unto them.

61 Wherefore they took of the men of the countrey that were authors of that mischief about fifty persons, and slew them.

62 Afterward Jonathan and Simon, and they that were with him, got them away to Bethbasi, which is in the wilderness; and they repaired the decays thereof, and made it strong.

63 Which thing when Bacchides knew, he gathered together all his host, and sent word || to them that were of Judea.

|| Or, to such of the country as were his friends to take his part.

64 Then went he and laid siege against Bethbasi; and they fought against it a long season, and made engines of war.

65 But Jonathan left his brother Simon in the city, and went forth himself into the countrey, and with a certain number went he forth.

66 And he smote || Odonarkes and his brethren, and the children of Phasiron in their tent.

|| Or, Odomarra.

67 And when he began to smite them, and came up with his forces, Simon and his company went out of the city, and burnt up the engines of war,

68 And fought against Bacchides; who was discomfited by them, and they afflicted him sore. For his counsel and travel was in vain.

69 Wherefore he was very wroth at the wicked men that gave him counsel to come into the countrey, insomuch as he slew many of them, and purposed to return into his own countrey.

70 Whereof when Jonathan had knowledge, he sent ambassadours unto him, to the end he should make peace with him, and deliver them the prisoners.

71 Which thing he accepted, and did according to his demands, and sware unto him that he would never do him harm all the days of his life.

72 When therefore he had restored unto him the prisoners that he had taken aforetime out of the land of Judea, he returned, and went his way into his own land; neither † came he any more into their borders.

† Gr. added he to come any more.

73 Thus the sword ceased from Israel. But Jonathan dwelt at Machmas, and began to † govern the people; and he destroyed the ungodly men out of Israel.

† Gr. judge.

CHAP. X.

1 Demetrius maketh large offers to have peace with Jonathan. 25 His letters to the Jews. 47 Jonathan maketh peace with Alexander: 50 Who killeth Demetrius, 58 and marrieth the daughter of Ptolemeus. 62 Jonathan is sent for by him, and much honoured, 75 and prevaileth against the forces of Demetrius the younger, 84 and burneth the temple of Dagon.

IN the hundred and sixtieth year Alexander the *son* of Antiochus *surnamed* Epiphanes went up, and took Ptolemais: for the people had received him, by means whereof he reigned there.

2 Now when king Demetrius heard thereof, he gathered together an exceeding great host, and went forth against him to fight.

3 Moreover, Demetrius sent letters unto Jonathan with loving words, so as he magnified him.

4 For said he, Let us first make peace with him, before he joyn with Alexander against us:

5 Else he will remember all the evils that we have done against him, and against his brethren, and against his people.

6 Wherefore he gave him authority to gather

gather together an hoſt, and to provide weapons, that he might aid him in battel: he commanded alſo that the hoſtages that were in ỹ towre ſhould be delivered him.

7 Then came Jonathan to Jeruſalem, and read the letters in the audience of all the people, and of them that were in the towre:

8 Who were ſore afraid when they heard that the king had given him authority to gather together an hoſt.

9 Whereupon they of the towre delivered their hoſtages unto Jonathan, and he delivered them unto their parents.

10 This done, Jonathan ſettled himſelf in Jeruſalem, and began to build and repair the city.

11 And he commanded the workmen to build the walls, and the mount Sion round about with ſquare ſtones, for fortification: and they did ſo.

12 Then the ſtrangers that were in the fortreſſes which Bacchides had built fled away;

13 Inſomuch as every man left his place, and went into his own countrey.

14 Onely at Bethſura certain of thoſe that had forſaken the law and the commandments remained ſtill: for it was their place of refuge.

15 Now when king Alexander had heard what promiſes Demetrius had ſent unto Jonathan, when alſo it was told him of the battels and noble acts which he and his brethren had done, and of the pains that they had endured,

16 He ſaid, ſhall we find ſuch another man? now therefore we will make him our friend and confederate.

17 Upon this he wrote a letter, and ſent it unto him according to theſe words, ſaying,

18 King Alexander to his brother Jonathan ſendeth greeting.

19 We have heard of thee that thou art a man of great power, and meet to be our friend.

20 Wherefore now this day we ordain thee to be the high prieſt of thy nation, and to be called the kings friend; and therewithall he ſent him a purple robe and a crown of gold; and *require thee* to take our part, and keep friendſhip with us.

21 So in the ſeventh moneth of the hundred and ſixtieth year, at the feaſt of the tabernacles, Jonathan put on the holy robe, and gathered together forces, and provided much armour.

22 Whereof when Demetrius heard, he was very ſorry, and ſaid,

23 What have we done, that Alexander hath prevented us in making amity with the Jews to ſtrengthen himſelf?

24 I alſo will write unto them words of encouragement, *and promiſe them* dignities and gifts, that I may have their aid.

25 He ſent unto them therefore to this effect; King Demetrius unto the people of the Jews ſendeth greeting.

26 Whereas you have kept covenants with us, and continued in our friendſhip, not joyning your ſelves with our enemies, we have heard hereof, and are glad.

27 Wherefore now continue ye ſtill to be faithfull unto us, and we will well recompenſe you for all things you do in our behalf,

28 And will grant you many immunities, and give you rewards.

29 And now do I free you, and for your ſake I releaſe all the Jews from tributes, and from the cuſtoms of ſalt, and from crown-taxes,

30 And from that which appertaineth unto me to receive for the third part of the ſeed, and the half of the fruit of the trees; I releaſe it from this day forth, ſo that they ſhall not be taken of the land of Judea, nor of the three goverments which are added thereunto out of the countrey of Samaria and Galilee, from this day forth for evermore.

31 Let Jeruſalem alſo be holy and free, with the borders thereof, both from tenths and tributes.

32 And as for the towre which is at Jeruſalem, I yeeld up my authority over it, and give it to the high prieſt, that he may ſet in it ſuch men as he ſhall chooſe to keep it.

33 More-

† Gr. added, he to come any more.

† Gr. judge.

33 Moreover, I freely ſet at liberty every one of the Jews that were carried captives out of the land of Judea into any part of my kingdom, and I will that all my officers remit their tributes even of their cattel.

34 Furthermore, I will that all the feaſts, and ſabbaths, and new moons, and ſolemn days, and the three days before the feaſt, and the three days after the feaſt, ſhall be all days of immunity and freedom for all the Jews in my realm.

35 Alſo no man ſhall have authority to meddle *with them*, or to moleſt any of them in any matter.

36 *I will* further that there be enrolled amongſt the kings forces about thirty thouſand men of the Jews, unto whom pay ſhall be given as belongeth to all the kings forces.

37 And of them *ſome* ſhall be placed in the kings ſtrong holds; of whom alſo *ſome* ſhall be ſet over the affairs of the kingdom which are of truſt. And I will that their overſeers and governours be of themſelves, and that they † live after their own laws, even as the king hath commanded in the land of Judea.

† Gr. walk.

38 And concerning the three governments that are added to Judea from the countrey of Samaria, let them be joyned with Judea, that they may be reckoned to be under one, nor bound to obey other authority then the high prieſts.

39 As for Ptolemais and the land pertaining thereto, I give it as a free gift to the ſanctuary at Jeruſalem, for the neceſſary expenſes || of the ſanctuary.

|| Or, of the holy things.

40 Moreover, I give every year fifteen thouſand ſhekels of ſilver out of the kings accounts from the places appertaining.

41 And all the overplus which the officers payed not in, as in former time, from henceforth ſhall be given towards the works of the temple.

42 And beſides this, the five thouſand ſhekels of ſilver which they took from the uſes of the temple out of the accounts year by year, even thoſe things ſhall be releaſed, becauſe they appertain to the prieſts that miniſter.

43 And whoſoever they be that flee unto the temple at Jeruſalem, or be within the liberties thereof, being indebted unto the king, or for any other matter, let them be at liberty, and all that they have in my realm.

44 For the building alſo and repairing of the works of the ſanctuary expenſes ſhall be given of the kings accounts.

45 Yea, and for the building of the walls of Jeruſalem, and the fortifying thereof round about, expenſes ſhall be given out of the kings accounts; as alſo for the building of the walls in Judea.

46 Now when Jonathan and the people heard theſe words, they gave no credit unto them, nor received them, becauſe they remembred the great evil that he had done in Iſrael: for he had afflicted them very ſore.

47 But with Alexander they were well pleaſed, becauſe he was the firſt that entreated of true peace with them; and they were confederate with him always.

48 Then gathered king Alexander great forces, and camped over againſt Demetrius.

49 And after the two kings had joyned battel, Demetrius hoſt fled: but Alexander followed after him, and prevailed againſt them

50 And he continued the battel very ſore untill the ſun went down; and that day was Demetrius ſlain.

51 Afterward Alexander ſent embaſſadours to Ptolemee king of Egypt with a meſſage to this effect;

52 Foraſmuch as I am come again to my realm, and am ſet in the throne of my progenitours, and have gotten the dominion, and overthrown Demetrius, and recovered our countrey;

53 For after I had joyned battel with him, both he and his hoſt was diſcomfited by us, ſo that we ſit in the throne of his kingdom:

54 Now therefore let us make a league of amity together, and give me now thy daughter

daughter to wife: and I will be thy ſon in law, and will give both thee and her gifts according to thy dignity.

55 Then Ptolemee the king gave anſwer, ſaying, Happy be the day wherein thou didſt return into the land of thy fathers, and ſateſt in the throne of their kingdom.

56 And now will I do to thee as thou haſt written. Meet me therefore at Ptolemais, that we may ſee one another: for I will marry my daughter to thee according to thy deſire.

57 So Ptolemee went out of Egypt with his daughter Cleopatra, and they came unto Ptolemais in the hundred threeſcore and ſecond year:

58 Where king Alexander meeting him, he gave unto him his daughter Cleopatra, & celebrated her marriage at Ptolemais with great glory, as the manner of kings is.

59 Now king Alexander had written unto Jonathan that he ſhould come and meet him:

60 Who thereupon went honourably to Ptolemais, where he met the two kings, and gave them and their friends ſilver and gold and many preſents, and found favour in their ſight.

61 At that time certain peſtilent fellows of Iſrael, men of a wicked life, aſſembled themſelves againſt him to accuſe him: but the king would not hear them.

62 Yea more then that, the king commanded to take off his garments, and clothe him in purple. And they did ſo.

63 Alſo he made him ſit by himſelf, and ſaid unto his princes, Go with him into the midſt of the city, and make proclamation that no man complain againſt him of any matter, and that no man trouble him for any manner of cauſe.

64 Now when his accuſers ſaw that he was honoured according to the proclamation, and clothed in purple, they fled all away.

65 So the king honoured him, and wrote him amongſt his chief friends, and made him a duke, and ‖ partaker of his dominion.

66 Afterward Jonathan returned to Jeruſalem with peace and gladneſs.

67 Furthermore, in the hundred threeſcore and fifth year came Demetrius ſon of Demetrius out of Crete into the land of his fathers.

68 Whereof when king Alexander heard tell, he was right ſorry, and returned into Antioch.

69 Then Demetrius made Apollonius the governour of Celeſyria his general; who gathered together a great hoſt, and camped in Jamnia, and ſent unto Jonathan the high prieſt, ſaying,

70 Thou alone lifteſt up thy ſelf againſt us, and I am laughed to ſcorn for thy ſake and reproached: and why doſt thou vaunt thy power againſt us in the mountains?

71 Now therefore, if thou truſteſt in thine own ſtrength, come down to us into the plain field, and there let us trie the matter together: for with me is the power of the cities.

72 Ask and learn who I am, and the reſt that take our part, and they ſhall tell thee that thy foot is not able to ſtand before our face: for thy fathers have been twice put to flight in their own land.

73 Wherefore now thou ſhalt not be able to abide the horſemen and ſo great a power in the plain, where is neither ſtone nor flint, nor place to flee unto.

74 So when Jonathan heard theſe words of Apollonius, he was moved in his mind; and chooſing ten thouſand men, he went out of Jeruſalem; where Simon his brother met him for to help him.

75 And he pitched his tents againſt Joppe: but they of Joppe ſhut him out of the city, becauſe Apollonius had a gariſon there.

76 Then Jonathan laid ſiege unto it: whereupon they of the city let him in for fear. And ſo Jonathan won Joppe.

77 Whereof when Apollonius heard, he took three thouſand horſemen with a great hoſt *of footmen*, and went to Azotus ‖ as one that journeyed; and therewithall ‖ drew him forth into the plain, becauſe he

‖ Or, as though he would paſs through it.
‖ Or, led his company.

he had a great number of horſemen, in whom he put his truſt.

78 Then *Jonathan* followed after him to Azotus; where the armies joyned battel.

79 Now Apollonius had left a thouſand horſemen in ambuſh.

80 And Jonathan knew that there was an ambuſhment behind him: for they had compaſſed in his hoſt, and caſt darts at the people from morning till evening.

81 But the people ſtood ſtill, as Jonathan had commanded them: and ſo the enemies horſes were tired. ‖ Joſeph. Ant. lib. 13. cap. 8.

82 Then brought Simon forth his hoſt, and ſet them againſt the footmen (for the horſemen were ſpent) who were diſcomfited by him, and fled.

83 The horſemen alſo being ſcattered in the field fled to Azotus, and went into Beth-dagon their idols temple for ſafety.

84 But Jonathan ſet fire on Azotus, and the cities round about it, and took their ſpoils: and the temple of Dagon, with them that were fled into it, he burnt with fire.

85 Thus there were burnt and ſlain with the ſword welnigh eight thouſand men.

86 And from thence Jonathan removed his hoſt, and camped againſt Aſcalon; where the men of the city came forth, and met him with great pomp.

87 After this returned Jonathan and his hoſt unto Jeruſalem, having many ſpoils.

88 Now when king Alexander heard theſe things, he honoured Jonathan yet more,

89 And ſent him a buckle of gold, as the uſe is to be given to ſuch as are of the kings bloud. He gave him alſo Accaron with the borders thereof in poſſeſſion.

CHAP. XI.

12 Ptolemeus taketh away his daughter from Alexander, and entreth upon his kingdom. 17 Alexander is ſlain, and Ptolemeus dieth within three days. 20 Jonathan beſiegeth the towre at Jeruſalem. 26 The Jews and he are much honoured by Demetrius, 48 who is reſcued by the Jews from his own ſubjects in Antioch. 57 Antiochus the younger honoureth Jonathan. 61 His exploits in divers places.

AND the king of Egypt gathered together a great hoſt like the ſand that lieth upon the ſea-ſhore, and many ſhips, and went about through deceit to get Alexanders kingdom, and joyn it to his own.

2 Whereupon he took his journey into Syria in peaceable manner, ſo as they of the cities opened unto him, and met him: for king Alexander had commanded them ſo to do, becauſe he was his father in law.

3 Now as Ptolemee entred into the cities, he ſet in every one of them a gariſon of ſouldiers to keep it.

4 And when he came near to Azotus, they ſhewed him the temple of Dagon that was burnt, and Azotus and the ſuburbs thereof that were deſtroyed, and the bodies that were caſt abroad, and them that *Jonathan* had burnt in the battel: for they had made heaps of them by the way where he ſhould paſs.

5 Alſo they told the king whatſoever Jonathan had done, to the intent he might blame him. But the king held his peace.

6 Then Jonathan met the king with great pomp at Joppe, where they ſaluted one another, and † lodged. † Gr. *kept.*

7 Afterward Jonathan when he had gone with the king to the river called Eleutherus, returned again to Jeruſalem.

8 King Ptolemee therefore, having gotten the dominion of the cities by the ſea unto Seleucia upon the ſea coaſt, imagined wicked counſels againſt Alexander.

9 Whereupon he ſent ambaſſadours unto king Demetrius, ſaying, Come, let us make a league betwixt us, and I will give thee my daughter whom Alexander hath, and thou ſhalt reign in thy fathers kingdom.

10 For I repent that I gave my daughter unto him: for he ſought to ſlay me.

11 Thus did he ſlander him, becauſe he was deſirous of his kingdom.

12 Where-

12 Wherefore he took his daughter from him, and gave her to Demetrius, and forſook Alexander; ſo that their hatred was openly known.

13 Then Ptolemee entred into Antioch, where he ſet two crowns upon his head, the crown of Aſia, and of Egypt.

14 In the mean ſeaſon was king Alexander in Cilicia, becauſe thoſe that dwelt in thoſe parts had revolted from him.

15 But when Alexander heard of this, he came to war againſt him: whereupon *king* Ptolemee brought forth *his hoſt*, and met him with a mighty power, and put him to flight.

16 So Alexander fled into Arabia, there to be defended. But king Ptolemee was exalted.

17 For Zabdiel the Arabian took off Alexanders head, and ſent it unto Ptolemee.

18 King Ptolemee alſo died the third day after; † and they that were in the ſtrong holds were ſlain one of another.

19 By this means Demetrius reigned in the hundred threeſcore and ſeventh year.

20 At the ſame time Jonathan gathered together them that were in Judea, to take the towre that was in Jeruſalem: and he made many engines of war againſt it.

21 Then certain ungodly perſons, who hated their own people, went unto the king, and told him that Jonathan beſieged the towre.

22 Whereof when he heard, he was angry; and immediately removing, he came to Ptolemais, and wrote unto Jonathan that he ſhould not lay ſiege to the towre, but come and ſpeak with him at Ptolemais in great haſte.

23 Nevertheleſs Jonathan, when he heard this, commanded to beſiege it *ſtill*: and he choſe certain of the elders of Iſrael, and the prieſts, and put himſelf in peril;

24 And took ſilver and gold, and raiment, and divers preſents beſides, and went to Ptolemais unto the king; where he found favour in his ſight.

25 And [a] though certain ungodly men of the people had made complaints againſt him, [a] Chap. 10. 61. &c.

26 Yet the king entreated him as his predeceſſours had done before, and promoted him in the ſight of all his friends,

27 And [b] confirmed him in the high prieſthood, and in all the honours that he had before, and gave him preeminence among his chief friends. [b] Chap. 10. 20. & verſ. 57. & Chap. 14. 38

28 Then Jonathan deſired the king that he would make Judea free from tribute, as alſo the three governments, with the countrey of Samaria: and he promiſed him three hundred talents.

29 So the king conſented, and wrote letters unto Jonathan of all theſe things after this manner;

30 King Demetrius unto his brother Jonathan, and unto the nation of the Jews, ſendeth greeting.

31 We ſend you here a copy of the letter which we did write unto our couſin Laſthenes concerning you, that you might ſee it.

32 King Demetrius unto his father Laſthenes ſendeth greeting.

33 We are determined to do good to the people of the Jews, who are our friends, and keep covenants with us, becauſe of their good will towards us.

34 ‖ Wherefore we have ratified unto them the borders of Judea, with the three governments, of Apherema and Lydda, and Ramathem, that are added unto Judea from the countrey of Samaria, and [c] all things appertaining unto them, for all ſuch as do ſacrifice in Jeruſalem, inſtead of the paiments which the king received of them yearly aforetime out of the fruits of the earth and of trees. ‖ Joſeph. Antiq. lib. 13. cap. 8. [c] Chap. 10. 42.

35 And as for other things that belong unto us, of the tithes and cuſtoms pertaining unto us, as alſo [d] the ſalt-pits, and the crown taxes, which are due unto us, we diſcharge them of them all for their relief. [d] Chap. 10. 29.

36 And nothing hereof ſhall be revo-

Gr. and thoſe that were in the holds were ſlain one of another.

† Gr. Sept.

ked from this time forth for ever.

37 Now therefore see that thou make a copy of these things, and let it be delivered unto Jonathan, and set upon the holy mount in a conspicuous place.

38 After this, when king Demetrius saw that the land was quiet before him, and that no resistance was made against him, he sent away all his forces every one to his own place, except certain bands of strangers, whom he had gathered from the isles of the heathen. Wherefore all the forces of his fathers hated him.

39 Moreover, there was one Tryphon, that had been of Alexanders part afore; who, seeing that all the host murmured against Demetrius, went to Simalcue the Arabian, that brought up Antiochus the young son of Alexander,

40 And lay sore upon him to deliver him *this young Antiochus*, that he might reign in his fathers stead. He told him therefore all that Demetrius had done, and how his men of war were at enmity with him. And there he remained a long season.

41 In the mean time Jonathan sent unto king Demetrius that he would cast those of the towre out of Jerusalem, and those also in the fortresses: for they fought against Israel.

42 So Demetrius sent unto Jonathan, saying, I will not onely do this for thee and thy people, but I will greatly honour thee and thy nation, if opportunity serve.

43 Now therefore thou shalt do well if thou send me men to help me: for all my forces are gone from me.

44 Upon this Jonathan sent him three thousand strong men unto Antioch. And when they came to the king the king was very glad of their coming.

45 Howbeit, they that were of the city gathered themselves together into the midst of the city, to the number of an hundred and twenty thousand men, and would have slain the king.

46 Wherefore the king fled into the court: but they of the city kept the passages of the city, and began to fight.

47 Then the king called to the Jews for help; who came unto him all at once, and dispersing themselves through the city slew that day in the city to the number of an hundred thousand.

48 Also they set fire on the city, and gat many spoils that day, and delivered the king.

49 So when they of the city saw that the Jews had got the city as they would, their courage was abated. Wherefore they made supplication to the king, and cryed, saying,

50 ‖ Grant us peace, and let the Jews cease from assaulting us and the city. ‖ Or, friends with us.

51 With that they cast away their weapons, and made peace. And the Jews were honoured in the sight of the king, and in the sight of all that were in his realm, and they returned to Jerusalem having great spoils.

52 So king Demetrius sat on the throne of his kingdom, and the land was quiet before him.

53 Nevertheless he dissembled in all that ever he spake, and estranged himself from Jonathan, neither rewarded he him according to the benefits which he had received of him, but troubled him very sore.

54 After this returned Tryphon, and with him the young child Antiochus, who reigned, and was crowned.

55 Then there gathered unto him all the men of war whom Demetrius had put away; and they fought against Demetrius; who turned his back, and fled.

56 Moreover Tryphon took the † elephants and won Antioch. † Gr. beasts.

57 At that time young Antiochus wrote unto Jonathan, saying, I confirm thee in the high priesthood, and appoint thee ruler over the four governments, and to be one of the kings friends.

58 Upon this he sent him golden vessels † to be served in, and gave him leave to drink in gold, and to be clothed in purple, and to wear a golden buckle. † Gr. and service.

59 His

59 His brother Simon also he made captain from the place called the Ladder of Tyrus unto the borders of Egypt.

60 Then Jonathan || went forth, and passed through the cities beyond the water; and all the forces of Syria gathered themselves unto him for to help him. And when he came to Ascalon, they of the city met him honourably.

61 From whence he went to Gaza: but they of Gaza shut him out. Wherefore he laid siege unto it, and burned || the suburbs thereof with fire, and spoiled them.

62 Afterward when they of Gaza made supplication unto Jonathan, † he made peace with them, and took the sons of their chief men for hostages, and sent them to Jerusalem, and passed through the countrey unto Damascus.

63 Now when Jonathan heard that Demetrius princes were come to Cades, which is in Galilee, with a great power, purposing || to remove him out of the countrey,

64 He went to meet them, and left Simon his brother in the countrey.

65 Then Simon encamped against Bethsura, and fought against it a long season, and shut it up.

66 But they desired to have peace with him; which he granted them, and then put them out from thence, and took the city and set a garison in it.

67 As for Jonathan and his host, they pitched at the water of Genesar; from whence betimes in the morning they gat them to the plain of Nasor.

68 And behold, the host of strangers met them in the plain; who, having laid men in ambush for him in the mountains, came themselves over against him.

69 So when they that lay in ambush rose out of their places, and joyned battel, all that were of Jonathans side fled;

70 Insomuch as there was not one of them left, except Mattathias the *son* of Absalom, and Judas the *son* of Calphi, the captains of the host.

71 Then Jonathan rent his clothes, and cast earth upon his head, and prayed.

72 Afterwards turning again to battel, he put them to flight, and so they ran away.

73 Now when his own men that were fled saw this, they turned again unto him, and with him pursued them to Cades, even unto their own tents, and there they camped.

74 So there were slain of the heathen that day about three thousand men. But Jonathan returned to Jerusalem.

CHAP. XII.

1 *Jonathan renewеth his league with the Romanes, and Lacedemonians.* 28 *The forces of Demetrius, thinking to surprise Jonathan, flee away for fear.* 35 *Jonathan fortifieth the castles in Judea,* 48 *and is shut up by the fraud of Tryphon in Ptolemais.*

NOw when Jonathan saw that the time served him, he chose certain men, and sent them to Rome for to confirm and renew the friendship that they had with them.

2 He sent letters also to the Lacedemonians, and to other places, for the same purpose.

3 So they went unto Rome, and entred into the Senate, and said, Jonathan the high priest and the people of the Jews sent us unto you, to the end you should renew the friendship which you had with them, and league, as in former time.

4 Upon this *the Romanes* gave them letters unto the governours of every place, that they should bring them into the land of Judea peaceably.

5 And this is the copy of the letters which Jonathan wrote unto the Lacedemonians;

6 Jonathan the high priest, and the elders of the nation, and the priests and the other people of the Jews, unto the Lacedemonians their brethren send greeting.

7 There were letters sent in times past unto Onias the high priest from || Darius, who reigned then among you, to signifie that you are our brethren, as the copy here under-written doth specifie.

|| *Areus*: see Joseph. Antiq. l. 13. c. 8.

8 At which time Onias entreated the ambaſſadour that was ſent honourably, and received the letters, wherein declaration was made of the || league and friendſhip.

|| Or, kindred, Joſeph. Antiq.

9 Therefore we alſo, albeit we need none of theſe things, for that we have the holy books of ſcripture in our hands to comfort us,

10 Have nevertheleſs attempted to ſend unto you for the renewing of brotherhood and friendſhip, leſt we ſhould become ſtrangers unto you altogether: for there is a long time paſſed ſince you ſent unto us.

11 We therefore at all times without ceaſing, both in our feaſts and other convenient days, do remember you in the ſacrifices which we offer, and in our prayers, as reaſon is, and as it becometh us to think upon our brethren

12 And we are right glad of your honour.

13 As for our ſelves, we have had great troubles and wars on every ſide, forſomuch as the kings that are round about us have fought againſt us.

14 Howbeit we would not be troubleſome unto you, nor to others of our confederates and friends in theſe wars.

15 For we have help from heaven that ſuccoureth us, ſo as we are delivered from our enemies, and our enemies are brought under foot.

16 For this cauſe we choſe Numenius *the ſon* of Antiochus and Antipater *the ſon* of Jaſon, and ſent them unto the Romanes, to renew the amity that we had with them, and the former league.

17 We commanded them alſo to go unto you, and to ſalute you, and to deliver you our letters concerning the renewing of our brotherhood.

18 Wherefore now ye ſhall do well to give us an anſwer thereto.

19 And this is the copy of the letters || which Oniares ſent.

|| Read out of Joſeph. which Areus ſent to Onias.

20 Areus king of the Lacedemonians to Onias the high prieſt, greeting.

21 It is found in writing that the Lacedemonians and ŷ Jews are brethren, and that they are of the ſtock of Abraham.

22 Now therefore, ſince this is come to our knowledge, you ſhall do well to write unto us of your † proſperity.

† Gr. peace.

23 We do write back again to you, that your cattel and goods are ours, and ours are yours. We do command therefore *our ambaſſadours* to make report unto you on this wiſe.

24 Now when Jonathan heard that Demetrius princes were come to fight againſt him with a greater hoſt then afore,

25 He removed from Jeruſalem, and met them in the land of Amathis: for he gave them no reſpite || to enter his countrey.

|| Or, to ſet foot in his countrey: or, to invade his countrey.

26 He ſent ſpies alſo unto their tents, who came again, and told him that they were appointed to come upon them in the night-ſeaſon.

27 Wherefore ſo ſoon as the ſun was down, Jonathan commanded his men to watch, and to be in arms, that all the night long they might be ready to fight: alſo he ſent forth ſentinels round about the hoſt.

28 But when the adverſaries heard that Jonathan and his men were ready for battel, they feared, and trembled in their hearts, and || they kindled fires in their camp.

|| Joſephus Antiq. lib. 13. 9. they went away.

29 Howbeit Jonathan and his company knew it not till the morning: for they ſaw the lights burning.

30 Then Jonathan purſued after them, but overtook them not: for they were gone over the river Eleutherus.

31 Wherefore Jonathan turned to the Arabians who were called † Zabadeans, and ſmote them, and took their ſpoils.

† Joſeph. Gr. Nabatheans, or, Zabadeans.

32 And removing thence he came to Damaſcus, and ſo paſſed through all the countrey.

33 Simon alſo went forth, and paſſed through the countrey unto Aſcalon, and the holds there adjoyning: from whence he turned aſide to Joppe, and wan it.

34 For he had heard that they would deliver the hold unto them that took Demetrius

metrius part: wherefore he ſet a gariſon there to keep it.

35 After this came Jonathan home again; and calling the elders of the people together, he conſulted with them about building ſtrong holds in Judea,

36 And making the walls of Jeruſalem higher, and raiſing a great mount between the towre and the city for to ſeparate it from the city, that ſo it might be alone, that men might neither ſell nor buy in it.

37 Upon this they came together to build up the city, ‖ foraſmuch as *part of* the wall toward the brook on the eaſt-ſide was fallen down; and they repaired that which was called Caphenatha.

38 Simon alſo ſet up Adida in Sephela, and made it ſtrong with gates and bars.

39 Now Tryphon went about to get the kingdom of Aſia, and to kill Antiochus the king, that he might ſet the crown upon his own head.

40 Howbeit he was afraid that Jonathan would not ſuffer him, and that he would fight againſt him: wherefore he ſought a way how to take Jonathan, that he might kill him. So he removed, and came to Bethſan.

41 Then Jonathan went out to meet him with fourty thouſand men choſen for the battel, and came to Bethſan.

42 Now when Tryphon ſaw that Jonathan came with ſo great a force, he durſt not ſtretch his hand againſt him;

43 But received him honourably, and commended him unto all his friends, and gave him gifts, and commanded his men of war to be as obedient unto him as to himſelf.

44 Unto Jonathan alſo he ſaid, Why haſt thou put all this people to ſo great trouble, ſeeing there is no war betwixt us?

45 Therefore ſend them now home again, and chooſe a few men to wait on thee; and come thou with me to Ptolemais; for I will give it thee, and the reſt of the ſtrong holds and forces, and all that have any charge. As for me, I will return and depart: for this is the cauſe of my coming.

46 So Jonathan beleeving him did as he bade him, and ſent away his hoſt; who went into the land of Judea.

47 And with himſelf he retained but three thouſand men; of whom he † ſent two thouſand into Galilee, and one thouſand went with him.

48 Now aſſoon as Jonathan entred into Ptolemais, they of Ptolemais ſhut the gates, and took him; and all them that came with him they ſlew with the ſword.

49 Then ſent Tryphon an hoſt of footmen and horſemen into Galilee, and into the great plain, to deſtroy all Jonathans company.

50 But when they knew that Jonathan and they that were with him were taken and ſlain, they encouraged one another, and went cloſe together prepared to fight.

51 They therefore that followed upon them, perceiving that they were ready to fight for their lives, turned back again.

52 Whereupon they all came into the land of Judea peaceably; and there they bewailed Jonathan and them that were with him, and they were ſore afraid; wherefore all Iſrael made great lamentation.

53 Then all the heathen that were round about them ſought to deſtroy them. For ſaid they, They have no captain, nor any to help them: now therefore let us make war upon them, and take away their memorial from amongſt men.

CHAP. XIII.

8 Simon is made captain in his brother Jonathans room. 19 Tryphon getteth two of Jonathans ſons into his hands, and ſlayeth their father. 27 The tomb of Jonathan. 36 Simon is favoured by Demetrius, 40 and winneth Gaza, and the towre at Jeruſalem.

NOw when Simon heard that Tryphon had gathered together a great hoſt to invade the land of Judea, and deſtroy it,

2 And ſaw that the people was in great trembling and fear, he went up to Jeruſalem, and gathered the people together,

3 And gave them exhortation, ſaying, Ye your ſelves know what great things I

† Gr. peace.

‖ Or, according to the Roman reading, to the wall.

† Gr. left two thouſand in Galilee.

and my brethren and my fathers houſe have done for the laws and the ſanctuary, the battels alſo and troubles which we have ſeen:

4 By reaſon whereof all my brethren are ſlain for Iſraels ſake, and I am left alone.

5 Now therefore be it far from me that I ſhould ſpare mine own life in any time of trouble: for I am no better then my brethren.

6 Doubtleſs I will avenge my nation, and the ſanctuary, and our wives and our children: for all the heathen are gathered to deſtroy us of very malice.

7 Now aſſoon as the people heard theſe words, their ſpirit revived.

8 And they anſwered with a loud voice, ſaying, Thou ſhalt be our leader in ſtead of Judas and Jonathan thy brother.

9 Fight thou our battels; and whatſoever thou commandeſt us, that will we do.

10 So then he gathered together all the men of war, and made haſte [a] to finiſh the walls of Jeruſalem; and he fortified it round about.

11 Alſo he ſent Jonathan the *ſon* of Abſalom, and with him a great power to Joppe: who, caſting out them that were therein, remained there in it.

12 So Tryphon removed from Ptolemais with a great power to invade the land of Judea; and Jonathan was with him in ward.

13 But Simon pitched his tents at Adida over againſt the plain.

14 Now when Tryphon knew that Simon was riſen up inſtead of his brother Jonathan, and meant to joyn battel with him, he ſent meſſengers unto him, ſaying,

15 Whereas we have Jonathan thy brother in hold, it is for money that he is owing unto the kings treaſure, || concerning the buſineſs that was committed unto him.

16 Wherefore now ſend an hundred talents of ſilver, and two of his ſons for hoſtages, that when he is at liberty he may not revolt from us, and we will let him go.

17 Hereupon Simon, albeit he perceived that they ſpake deceitfully unto him, yet ſent he the money and the children, leſt peradventure he ſhould procure to himſelf great hatred of the people;

18 Who might have ſaid, Becauſe I ſent him not the money and the children, therefore is *Jonathan* dead.

19 So he ſent them the children and the hundred talents. Howbeit *Tryphon* diſſembled, neither would he let Jonathan go.

20 And after this came Tryphon to invade the land, and deſtroy it, going round about by the way that leadeth unto Adora. But Simon and his hoſt marched againſt him in every place whereſoever he went.

21 Now they that were in the towre ſent meſſengers unto Tryphon, to the end that he ſhould haſten his coming unto them by the wilderneſs, and ſend them victuals.

22 Wherefore Tryphon made ready all his horſemen to come that night: but there fell a very great ſnow, by reaſon whereof he came not. So he departed, and came into the countrey of Galaad.

23 And when he came near to Baſcama, he ſlew Jonathan; who was buried there.

24 Afterward Tryphon returned, and went into his own land.

25 Then ſent Simon, and took the bones of Jonathan his brother, and buried them in Modin the city of his fathers.

26 And [b] all Iſrael made great lamentation for him, and bewailed him many days.

27 Simon alſo built a monument upon the ſepulchre of his father and his brethren, and raiſed it aloft to the ſight, with hewn ſtone behind and before.

28 Moreover, he ſet up ſeven pyramids one againſt another, for his father, and his mother, and his four brethren.

29 And in theſe he made cunning devices, about the which he ſet great pillars, and upon the pillars he made all their armour for a perpetual memory, and by the armour ſhips carved, that they might be ſeen of all that ſail on the ſea.

30 This is the ſepulchre which he made at

[a] See Chap. 12. 36.

|| Or, for the affairs, or offices that he had, or, the neceſſary uſes which he had.

[b] Chap. 9. 20.

* Gr. as the long dids.

† Gr. as Tryphons dominions were liberties.

[c] Chap. 14. 27.

at Modin: and it ſtandeth yet unto this day.

31 Now Tryphon dealt deceitfully with the young king Antiochus, and ſlew him.

32 And he reigned in his ſtead, and crowned himſelf king of Aſia, and brought a great calamity upon the land.

33 Then Simon built up the ſtrong holds in Judea, and fenced them about with high towres, and great walls, and gates, and bars, and laid up victuals † therein.

† Gr. to the ſtrong holds.

34 Moreover Simon choſe men, and ſent to king Demetrius, to the end he ſhould give the land an immunity, becauſe † all that Tryphon did was to ſpoil.

† Gr. all Tryphons doings were roberies.

35 Unto whom king Demetrius anſwered, and wrote after this manner;

36 King Demetrius unto Simon the high prieſt, and friend of kings, as alſo unto the elders and nation of the Jews, ſendeth greeting.

37 The golden crown and the ſcarlet robe which ye ſent unto us we have received: and we are ready to make a ſtedfaſt peace with you, yea, and to write unto our officers to confirm the immunities which we have granted.

38 And whatſoever covenants we have made with you ſhall ſtand; and the ſtrong holds which ye have builded ſhall be your own.

39 As for any overſight or fault committed unto this day, we forgive it, and the crown-tax alſo which ye owe us: and if there were any other tribute paid in Jeruſalem, it ſhall no more be paid.

40 And look who are meet among you to be in our court, let them be enrolled, and let there be peace betwixt us.

41 Thus the yoke of the heathen was taken away from Iſrael in the hundred and ſeventieth year.

42 Then the people of Iſrael began [c] to write in their inſtruments and contracts, In the firſt year of Simon the high prieſt, the governour and leader of the Jews.

[c] Chap. 14. 27.

43 In thoſe days Simon camped againſt Gaza, and beſieged it round about: he made alſo an engine of war, and ſet it by the city, and battered a certain towre, and took it.

44 And they that were in the engine leapt into the city; whereupon there was a great uproar in the city:

45 Inſomuch as the people of the city rent their clothes, and climbed upon the walls with their wives and children, and cried with a loud voice, beſeeching Simon † to grant them peace.

† Gr. to give them their right hand.

46 And they ſaid, Deal not with us according to our wickedneſs, but according to thy mercy.

47 So Simon was appeaſed towards them, and fought no more againſt them, but put them out of the city, and cleanſed the houſes wherein the idols were; and ſo entred into it with ſongs and thankſgiving.

48 Yea, he put all uncleanneſs out of it, and placed ſuch men there as would keep the law, and made it ſtronger then it was before, and built therein a dwelling-place for himſelf.

49 They alſo of the towre in Jeruſalem were kept ſo ſtraight that they could neither come forth nor go into the countrey, nor buy, nor ſell: wherefore they were in great diſtreſs for want of victuals, and a great number of them periſhed through famine.

50 Then cryed they to Simon, beſeeching him || to be at one with them: which thing he granted them; and when he had put them out from thence, he cleanſed the towre from pollutions,

|| Gr. to make peace with them.

51 And entred into it the three and twentieth day of the ſecond moneth in the hundred ſeventy firſt year, with thankſgiving, and branches of palm-trees, and with harps, and cymbals, and with viols, and hymns, and ſongs; becauſe there was deſtroyed a great enemy out of Iſrael.

52 He ordained alſo that that day ſhould be kept every year with gladneſs. Moreover, the hill of the temple that was by the towre he made ſtronger then it was, and there he dwelt himſelf with his company.

53 And when Simon ſaw that John his ſon was a valiant man, he made him captain of all ŷ hoſts: & [d] he dwelt in Gazara.

[d] Chap. 16. 1.

CHAP. XIV.

3 Demetrius is taken by the king of Persia. 4 The good deeds of Simon to his countrey. 18 The Lacedemonians and Romans renew their league with him. 26 A memorial of his acts is set up in Sion.

NOw in the hundred threescore and twelfth year king Demetrius gathered his forces together, & went into Media, to get him help to fight against Tryphon.

2 But when Arsaces the king of Persia and Media heard that Demetrius was entred within his borders, he sent one of his princes to take him alive:

3 Who went and smote the host of Demetrius, and took him, and brought him to Arsaces; by whom he was put in ward.

4 As for the land *of Judea*, [a]that was quiet all the days of Simon: for he sought the good of his nation in such wise as that evermore his authority and honour pleased them well.

5 And as he was honourable in all his acts, so in this, that he took Joppe for an haven, and made an entrance to the isles of the sea,

6 And enlarged the bounds of his nation, and recovered the countrey,

7 And gathered together a great number of captives, and had the dominion of Gazara, and Bethsura, and the towre, out of the which he took all uncleanness: neither was there any that resisted him.

8 Then did they till their ground in peace, and the earth gave her increase, and the trees of the field their fruit.

9 The ancient men sat all in the streets communing together of ‖ good things, and the young men put on glorious and warlike apparel.

10 He provided victuals for the cities, and set in them all manner of munition; so that his honourable name was renowned unto the end of the world.

11 He made peace in the land; and Israel rejoyced with great joy:

12 For [b] every man sat under his vine and his fig-tree; and there was none to fray them:

13 Neither was there any left in the land to fight against them: yea, the kings themselves were overthrown in those days.

14 Moreover, he strengthned all those of his people that were brought low. The law he searched out; and every contemner of the law and wicked person he took away.

15 He beautified the sanctuary, and multiplied the vessels of the temple.

16 Now when it was heard at Rome, and as far as Sparta, that Jonathan was dead, they were very sorry.

17 But assoon as they heard that his brother Simon was made high priest in his stead, and ruled the countrey and the cities therein;

18 They wrote unto him in tables of brass to renew the friendship and league which they had made with Judas and Jonathan his brethren:

19 Which writings were read before the congregation at Jerusalem.

20 And this is the copy of the letters that the Lacedemonians sent, The rulers of the Lacedemonians, with the city, unto [c] Simon the high priest, and the elders and priests, and residue of the people of the Jews, our brethren, *send* greeting.

21 The ambassadours that were sent unto our people certified us of your glory and honour; wherefore we are glad of their coming:

22 And did register the things that they spake in the ‖ council of the people, in this manner: Numenius *son* of Antiochus, and Antipater *son* of Jason, the Jews ambassadours, came unto us to renew the friendship they had with us.

23 And it pleased the people to entertain the men honourably, and to put the copy of their ambassage in publick records, to the end the people of the Lacedemonians might have a memorial thereof. Furthermore we have written a copy thereof unto Simon the high priest.

24 After this Simon sent Numenius to Rome with a great shield of gold of a thousand pound weight, to confirm the league with them.

25 Whereof when the people heard, they

[a] Chap. 7. 50.

‖ Or. the wealth of the land.

[b] 1 Kin. 4. 25. Mic. 4. 4. Zech. 3. 10.

[c] See Chap. 12. 6.

‖ Or, publick records.

‖ Or, Jerusalem, per. adventure by corruption and transposition of letters; or, as some think, the common hall where they met to consult of matters of estate.

‖ Or, the men of war.

‖ Or, weapons.

‖ Or, Gaza.

they said, What thanks shall we give to Simon and his sons?

26 For he and his brethren and the house of his father have established Israel, and chased away in fight their enemies from them, and confirmed their liberty.

27 So then they wrote *it* in tables of brass, which they set upon pillars in mount Sion. And this is the copy of the writing; The eighteenth day of *the moneth* Elul, in the hundred threescore and twelfth year, being the third year of Simon the high priest,

28 At ‖ Saramel, in the great congregation of the priests and people and rulers of the nation and elders of the country, were these things notified unto us.

29 Forsomuch as oftentimes there have been wars in the country, wherein for the maintenance of their sanctuary and the law Simon the son of Mattathias of the posterity of Jarib, together with his brethren, put themselves in jeopardy, and resisting the enemies of their nation did their nation great honour.

30 For after that Jonathan having gathered his nation together, and been their high priest, was added to his people,

31 Their enemies purposed to invade their country, that they might destroy it, and lay hands on the sanctuary.

32 At which time Simon rose up, and fought for his nation, and spent much of his own substance, and armed ‖ the valiant men of his nation, and gave them wages,

33 And fortified the cities of Judea, together with Bethsura that lieth upon the borders of Judea, where the ‖ armour of the enemies had been before; but he set a garison of Jews there.

34 Moreover, he fortified Joppe, which lieth upon the sea, and ‖ Gazara, that bordereth upon Azotus, where the enemies had dwelt before: but he placed Jews there, and furnished them with all things convenient for the reparation thereof.

35 The people therefore seeing the acts of Simon, and unto what glory he thought to bring his nation, made him their governour and chief priest, because he had done all these things, and for the justice and faith which he kept to his nation, and for that he sought by all means to exalt his people.

36 For in his time things prospered in his hands, so that the heathen were taken out of their country, and they also that were in the city of David in Jerusalem, who had made themselves a towre, out of which they issued, and polluted all about the sanctuary, and did much hurt ‖ in the holy places:

37 But he placed Jews therein, and fortified it for the safety of the country and the city, and raised up the walls of Jerusalem.

38 King Demetrius also confirmed him in the high priesthood according to those things,

39 And made him one of his friends, and honoured him with great honour.

40 For he had heard say that [d] the Romanes had called the Jews their friends and confederates and brethren, and that they had entertained the ambassadours of Simon honourably;

41 Also that the Jews and priests were well pleased that Simon should be their governour and high priest for ever, untill there should arise a faithfull prophet;

42 Moreover, that he should be their captain, and should take charge of the sanctuary, to set them over their works, and over the country, and over the armour, and over the fortresses, that, *I say*, he should take charge of the sanctuary;

43 Besides this, that he should be obeyed of every man, and that all the writings in the country should be made in his name; and that [e] he should be clothed in purple, and wear gold;

44 Also that it should be lawfull for none of the people or priests to break any of these things, or to gainsay his words, or to gather an assembly in the country without him, or to be clothed in purple, or wear a buckle of gold;

45 And whosoever should do otherwise, or break any of these things, he should be punished.

46 Thus

‖ Or, *Jerusalem, peradventure by corruption and transposition of letters; or, as some think, the common hall where they met to consult of matters of estate.*

[c] See Chap. 12. 6.

‖ Or, *publick records.*

‖ Or, *the men of war.*

‖ Or, *weapons.*

‖ Or, *Gaza.*

‖ Or, *into religion.*

[d] Chap. 8. 20. & 12. 3.

[e] Chap. 10. 20, 89. & 11. 58.

46 Thus it liked all the people to deal with Simon, and to do as hath been ſaid.

47 Then Simon accepted hereof, and was well pleaſed to be high prieſt, and captain, and governour of the Jews and of the prieſts, and to defend them all.

48 So they commanded that this writing ſhould be put in tables of braſs, and that they ſhould be ſet up within the compaſs of the ſanctuary in a conſpicuous place;

49 Alſo that the copies thereof ſhould be laid up in the treaſury, to the end that Simon and his ſons might have them.

CHAP. XV.

4 Antiochus deſireth leave to paſs through Judea, and granteth great honours to Simon and the Jews. 16 The Romanes write to divers kings and nations to favour the Jews. 27 Antiochus quarrelleth with Simon, 38 and ſendeth ſome to annoy Judea.

MOreover, Antiochus ſon of Demetrius the king ſent letters from the iſles of the ſea unto Simon the prieſt and prince of the Jews, and to all the people;

2 The contents whereof were theſe; King Antiochus to Simon the high prieſt and prince of his nation, and to the people of the Jews, greeting.

3 Foraſmuch as certain peſtilent men have uſurped the kingdom of our fathers, and my purpoſe is to challenge it again, that I may reſtore it to the old eſtate, and to that end I have gathered a multitude of foreign ſouldiers together, and prepared ſhips of war;

4 My meaning alſo being to go through the countrey, that I may be avenged of them that have deſtroyed it, and made many cities in the kingdom deſolate:

5 Now therefore I confirm unto thee all the oblations which the kings before me granted thee, and whatſoever gifts beſides they granted.

6 I give thee leave alſo to coyn money for thy countrey with thine own ſtamp.

7 And as concerning Jeruſalem and the ſanctuary, let them be free. And all the armour that thou haſt made, and fortreſſes that thou haſt built, and keepeſt in thine hands, let them remain unto thee.

8 And if any thing be or ſhall be owing to the king, let it be forgiven thee from this time forth for evermore.

9 Furthermore, when we have obtained our kingdom, we will honour thee and thy nation and thy temple with great honour, ſo that your honour ſhall be known throughout the world.

10 In the hundred threeſcore and fourteenth year went Antiochus into the land of his fathers: at which time all the forces came together unto him, ſo that few were left with Tryphon.

11 Wherefore being purſued by king Antiochus he fled unto Dora, which lieth by the ſea ſide.

12 For he ſaw that troubles came upon him all at once, and that his forces had forſaken him.

13 Then camped Antiochus againſt Dora, having with him an hundred and twenty thouſand men of war, and eight thouſand horſemen.

14 And when he had compaſſed the city round about, and joyned ſhips cloſe to the town on the ſea ſide, he vexed the city by land and by ſea, neither ſuffered he any to go out or in.

15 In the mean ſeaſon came Numenius and his company from Rome, having letters to the kings and countreys; wherein were written theſe things;

16 Lucius Conſul of the Romanes unto king Ptolemee, greeting.

17 The Jews ambaſſadours, our friends and confederates, came unto us to renew the old friendſhip and league, being ſent from Simon the high prieſt, and from the people of the Jews.

18 And they brought a ſhield of gold of a thouſand pound.

19 We thought it good therefore to write unto the kings and countreys, that they ſhould do them no harm, nor fight againſt them, their cities or countreys, nor yet aid their enemies againſt them.

20 It ſeemed alſo good to us to receive the ſhield of them.

21 If

21 If therefore there be any peſtilent fellows that have fled from their countrey unto you, deliver them unto Simon the high prieſt, that he may puniſh them according to their own law.

22 The ſame things wrote he likewiſe unto Demetrius the king, and to Attalus, to ‖ Ariarathes, and to Arſaces,

23 And to all the countreys, and to ‖ Sampſames, and the Lacedemonians, and to Delus, and Myndus, and Sicyon, and Caria, and Samos, and Pamphylia, and Lycia, and Halicarnaſſus, and Rhodus, and ‖ Phaſelis, and Cos, and Side, and Aradus, and Gortyna, and Cnidus, and Cyprus, and Cyrene.

24 And the copy hereof they wrote to Simon the high prieſt.

25 So Antiochus the king camped againſt Dora the ſecond *day*, † aſſaulting it continually, and making engines: by which means he ſhut up Tryphon, that he could neither go out nor in.

26 At that time Simon ſent him two thouſand choſen men to aid him; ſilver alſo and gold, and much armour.

27 Nevertheleſs he would not receive them, but brake all the covenants which he had made with him afore, and became ſtrange unto him.

28 Furthermore he ſent unto him Athenobius, one of his friends, to commune with him, and ſay, You withhold Joppe and Gazara, with the towre that is in Jeruſalem, which are cities of my realm.

29 The borders thereof ye have waſted, and done great hurt in the land, and got the dominion of many places within my kingdom.

30 Now therefore deliver the cities which ye have taken, and the tributes of the places whereof ye have gotten dominion ‖ without the borders of Judea:

31 Or elſe give me for them five hundred talents of ſilver; and for the harm that you have done, and the tributes of the cities, other five hundred talents: if not, we will come and ‖ fight againſt you.

32 So Athenobius the kings friend came to Jeruſalem. And when he ſaw the glory of Simon, and the cupboard of gold and ſilver plate, and his great attendance, he was aſtoniſhed, and told him the kings meſſage.

33 Then anſwered Simon, and ſaid unto him, We have neither taken other mens land, nor holden that which appertaineth to others, but the inheritance of our fathers, which our enemies had wrongfully in poſſeſſion a certain time.

34 Wherefore we having opportunity hold the inheritance of our fathers.

35 And whereas thou demandeſt Joppe and Gazara, albeit they did great harm unto the people in our countrey, yet will we give an hundred talents for them. Hereunto Athenobius anſwered him not a word;

36 But returned in a rage to the king, and made report unto him of theſe ſpeeches, and of the glory of Simon, and of all that he had ſeen. Whereupon the king was exceeding wroth.

37 In the mean time fled Tryphon by ſhip unto Orthoſias.

38 Then the king made Cendebeus captain of the ſea coaſt, and gave him an hoſt of footmen and horſemen,

39 And commanded him to remove his hoſt toward Judea. Alſo he commanded him to build up ‖ Cedron, and to fortifie the gates, and to war againſt the people. But as for the king *himſelf*, he purſued Tryphon.

40 So Cendebeus came to Jamnia, and began to provoke the people, and to invade Judea, and to take the people priſoners, and ſlay them.

41 And when he had built up Cedron, he ſet horſemen there and an hoſt *of footmen*, to the end that iſſuing out they might make out rodes upon the ways of Judea, as the king had commanded him.

CHAP. XVI.

3 *Judas and John prevail againſt the forces ſent by Antiochus.* 11 *The captain of Jericho inviteth Simon and two of his ſons into his caſtle, and there treacherouſly murdereth them.* 19 *John is ſought for,* 22 *and eſcapeth, and killeth thoſe that ſought for him.*

Then

Or, rather.
Or, Sampſa-
Or, Side.
Gr. raiſing forces.
Or, beyond the borders, &c.
Or, ſtrive in war.
‖ Or, Gedor.

THen came up John [a] from Gazara, and told Simon his father what Cendebeus had done

2 Wherefore Simon called his two eldest sons, Judas and John, and said unto them, [b] I and my brethren and my fathers house have ever from our youth unto this day fought against the enemies of Israel: and [c] things have prospered so well in our hands that we have delivered Israel oftentimes.

3 But now I am old, & ye by *Gods* mercy are of a sufficient age. Be ye in stead of me & my brother, & go and fight for our nation: and the help from heaven be with you.

4 So he chose out of the countrey twenty thousand men of war with horsemen, who went out against Cendebeus, and rested that night at Modin.

5 And when as they rose in the morning, & went into the plain, behold, a mighty great host both of footmen and horsemen came against them: howbeit there was a water-brook betwixt them.

6 So he and his people pitched over against them: & when he saw that ỹ people were afraid to go over the water-brook, he went first over himself; and then the men seeing him, passed through after him.

7 *That done*, he divided his men, & set ỹ horsemen in the midst of the footmen: for the enemies horsemen were very many.

8 Then sounded they with the holy trumpets: Whereupon Cendebeus and his host were put to flight, so that many of them were slain, and the remnant gat them to the strong hold.

9 At that time was Judas Johns brother wounded, but John still followed after them, untill he came to Cedron, which *Cendebeus* had built.

10 So they fled even unto the towres in the fields of Azotus: wherefore he burnt it with fire: so that there were slain of them about two thousand men. Afterward he returned into the land of Judea in peace.

11 Moreover, in the plain of Jericho was Ptolemeus the son of Abubus made captain; and he had abundance of silver and gold.

12 For he was the high priests son in law.

13 Wherefore his heart being lifted up, he thought to get the countrey to himself, & thereupon consulted deceitfully against Simon and his sons to destroy them.

14 Now Simon was visiting the cities that were in the countrey, and taking care for the good ordering of them: at which time he came down himself to Jericho with his sons, Mattathias and Judas, in the hundred threescore and seventh year, in the eleventh moneth called Sabat.

15 Where the *son* of Abubus receiving them deceitfully into a little hold called Docus, which he had built, made them a great banquet. Howbeit he had hid men there.

16 So when Simon and his sons had drunk largely, Ptolemee and his men rose up, and took their weapons, and came upon Simon into the banquetting place, and slew him, and his two sons, and certain of his servants.

17 In which doing he committed a great treachery, and recompensed evil for good.

18 Then Ptolemee wrote these things, and sent to the king that he should send him an host to aid him, and he would deliver him the countrey and cities.

19 He sent others also to Gazara to kill John: and unto the † tribunes he sent letters to come unto him, that he might give them silver and gold and rewards.

20 And others he sent to take Jerusalem, and the mountain of the temple.

21 Now one had run afore to Gazara, and told John that his father and brethren were slain, and, *quoth he*, *Ptolemee* hath sent to slay thee also.

22 Hereof when he heard, he was sore astonished. So he laid hands on them that were come to destroy him, and slew them: for he knew that they sought to make him away.

23 As concerning the rest of the acts of John, and his wars, and his worthy deeds which he did, and the building of the walls which he made, and his doings,

24 Behold, these are written in the Chronicles of his priesthood, from the time he was made high priest after his father.

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[a] Chap. 13. 53.

[b] Chap. 14. 26.

[c] Chap. 3. 6. & 14. 36.

† Or, *Which when he had set on fire, they fled unto the towres in the fields of Azotus and there were slain, &c.*

† Gr. *captaines of thousands.*

Chap. 7.

Lev. 25. 34.

The second book of the MACCABEES.

CHAP. I.

1 *A letter of the Jews from Jeruſalem to them of Egypt, to thank God for the death of Antiochus.* 19 *Of the fire that was hidden in the pit.* 24 *The prayer of Neemias.*



He brethren the Jews that be at Jeruſalem and in the land of Judea wiſh unto the brethren the Jews that are throughout Egypt health and peace.

2 God be gracious unto you, and remember his covenant that he made with Abraham, Iſaac and Jacob his faithfull ſervants;

3 And give you all an heart to ſerve him, and to do his will with a good courage and a willing mind;

4 And open your hearts in his law and commandments, and ſend you peace,

5 And hear your prayers, and be at one with you, and never forſake you in time of trouble.

6 And now we be here praying for you.

7 What time as Demetrius reigned, in the hundred threeſcore and ninth year, we the Jews wrote unto you in the extremity of trouble that came upon us in thoſe years, from the time that [a] Jaſon and his company revolted from the holy land and kingdom,

8 And burnt the porch, and ſhed innocent bloud. Then we prayed unto the Lord, and were heard: we offered alſo ſacrifices, and fine flour, and lighted the lamps, and ſet forth the loaves.

9 And now ſee that ye keep the feaſt of [b] tabernacles in the moneth Caſleu.

10 In the hundred fourſcore and eighth year the people that were at Jeruſalem, and in Judea, and the council, and Judas ſent greeting and health unto Ariſtobulus, king Ptolemeus maſter, who was of the ſtock of the anointed prieſts, and to the Jews that were in Egypt;

11 Inſomuch as God hath delivered us from great perils, we thank him highly, as having been in battel againſt a king.

12 For he caſt them out that fought within the holy city.

13 For when the leader was come into Perſia, and the army with him that ſeemed invincible, they were ſlain in the temple of Nanea by the deceit of Nanea's prieſts.

14 For Antiochus, as though he would marry her, came into the place, and his friends that were with him, to receive money in name of a dowry.

15 Which when the prieſts of Nanea had ſet forth, and he was entred with a ſmall company into the compaſs of the temple, they ſhut the temple aſſoon as Antiochus was come in.

16 And opening a privy door of the roof, they threw ſtones like thunderbolts, and ſtroke down the captain, hewed them in pieces, ſmote off their heads, and caſt them to thoſe that were without.

17 Bleſſed be our God in all things, who hath delivered up the ungodly.

18 Therefore whereas we are now purpoſed [c] to keep the purification of the temple upon the five and twentieth day of *the moneth* [d] Caſleu, we thought it neceſſary to certifie you thereof, that ye alſo might keep it, as the *feaſt* of the tabernacles, and of the fire *which was given us* when Neemias offered ſacrifice, after that he had builded the temple and the altar.

19 For when our fathers were led into Perſia, the prieſts that were then devout took the fire of the altar privily, and hid it in a hollow place of a pit without water, where they kept *it* ſure, ſo that the place was unknown to all men.

20 Now after many years, when it pleaſed God, Neemias being ſent from the king of Perſia did ſend of the poſteritie of thoſe prieſts that had hid it, to the fire. But when they told us they found no fire, but thick water,

21 Then commanded he them to draw it up, and to bring it. And when the ſacrifices were laid on, Neemias commanded the prieſts

[a] Chap. 5.
[b] Lev. 23. 34.
[c] 1 Mac. 4. 59.
[d] Chap. 2. 16. [d] Lev. 23. Numb. 29.

priests to sprinkle the wood and the things laid thereupon with the water.

22 When this was done, and the time came that the sun shone, which afore was hid in a cloud, there was a great fire kindled; so that every man marvelled.

23 And the priests made a prayer whilest the sacrifice was consuming, *I say*, both the priests and all *the rest*, Jonathan beginning, and the rest answering thereunto, as Neemias did.

24 And the prayer was after this manner, O Lord, Lord God, Creatour of all things, who art fearfull, and strong, and righteous, and mercifull, and the onely and gracious King,

25 The onely giver of all things, the onely just, almighty, and everlasting, thou that deliverest Israel from all trouble, and didst choose the fathers, and sanctifie them;

26 Receive the sacrifice for thy whole people Israel, and preserve thine own portion, and sanctifie it.

27 Gather those together that are scattered from us; deliver them that serve among the heathen; look upon them that are despised and abhorred; and let the heathen know that thou art our God.

28 Punish them that oppress us and with pride do us wrong.

29 Plant thy people again in thy holy place, [c] as Moses hath spoken.

30 And the Priests sung psalms of thanksgiving.

31 Now when the sacrifice was consumed, Neemias commanded the water that was left to be poured on the great stones.

32 When this was done, there was kindled a flame: but it was consumed by the light that shined from the altar.

33 So when this matter was known, it was told the king of Persia that in the place where the priests that were led away had hid the fire there appeared water, and that Neemias had purified the sacrifices therewith.

34 Then the king, inclosing the place, made it holy, after he had tried the matter.

35 And the king took many gifts, and bestowed thereof on those whom he would gratifie.

36 And Neemias called this thing Naphthar; which is as much as to say, A cleansing: but many men call it Nephi.

CHAP. II.

1 What Jeremy the prophet did. 5 How he hid the tabernacle, the ark, and the altar. 13 What Neemias and Judas wrote. 20 What Jason wrote in five books: 25 and how those were abridged by the author of this book.

IT is also found in the records, that Jeremy the prophet commanded them that were carried away to take of the fire, [a] as it hath been signified;

2 And how that the prophet, having given them the law, charged them not to forget the commandments of the Lord, and that they should not err in their minds [b] when they see images of silver and gold with their ornaments.

3 And with other such speeches exhorted he them that the law should not depart from their hearts.

4 It was also contained in the same writing, that the prophet being warned of God commanded the tabernacle and the ark to go with him, as he went forth into [c] the mountain where Moses climbed up and saw the heritage of God.

5 And when Jeremy came thither, he found an hollow cave, wherein he laid the tabernacle, and the ark, and the altar of incense, and so stopped the door.

6 And some of those that followed him came to mark the way, but they could not find it.

7 Which when Jeremy perceived, he blamed them, saying, As for that place, it shall be unknown untill the time that God gather his people again together, and receive them unto mercy.

8 Then shall the Lord shew them these things: and the glory of the Lord shall appear, and the cloud also, [d] as it was shewed under Moses, and [e] as when Solomon desired that the place might be honourably sanctified.

9 It was also declared that he being wise

[a] Chap. 1. 19.

[b] Bar. 6. 4.

[c] Deut. 32. 49.

[d] Exod. 34. 5. [e] 1 King. 8. 10.

[c] Deut. 30. 5. Chap. 2. 18.

[1] Or, *Neemias his company.*

wise [f] offered the sacrifice of dedication, and of the finishing of the temple.

10 And [g] as when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the sacrifices; even [h] so prayed Solomon also, and the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offerings.

11 And [i] Moses said, Because the sin-offering was not to be eaten, it was consumed.

12 So Solomon kept those eight days.

13 The same things also were reported in the writings and commentaries of Neemias; and how he, founding a library, gathered together the acts of the kings and the prophets, and of David, and the epistles of the kings concerning the holy gifts.

14 In like manner also Judas gathered together all those things that || were lost by reason of the war we had; and they remain with us.

15 Wherefore, if ye have need thereof, send some to fetch them unto you.

16 Whereas we then [k] are about to celebrate the purification, we have written unto you: and ye shall do well if ye keep the same days.

17 † We hope also that the God that delivered all his people, and gave them all an heritage, and the kingdom, and the priesthood, and the sanctuary,

18 [l] As he promised in the law, will shortly have mercy upon us, and gather us together out of every land under heaven into the holy place: for he hath delivered us out of great troubles, and hath purified the place.

19 Now as concerning Judas Maccabeus and his brethren, and the purification of the great temple, and the dedication of the altar,

20 And the wars against Antiochus Epiphanes, and Eupator his son,

21 And [m] the manifest signs that came from heaven unto those that behaved themselves manfully to their honour for Judaisme, so that being but a few they overcame the whole countrey, and chased barbarous multitudes,

22 And recovered again the temple renowned all the world over, and freed the city, and upheld the laws, which were going down, the Lord being gracious unto them with all favour;

23 *All these things, I say,* being declared by Jason of Cyrene in five books, we will assay to abridge in one volume.

24 For considering the infinite number, and the difficulty which they find that desire to look into the narrations of the story, for the variety of the matter,

25 We have been carefull that they that will read might have delight, and that they that are desirous to commit to memory might have ease, and that all into whose hands it cometh might have profit.

26 Therefore to us, that have taken upon us this painfull labour of abridging, it was not easie, but a matter of sweat and watching;

27 Even as it is no ease unto him that prepareth a banquet, and seeketh the benefit of others: yet || for the pleasuring of many we will undertake gladly this great pains;

28 Leaving to the authour the exact handling of every particular, and labouring to follow the rules of an abridgement.

29 For as the master-builder of a new house must care for the whole building, but he that undertaketh to set it out and paint it must seek out fit things for the adorning thereof; even so I think it is with us.

30 To stand upon every point, and go over things at large, and to be curious in particulars, belongeth to the first authour of the story:

31 But to use brevity, and avoid much labouring of the work, is to be granted to him that will make an abridgement.

32 Here then will we begin the story; onely adding thus much to that which hath been said, That it is a foolish thing to make a long prologue, and to be short in the story it self.

CHAP. III.

1 *Of the honour done to the temple by the kings of the*

|| Or, to deserve well of many.

[f] 1 Kin. 8. 62, &c. [g] Lev. 9. 23, 24. 2 Chr. 7. 1. [h] Lev. 10. 1, &c. [i] Chap. 2. 9. [k] Jer. 6. 4. || Or, and are doing the war. [l] Chap. 8. 18. † Or. How God saith that he had a care of his people, and ordered the heritage, and the kingdom, and the priesthood, and the sanctuary, as he promised in the law: for we hope in God to be delivered shortly, &c. [m] Exod. 34. 5. 2 Chap. 2. 21. & 3. 24. & 5. 2. & 10. 29. & 11. 8. & 15. 12. 1 King. 8. 10.

the Gentiles. 4 Simon uttereth what treasures are in the temple. 7 Heliodorus is sent to take them away. 24 He is stricken of God, and healed at the prayer of Onias.

NOw when the holy city was inhabited with all peace, and the laws were kept very well, because of the godliness of Onias the high priest, and his hatred of wickedness,

2 It came to pass that even the kings themselves did honour the place, and magnifie the temple with their best gifts;

3 Insomuch that Seleucus king of Asia of his own revenues bare all the costs belonging to the service of the sacrifices.

4 But one Simon of the tribe of Benjamin, who was made governour of the temple, fell out with the high priest about disorder in the city.

5 And when he could not overcome Onias, he gat him to Apollonius *the son* of Thraseas, who then was governour of Celesyria and Phenice,

6 And told him that the treasury in Jerusalem was full of infinite sums of money, so that the multitude of their riches which did not pertain to the account of the sacrifices was innumerable, and that it was possible to bring all into the kings hand.

7 Now when Apollonius came to the king, and had shewed him of the money whereof he was told, the king chose out Heliodorus his treasurer, and sent him with a commandment to bring him the foresaid money.

8 So forthwith Heliodorus took his journey, under a colour of visiting the cities of Celesyria and Phenice, but indeed to fulfill the kings purpose.

9 And when he was come to Jerusalem, and had been courteously received of the high priest of the city, he told him what intelligence was given of the money, and declared wherefore he came, and asked if these things were so indeed.

10 Then the high priest told him that there was such money laid up for the relief of widows and fatherless children;

11 And that some of it belonged to Hircanus *son* of Tobias, a man of great dignity; and not as that wicked Simon had misinformed: The sum whereof in all was four hundred talents of silver, and two hundred of gold:

12 And that it was altogether impossible that such wrongs should be done unto them that had committed it to the holiness of the place, and to the majesty and inviolable sanctity of the temple honoured over all the world.

13 But Heliodorus, because of the kings commandment given him, said, That in any wise it must be brought into the kings treasury.

14 So at the day which he appointed he entred in to order this matter. Wherefore there was no small agony throughout the whole city.

15 But the priests, prostrating themselves before the altar in their priests vestments, called unto heaven upon him that [a] made a law concerning things given to be kept, that they should safely be preserved for such as had committed them to be kept.

[a] Exod. 22 7, &c.

16 Then whoso had looked the high priest in the face, it would have wounded his heart. For his countenance and the changing of his colour declared the inward agony of his mind.

17 For the man was so compassed with fear and horrour of the body that it was manifest to them that looked upon him what sorrow he had now in his heart.

18 Others ran flocking out of their houses || to the general supplication, because the place was like to come into contempt.

|| Or, to make general supplication.

19 And the women girt with sackcloth under their breasts abounded in the streets: and the virgins, that were kept in, ran some to the gates, and some to the walls, and others looked out of the windows.

20 And all holding their hands towards heaven made supplication.

21 Then it would have pitied a man to see the falling down of the multitude of all sorts,

† Gr. expreſſa ſun.

ſorts, and the † fear of the high prieſt being in ſuch an agony.

22 They then called upon the almighty Lord to keep the things committed of truſt ſafe and ſure for thoſe that had committed them.

23 Nevertheleſs Heliodorus executed that which was decreed.

24 Now as he was there preſent himſelf with his guard about the treaſury, the ‖ Lord of ſpirits and the Prince of all power cauſed a great apparition, ſo that all that preſumed to come in with him were aſtoniſhed at the power of God, and fainted, and were ſore afraid.

‖ Or, Lord of ſtaves.

25 For there appeared unto them an horſe with a terrible rider upon him, and adorned with a very fair covering: and he ran fiercely, and ſmote at Heliodorus with his fore-feet: and it ſeemed that he that ſat upon the horſe had complete harneſs of gold.

26 Moreover, two other young men appeared before him, notable in ſtrength, excellent in beauty, and comely in apparel, who ſtood by him on either ſide, and ſcourged him continually, and gave him many ſore ſtripes.

a Exod. 22 7, &c.

27 And Heliodorus fell ſuddenly unto the ground, and was compaſſed with great darkneſs: but they that were with him took him up, and put him into a litter.

28 Thus him, that lately came with a great train and with all his guard into the ſaid treaſury, they carried out, being unable to help himſelf with his weapons: and manifeſtly they acknowledged the power of God.

29 For he by the hand of God was caſt down, and lay ſpeechleſs without all hope of life.

‖ Or, to make general ſupplication.

30 But they praiſed the Lord that had miraculouſly honoured his own place. For the temple, which a little afore was full of fear and trouble, when the almighty Lord appeared, was filled with joy and gladneſs.

31 Then ſtraightways certain of Heliodorus friends prayed Onias that he would call upon the moſt High to grant him his life, who lay ready to give up the ghoſt.

32 So the high prieſt, ſuſpecting leſt the king ſhould miſconceive that ſome treachery had been done to Heliodorus by the Jews, offered a ſacrifice for the health of the man.

33 Now as the high prieſt was making an atonement, the ſame young men in the ſame clothing appeared, and ſtood beſide Heliodorus, ſaying, Give Onias the high prieſt great thanks, inſomuch as for his ſake the Lord hath granted thee life.

34 And ſeeing that thou haſt been ſcourged from heaven, declare unto all men the mighty power of God. And when they had ſpoken theſe words, they appeared no more.

35 So Heliodorus, after he had offered ſacrifice unto the Lord, and made great vows unto him that had ſaved his life, and ſaluted Onias, returned with his hoſt to the king.

36 Then teſtified he to all men the works of the great God which he had ſeen with his eyes.

37 And when the king asked Heliodorus who might be a fit man to be yet ſent once again to Jeruſalem, he ſaid,

38 If thou haſt any enemy or traitour, ſend him thither, and thou ſhalt receive him well ſcourged, if he eſcape with his life. For in that place no doubt there is an eſpecial power of God.

39 For he that dwelleth in heaven hath his eye on that place, and defendeth it; and he beateth and deſtroyeth them that come to hurt it.

40 And the things concerning Heliodorus, and the keeping of the treaſury, fell out on this ſort.

CHAP. IV.

1 Simon ſlandereth Onias. 7 Jaſon, by corrupting the king, obtaineth the office of the high prieſt. 24 Menelaus getteth the ſame from Jaſon by the like corruption. 34 Andronicus traiterouſly murdereth Onias. 37 The king being informed thereof, cauſeth Andronicus to be put to death. 39 The wickedneſs of Lyſimachus by the inſtigation of Menelaus.

THis Simon now of whom we ſpake afore, having been a bewrayer of

the money, and of his countrey, slandered Onias, as if he had terrified Heliodorus, and been the worker of these evils.

2 Thus was he bold to call him a traitour that had deserved well of the city, and tendred his own nation, and was so zealous of the laws.

3 But when their hatred went so far that by one of Simons faction murders were committed,

4 Onias, seeing the danger of this contention, and that Apollonius, as being the governour of Celesyria and Phenice, did rage, and increase Simons malice,

5 He went to the king, not to be an accuser of his countreymen, but seeking the good of all, both publick and private.

6 For he saw that it was impossible that the state should continue quiet, and Simon leave his folly, unless the king did look thereunto.

7 But after the death of Seleucus, when Antiochus called Epiphanes took the kingdom, Jason the brother of Onias laboured under-hand to be high priest,

8 Promising unto the king by intercession three hundred and threescore talents of silver; and of another revenue, eighty talents.

9 Besides this, he promised to assign an hundred and fifty more, if he might
a 1 Mac. 1. 14. have licence to set him up a place for exercise, and for the training up of youth in the fashions of the heathen, and to write them of Jerusalem *by the name of* Antiochians.

10 Which when the king had granted, and he had gotten into his hand the rule, he forthwith brought his own nation to the Greekish fashion.

11 And the royal priviledges granted of special favour to the Jews by the means of
b See 1 Mac. 8. 17. b John the father of Eupolemus, who went ambassadour to Rome for amity and aid, he took away; and putting down the governments which were according to the law, he brought up new customs against the law.

12 For he built gladly a place of exercise under the towre it self, and brought the chief young men under his subjection, and made them wear a hat.

13 Now such was the height of Greek fashions and increase of heathenish manners, through the exceeding profaneness of Jason that ungodly wretch, and not high priest,

14 That the priests had no courage to serve any more at the altar, but despising the temple, and neglecting the sacrifices, hastned to be partakers of the unlawfull allowance in the place of exercise, after the game of ‖ Discus called them forth;

‖ Or, *the Discus*, which was a sore with an hole in the midst.

15 Not setting by the honours of their fathers, but liking the glory of the Grecians best of all.

16 By reason whereof sore calamity came upon them. For they had them to be their enemies and avengers whose custom they followed so earnestly, and unto whom they desired to be like in all things.

17 For it is not a light thing to do wickedly against the laws of God. But the time following shall declare these things.

18 Now when the game that was used every fifth year was kept at Tyrus, the king being present,

19 This ungracious Jason sent † special messengers from Jerusalem, who were Antiochians, to carry three hundred drachmes of silver to the sacrifice of Hercules: which even the bearers thereof thought fit not to bestow upon the sacrifice, because it was not convenient, but to be reserved for other charges.

† Gr. *who were religious ambassadours.*

20 This money then in regard of the sender was appointed to Hercules sacrifice; but because of the bearers thereof it was employed to the making of galleys.

21 Now when Apollonius the *son* of Menestheus was sent into Egypt for the ‖ coronation of king *Ptolemeus* Philometor, Antiochus, understanding him not to be well affected to his affairs, provided for his own safety: whereupon he came to Joppe, and from thence to Jerusalem:

‖ Or, *enthronizing.*

22 Where he was honourably received of Jason and of the city, and was brought

brought in with torch-light and with great shoutings; and so afterward went with his host unto Phenice.

23 Three year afterward Jason sent Menelaus the aforesaid Simons brother to bear the money unto the king, and to put him in mind of certain necessary matters.

24 But he being brought to the presence of the king, when he had magnified him for the glorious appearance of his power, got the priesthood to himself, offering more then Jason by three hundred talents of silver.

25 So he came with the kings mandate, bringing nothing worthy the high priesthood, but having the fury of a cruel tyrant, and the rage of a savage beast.

26 Then Jason, who had undermined his own brother, being undermined by another, was compelled to flee into the countrey of the Ammonites.

27 So Menelaus got the principality. But as for the money that he had promised unto the king, he took no good order for it, albeit Sostratus the ruler of the castle required it.

28 For unto him appertained the gathering of the customs. Wherefore they were both called before the king.

29 Now Menelaus left his brother Lysimachus in his stead in the priesthood; and Sostratus *left* Crates, who was governour of the Cyprians.

30 While those things were in doing, they of Tarsus and Mallos made insurrection, because they were given to the kings concubine called Antiochis.

31 Then came the king in all haste to appease matters, leaving Andronicus, a man in authority, for his deputy.

32 Now Menelaus, supposing that he had gotten a convenient time, stole certain vessels of gold out of the temple, and gave some of them to Andronicus; and some he sold into Tyrus, and the cities round about.

33 Which when Onias knew of a surety, he reproved him, and withdrew himself into a sanctuary at Daphne, that lieth by Antiochia.

34 Wherefore Menelaus taking Andronicus apart, prayed him to get Onias into his hands. Who being perswaded thereunto, and coming to Onias in deceit, gave him his right hand with oaths: and though he were suspected *by him*, yet perswaded he him to come forth of the sanctuary: whom forthwith he shut up without regard of justice.

35 For the which cause not onely the Jews but many also of other nations took great indignation, and were much grieved for the unjust murder of the man.

36 And when the king was come again from the places about Cilicia, the Jews that were in the city, and certain of the Greeks that abhorred the fact also, complained because Onias was slain without cause.

37 Therefore Antiochus was heartily sorry and moved to pity, and wept, because of the sober and modest behaviour of him that was dead.

38 And being kindled with anger, forthwith he took away Andronicus his purple, and rent off his clothes, and leading him through the whole city unto that very place where he had committed impiety against Onias, there slew he the cursed murderer. Thus the Lord rewarded him his punishment as he had deserved.

39 Now when many sacriledges had been committed in the city by Lysimachus with the consent of Menelaus, and the bruit thereof was spread abroad, the multitude gathered themselves together against Lysimachus, many vessels of gold being already carried away.

40 Whereupon the common people rising and being filled with rage, Lysimachus armed about three thousand men, and began first to offer violence; one ‖ Aurānus being the leader, a man far gone in years, and no less in folly.

41 They then seeing the attempt of Lysimachus, some of them caught stones, some clubs, others taking handfulls of dust that was next at hand, cast them all together upon Lysimachus and those that set upon them.

42 Thus many of them they wounded,

‖ Or, Tyrannus

and ſome they ſtroke to the ground, and all *of them* they forced to flee: but as for the church-robber himſelf, him they killed beſides the treaſury.

43 Of theſe matters therefore there was an accuſation laid againſt Menelaus.

44 Now when the king came to Tyrus, three men that were ſent from the ſenate pleaded the cauſe before him:

45 But Menelaus being now convicted, promiſed [c] Ptolemee the *ſon* of Dorymenes to give him much money, if he would pacifie the king towards him.

[c] 1 Mac. 3. 38.

46 Whereupon Ptolemee taking the king aſide into a certain gallery, as it were to take the air, brought him to be of another mind:

47 Inſomuch that he diſcharged Menelaus from the accuſations, who notwithſtanding was cauſe of all the miſchief: and thoſe poor men, who, if they had told their cauſe yea before the Scythians, ſhould have been judged innocent, them he condemned to death.

48 Thus they that followed the matter for the city and for the people and for the holy veſſels did ſoon ſuffer unjuſt puniſhment.

49 Wherefore even they of Tyrus, moved with hatred of that wicked deed, cauſed them to be honourably buried.

50 And ſo through the covetouſneſs of them that were of power Menelaus remained ſtill in authority, increaſing in malice, and being a great traitour to the citizens.

CHAP. V.

2 Of the ſigns and tokens ſeen in Jeruſalem. 6 Of the end and wickedneſs of Jaſon. 11 The purſuit of Antiochus againſt the Jews. 15 The ſpoiling of the temple. 27 Maccabeus fleeth into the wilderneſs.

ABout the ſame time Antiochus prepared his ſecond voyage into Egypt.

2 And then it happened that through all the city for the ſpace almoſt of fourty days there were ſeen horſemen running in the air, in cloth of gold, and armed with lances, like a band of ſouldiers.

3 And troops of horſemen in aray encountring and running one againſt another, with ſhaking of ſhields, and multitude of ‖ pikes, and drawing of ſwords, and caſting of darts, and glittering of golden ornaments, and harneſs of all ſorts.

‖ Or, Races.

4 Wherefore every man prayed that that apparition might turn to good.

5 Now when there was gone forth a falſe rumour as though Antiochus had been dead, Jaſon took at the leaſt a thouſand men, and ſuddenly made an aſſault upon the city. And they that were upon the walls being put back, and the city at length taken, Menelaus fled into the caſtle:

6 But Jaſon ſlew his own citizens without mercy; not conſidering that to get the day of them of his own nation would be a moſt unhappy day for him, but thinking they had been *his* enemies and not *his* countreymen whom he conquered.

7 Howbeit, for all this he obtained not the principality, but at the laſt received ſhame for the reward of his treaſon, and fled again into the countrey of the Ammonites.

8 In the end therefore he had an unhappy return: being accuſed before Aretas the king of the Arabians, fleeing from city to city, purſued of all men, hated as a forſaker of the laws, and being had in abomination as an open ‖ enemy of his countrey and countreymen, he was caſt out into Egypt.

‖ Or, executioner.

9 Thus he that had driven many out of their countrey periſhed in a ſtrange land, retiring to the Lacedemonians, and thinking *there* to find ſuccour by reaſon of his kindred.

10 And he that had caſt out many unburied had none to mourn for him, nor any ſolemn funerals at all, nor ſepulchre with his fathers.

11 Now when this that was done came to the kings ear, he thought that Judea had revolted: Whereupon [a] removing out of Egypt in a furious mind, he took the city by force of arms,

[a] 1 Mac. 1. 20, &c.

12 And commanded his men of war not to ſpare ſuch as they met, and to ſlay ſuch as went up upon the houſes.

13 Thus there was killing of young and old,

old, making away of men, women and children, slaying of virgins and infants.

14 And there were destroyed within the space of three whole days fourscore thousand, whereof fourty thousand were slain in the conflict; and no fewer sold then slain.

15 Yet was he not content with this, but presumed to go into the most holy temple of all the world, Menelaus that traitour to the laws and to his own countrey being his guide:

16 And taking the holy vessels with polluted hands, and with profane hands pulling down the things that were dedicated by other kings to the augmentation and glory and honour of the place, he gave them away.

17 And so haughty was Antiochus in mind that he considered not that the Lord was angry for a while for the sins of them that dwelt in the city, and therefore his eye was not upon the place.

18 For had they not been formerly wrapped in many sins, this man assoon as he had come had forthwith been scourged, and put back from his presumption, [b] as Heliodorus was, whom Seleucus the king sent to view the treasury.

19 Nevertheless God did not choose the people for the places sake, but the place for the peoples sake.

20 And therefore the place it self, that was partaker with them of the adversity that happened to the nation, did afterward communicate in the benefits sent from the Lord: and as it was forsaken in the wrath of the Almighty, so again, the great Lord being reconciled, it was set up with all glory.

21 So when Antiochus had carried out of the temple a thousand and eight hundred talents, he departed in all haste unto Antiochia, weening in his pride to make the land navigable, and the sea passable by foot. Such was the haughtiness of his mind.

22 And [c] he left governours to vex the nation; at Jerusalem Philip, for his countrey a Phrygian, and for manners more barbarous then he that set him there;

23 And at Garizim, Andronicus; and besides, Menelaus, who worse then all the rest bare an heavy hand over the citizens, having a malitious mind against his countreymen the Jews.

24 He sent also [d] that detestable ringleader Apollonius with an army of two and twenty thousand, commanding him to slay all those that were in their best age, and to sell the women and the younger sort.

25 Who coming to Jerusalem, and pretending peace, did forbear till the holy-day of the sabbath; when, taking the Jews keeping holy-day, he commanded his men to arm themselves.

26 And so he slew all them that were gone to the celebrating of the sabbath, and running through the city with weapons slew great multitudes.

27 But Judas Maccabeus, † with nine others or thereabout, [e] withdrew himself into the wilderness, and lived in the mountains after the manner of beasts, with his company, who fed on herbs continually, lest they should be partakers of the pollution.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Jews are compelled to leave the law of God. 4 The temple is defiled. 8 Cruelty upon the people and the women. 12 An exhortation to bear affliction, by the example of the valiant courage of Eleazarus cruelly tortured.

NOt long after this, the king sent an old man of || Athens to compell the Jews to depart from the laws of their fathers, & not to live after the laws of God,

2 And to pollute also the temple in Jerusalem, and to call it the Temple of Jupiter Olympius; and that in Garizim, of Jupiter the defender of strangers, || as they did desire that dwelt in the place.

3 The coming in of this mischief was sore and grievous to the people.

4 For the temple was filled with riot and revelling by the Gentiles, who dallied with harlots and had to do with women within the circuit of the holy places; and besides that, brought in things that were not lawfull.

5 The

[a] 1 Mac. 1. 29.

† Gr. *who was the tenth.*

[e] 1 Mac. 1. 53. Heb. 11. 38.

|| *Antioch*: the Latine interpreters.

|| Out of Josephus, lib. 12. cap. 7. or, *as they were*

[b] 2 Mac. 3. 25, 26.

|| Or, *executioner.*

[c] 1 Mac. 1. 51.

[d] 1 Mac. 1. 20, &c.

|| Or, *Races.*

a 1 Mac. 1. 47. 5 a The altar also was filled with profane things which the law forbiddeth.

6 Neither was it lawfull for a man to keep sabbath-days or ancient feasts, or to profess himself at all to be a Jew.

7 And in the day of the kings birth every moneth they were brought by bitter constraint to eat of the sacrifices. And when the feast of Bacchus was kept, the Jews were compelled to go in procession to Bacchus, carrying ivy.

† Gr. Gentiles. 8 Moreover, there went out a decree to the neighbour-cities of the † heathen, by the suggestion of Ptolemee, against the Jews, that they should observe the same fashions, and be partakers of their sacrifices:

9 And whoso would not conform themselves to the manners of the Gentiles, should be put to death. Then might a man have seen the present misery.

b 1 Mac. 1. 60. 10 For b there were two women brought who had circumcised their children; whom when they had openly led round about the city, the babes hanging at their breasts, they cast them down headlong from the wall.

11 And others that had run together into caves near by to keep the sabbath-day secretly, being discovered to Philip, were all burnt together, because they made a conscience to help themselves for the honour of the most sacred day.

12 Now I beseech those that read this book that they be not discouraged for these calamities, but that they judge those punishments not to be for destruction, but for a chastening of our nation.

13 For it is a token of his great goodness, when wicked doers are not suffered any long time, but forthwith punished.

14 For not as with other nations, whom the Lord patiently forbeareth to punish till they be come to the fulness of their sins, so dealeth he with us,

15 Lest that being come to the height of sin, afterwards he should take vengeance of us.

16 And therefore he never withdraweth his mercy from us. And though he punish with adversity, yet doth he never forsake his people.

17 But let this that we have spoken be for a warning unto us. And now will we come to the declaring of the matter in few words.

18 Eleazar, one of the principal scribes, an aged man, and of a well-favoured countenance, was constrained to open his mouth, and to eat swines flesh.

19 But he choosing rather to die gloriously then to live stained with such an abomination, spit it forth, and came of his own accord to c the torment,

c Heb. 11. 35. | Or, madness, or pride.

20 As it behoved them to come that are resolute to stand out against such things as are not lawfull for love of life to be tasted.

21 But they that had the charge of that wicked feast, for the old acquaintance they had with ỹ man, taking him aside, besought him to bring flesh of his own provision, such as was lawfull for him to use, and make as if he did eat of the flesh taken from the sacrifice commanded by the king;

22 That in so doing he might be delivered from death, and for the old friendship with them find favour.

23 But he began to consider discreetly, and as became his age and the excellency of his ancient years, and the honour of his gray head whereunto he was come, and his most honest education from a child, or rather the holy law made and given by God: therefore he answered accordingly, and willed them straightways to send him to the grave.

24 For it becometh not our age, *said he*, in any wise to dissemble, whereby many young persons might think that Eleazar, being fourscore years old and ten, were now gone to a strange religion,

25 And so they through mine hypocrisie and desire to live a little time and a moment longer should be deceived by me, and I get a stain to mine old age, and make it abominable.

26 For though for the present time I should be delivered from the punishment of men, yet should I not escape the hand of

of the Almighty, neither alive nor dead.

27 Wherefore now manfully changing this life I will ſhew my ſelf ſuch an one as mine age requireth,

28 And leave a notable example to ſuch as be young to die willingly and couragiouſly for the honourable and holy laws. And when he had ſaid theſe words, immediately he went to the torment,

29 They that led him changing the good will they bare him a little before into hatred, becauſe the aforeſaid ſpeeches proceeded, as they thought, from ‖ a deſperate mind.

‖ Or, madneſs, or pride.

30 But when he was ready to die with ſtripes, he groaned, and ſaid, It is manifeſt unto the Lord that hath the holy knowledge, that, whereas I might have been delivered from death, I *now* endure ſore pains in body by being beaten; but in ſoul am well content to ſuffer theſe things, becauſe I fear him.

31 And thus this man died, leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of vertue, not onely unto young men, but unto all his nation.

CHAP. VII.

The conſtancy and cruel death of ſeven brethren and their mother in one day, becauſe they would not eat ſwines fleſh at the kings commandment.

IT came to paſs alſo that ſeven brethren with their mother were taken, and compelled by the king againſt the law to taſt ſwines fleſh, and were tormented with ſcourges and whips.

2 But one of them that ſpake firſt ſaid thus, What wouldſt thou ask or learn of us? we are ready to die rather then to tranſgreſs the laws of our fathers.

3 Then the king being in a rage commanded pans and caldrons to be made hot.

4 Which forthwith being heated, he commanded to cut out the tongue of him that ſpake firſt, and to cut off the utmoſt parts of his body, the reſt of his brethren and his mother looking on.

5 Now when he was thus maimed in all his members, he commanded him being yet alive to be brought to the fire, and to be fried in the pan. And as the vapour of the pan was for a good ſpace diſperſed, they exhorted one another, with the mother, to die manfully, ſaying thus,

6 The Lord God looketh upon us, and in truth hath comfort in us, as [a] Moſes in his ſong, which witneſſed to their faces, declared, ſaying, And he ſhall be comforted in his ſervants. [a] Deut. 32.36.

7 So when the firſt was dead after this manner, they brought the ſecond to make him a mocking-ſtock. And when they had pulled off the ſkin of his head with the hair, they asked him, Wilt thou eat before thou be puniſhed throughout every member of thy body?

8 But he anſwered in his own language, & ſaid, No. Wherefore he alſo received the next torment in order, as the former did.

9 And when he was at the laſt gaſp, he ſaid, Thou like a fury takeſt us out of this preſent life, but the king of the world ſhall raiſe us up, who have died for his laws, unto everlaſting life.

10 After him was the third made a mocking-ſtock. And when he was required, he put out his tongue, and that right ſoon, holding forth his hands manfully,

11 And ſaid couragiouſly, Theſe I had from heaven; and for his laws I deſpiſe them, and from him I hope to receive them again.

12 Inſomuch that the king and they that were with him marvelled at the young mans courage, for that he nothing regarded the pains.

13 Now when this man was dead alſo, they tormented and mangled the fourth in like manner.

14 So when he was ready to die, he ſaid thus. It is good, being put to death by men, to look for hope from God, to be raiſed up again by him: as for thee, thou ſhalt have no reſurrection to life.

15 Afterward they brought the fifth alſo, and mangled him.

16 Then looked he unto the king, and ſaid, Thou haſt power over men, thou art corruptible, thou doeſt what thou wilt: yet think not that our nation is forſaken of God.

17 But abide a while, and behold his great power, how he will torment thee and thy ſeed.

18 After him alſo they brought the ſixth; who being ready to die, ſaid, Be not deceived without cauſe: for we ſuffer theſe things for our ſelves, having ſinned againſt our God: therefore marvellous things are done *unto us*.

19 But think not thou, that takeſt in hand to ſtrive againſt God, that thou ſhalt eſcape unpuniſhed.

20 But the mother was marvellous above all, and worthy of honourable memory. For when ſhe ſaw her ſeven ſons ſlain within the ſpace of one day, ſhe bare it with a good courage, becauſe of the hope that ſhe had in the Lord.

21 Yea, ſhe exhorted every one of them in her own language, filled with couragious ſpirit; and ſtirring up her womaniſh thoughts with a manly ſtomach, ſhe ſaid unto them,

22 I cannot tell how you came into my womb: for I neither gave you breath nor life, neither was it I that formed the members of every one of you.

23 But doubtleſs the Creatour of the world, who formed the generation of man, and found out the beginning of all things, will alſo of his own mercy give you breath and life again, as you now regard not your own ſelves for his laws ſake.

24 Now Antiochus thinking himſelf deſpiſed, and ſuſpecting it to be a reproachfull ſpeech, whileſt the youngeſt was yet alive, did not onely exhort him by words, but alſo aſſured him with oaths, that he would make him both rich and a happy man if he would turn from the laws of his fathers; and that alſo he would take him for his friend, and truſt him with affairs.

25 But when the young man would in no caſe hearken unto him, the king called his mother, and exhorted her ẏ ſhe would counſel the young man to ſave his life.

26 And when he had exhorted her with many words, ſhe promiſed him that ſhe would counſel her ſon.

27 But ſhe bowing her ſelf towards him, laughing the cruel tyrant to ſcorn, ſpake in her countrey language on this manner, O my ſon, have pity upon me, that bare thee nine moneths in my womb, and gave thee ſuck three years, and nouriſhed thee and brought thee up unto this age, and endured the troubles of education.

28 I beſeech thee, my ſon, look upon the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, and conſider that [b] God made them of things that were not. And ſo was mankind made likewiſe. [b] Rom. 4. 17.

29 Fear not this tormentour; but, being worthy of thy brethren, take thy death, that I may receive thee again in mercy with thy brethren.

30 Whiles ſhe was yet ſpeaking theſe words, the young man ſaid, Whom wait ye for? I will not obey the kings commandment; but I will obey the commandment of the law that was given unto our fathers by Moſes.

31 And thou, that haſt been the authour of all miſchief againſt the Hebrews, ſhalt not eſcape the hands of God.

32 For we ſuffer becauſe of our ſins;

33 And though the living Lord be angry with us a little while for our chaſtning and correction, yet ſhall he be at one again with his ſervants.

34 But thou, O godleſs man, and of all other moſt wicked, be not lifted up without a cauſe, nor puffed up with uncertain hopes, lifting up thy hand againſt the ſervants of God:

35 For thou haſt not yet eſcaped the judgement of almighty God, who ſeeth all things.

36 For our brethren, who now have ſuffered a ſhort pain, are dead under Gods covenant of everlaſting life: but thou through the judgement of God ſhalt receive juſt puniſhment for thy pride.

37 But I, as my brethren, offer up my body and life for the laws of our fathers, beſeeching God that he would ſpeedily be mercifull unto our nation, and that [c] thou by torments and plagues mayeſt confeſs that he alone is God; [c] 1 Mac. 6. 13. 2 Mac. 9. 12, &c.

38 And

38 And that in me and my brethren the wrath of the Almighty, which is justly brought upon all our nation, may cease.

39 Then the king being in a rage handled him worse then all the rest, and took it grievously that he was mocked.

40 So this man died undefiled, and put his whole trust in the Lord.

41 Last of all, after the sons, the mother died.

42 Let this be enough now to have spoken concerning the idolatrous feasts, and the extreme tortures.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Judas gathereth an host. 9 Nicanor is sent against him; who presumeth to make much money of his prisoners. 16 Judas encourageth his men, and putteth Nicanor to flight, 28 and divideth the spoils. 30 Other enemies are also defeated, 35 and Nicanor fleeth with grief to Antioch.

THen Judas Maccabeus and they that were with him went privily into the towns, and called their kinsfolks together, and took unto them all such as continued in the Jews religion, and assembled about six thousand men.

2 And they called upon the Lord, that he would look upon the people that was troden down of all, and also pity the temple profaned of ungodly men,

3 And that he would have compassion upon the city sore defaced and ready to be made even with the ground, and hear the bloud that cried unto him,

4 And remember the wicked slaughter of harmless infants, and the blasphemies committed against his name, and that he would shew his hatred against the wicked.

5 Now when Maccabeus had his company about him, he could not be withstood by the heathen. For the wrath of the Lord was turned into mercy.

6 Therefore he came at unawares, and burnt up towns and cities, and got into his hand the most commodious places, and overcame and put to flight no small number of his enemies.

7 But specially took he advantage of the night for such privy attempts; insomuch that the bruit of his manlines was spread every where.

8 So when Philip saw that this man increased by little and little, and that things prospered with him still more and more, he wrote unto Ptolemeus the governour of Celesyria and Phenice to yeeld more aid to the kings affairs.

9 Then forthwith choosing Nicanor the *son* of Patroclus, one of his special friends, he sent him with no fewer then twenty thousand of all nations under him, to root out the whole generation of the Jews. And with him he joyned also Gorgias a captain, who in matters of war had great experience.

10 So Nicanor undertook to make so much money of the captive Jews as should defray the tribute of two thousand talents which the king was to pay to the Romanes. [a] 1 M. 3. 41.

11 Wherefore immediately he sent to the cities upon the sea-coast, proclaiming a sale of the captive Jews, and promising that they should have fourscore and ten bodies for one talent, not expecting the vengeance that was to follow upon him from the almighty God.

12 Now when word was brought unto Judas of Nicanors coming, and he had imparted unto those that were with him that the army was at hand,

13 [b] They that were fearfull, and distrusted the justice of God, fled, and conveyed themselves away. [b] 1 Mac. 3. 56.

14 Others sold all that they had left, and withall besought the Lord to deliver them, being sold by the wicked Nicanor before they met together;

15 And if not for their own sakes, yet for the covenants he had made with their fathers, and for his holy and glorious names sake by which they were called.

16 So Maccabeus called his men together, unto the number of six thousand, & exhorted them [c] not to be stricken with terrour of the enemy, nor to fear the great multitude of ỹ heathen who came wrongfully [c] 1 Mac. 4. 8.

[a] Rom. 4. 17.

[c] 1 Mac. 3. 13. 2 Mac. 9. 12, &c.

fully against them, but to fight manfully,

17 And to set before their eyes the injury that they had unjustly done to the holy place, and the cruel handling of the city, whereof they made a mockery, and also the taking away of the government of their forefathers.

18 For they, *said he*, trust in their weapons and boldness; but our confidence is in the almighty God, who at a beck can cast down both them that come against us, and also all the world.

19 Moreover, he recounted unto them what helps their forefathers had found; and how they were delivered when under Sennacherib an hundred fourscore and five thousand perished.

4 1 Mac. 7. 41. 2 Mac. 15. 22.

20 And he told them of the battel that they had in Babylon with the Galatians: how they came but eight thousand in all to the business with four thousand Macedonians; and that the Macedonians being perplexed, the eight thousand destroyed an hundred and twenty thousand, because of the help that they had from heaven, and so received a great booty.

21 Thus when he had made them bold with these words, and ready to die for the laws and the countrey, he divided his army into four parts;

22 And joyned with himself his own brethren, leaders of each band, *to wit*, Simon and Joseph and Jonathan, giving each one fifteen hundred men.

23 Also *he appointed* Eleazar to read the holy book. And when he had given them this watch-word, The help of God, himself leading the first band, he joyned battel with Nicanor.

24 And by the help of the Almighty they slew above nine thousand of their enemies, and wounded and maimed the most part of Nicanors host, and so put all to flight;

25 And took [c] their money that came to buy them, and pursued them far: but lacking time, they returned.

c Ver. 10, 11, 34

26 For it was the day before the sabbath; and therefore they would no longer pursue them.

27 So when they had gathered [|] their armour together, and spoiled their enemies, they occupied themselves about the sabbath, yeelding exceeding praise and thanks to the Lord, who had preserved them unto that day, which was the beginning of mercy distilling upon them.

[|] That is, the enemies armour.

28 And after the sabbath, when they had given part of the spoils to the [||] maimed and the widows and orphans, the residue they divided among themselves and their servants.

[||] Or, lamed with tortures.

29 When this was done, and they had made a common supplication, they besought the mercifull Lord to be reconciled with his servants for ever.

30 Moreover, of those that were with Timotheus and Bacchides, who fought against them, they slew above twenty thousand, and very easily got high and strong holds, and divided amongst themselves many spoils more, and made the [||] maimed, orphans, widows, yea, and the aged also, equal in spoils with themselves.

[||] Or, lamed.

31 And when they had gathered their armour together, they laid them up all carefully in convenient places: and the remnant of the spoils they brought to Jerusalem.

32 They slew also Philarches that wicked person, who was with Timotheus, and had annoyed the Jews many ways.

33 Furthermore, at such time as they kept the feast for the victory in their countrey, they burnt Callisthenes, that had set fire upon the holy gates, who was fled into a little house: and so he received a reward meet for his wickedness.

34 As for that most ungracious Nicanor, who had brought a thousand merchants to buy the Jews,

35 He was through the help of the Lord brought down by them of whom he made least account; and putting off his glorious apparel, and discharging his company, he came like a fugitive servant through the mid-land unto Antioch, having very great dishonour for that his host was destroyed.

36 Thus he that took upon him to make

make good to the Romanes their tribute by means of the captives in Jerusalem, told abroad that the Jews had God to fight for them, and therefore they could not be hurt, because they followed the laws that he gave them.

CHAP. IX.

1 Antiochus is chased from Persepolis. 5 He is stricken with a sore disease, 14 and promiseth to become a Jew. 28 He dieth miserably.

ABout that time came Antiochus || with dishonour [a] out of the countrey of Persia.

2 For he had entred the *city* called Persepolis, and went about to rob the temple, and to hold the city: Whereupon the multitude, running to defend themselves with their weapons, put them to flight. And so it happened that Antiochus being put to flight of the inhabitants returned with shame.

3 Now when he came to Ecbatana, news was brought him what had happened unto Nicanor and Timotheus.

4 Then swelling with anger he thought to avenge upon the Jews the disgrace done unto him by those ỳ made him flee. Therefore commanded he his chariot-man to drive without ceasing, and to dispatch the journey; the judgement of God now following him. For he had spoken proudly in this sort, That he would come to Jerusalem, and make it a common burying-place of the Jews.

5 But the Lord almighty, the God of Israel, smote him with an incurable and invisible plague. For assoon as he had spoken these words, [b] a pain of the bowels that was remedileſs came upon him, and sore torments of the inner parts;

6 And that most justly: For he had tormented other mens bowels with many and strange torments.

7 Howbeit he nothing at all ceased from his bragging, but still was filled with pride, breathing out fire in his rage against the Jews, and commanding to haste the journey. But it came to pass that he fell down from his chariot carried violently; so that having a sore fall, all the members of his body were much pained.

8 And thus he that a little afore thought he might command the waves of the sea, (so proud was he beyond the condition of man) and weigh the high mountains in a balance, was now cast on the ground, and carried in an horse-litter, shewing forth unto all the manifest power of God:

9 So that [c] the worms rose up out of the body of this wicked man; and, whiles he lived in sorrow and pain, his flesh fell away, and the filthiness of his smell was noysom to all his army.

10 And the man that thought a little afore he could reach to the stars of heaven, no man could endure to carry for his intolerable stink.

11 Here therefore being plagued he began to leave off his great pride, and to come to the knowledge *of himself* by the scourge of God, his pain increasing every moment.

12 And when he himself could not abide his own smell, he said these words, It is meet to be subject unto God, and that a man that is mortal should not proudly think of himself as if he were God.

13 This wicked person vowed also unto the Lord, who now no more would have mercy upon him, saying thus,

14 That the holy city, to the which he was going in haste to lay it even with the ground, and to make it a common burying-place, he would set at liberty;

15 And as touching the Jews, whom he had judged not worthy to be so much as buried, but to be cast out with their children to be devoured of the fowls and wild beasts, he would make them all equals to the citizens of || Athens;

16 And the holy temple, which before he had spoiled, he would garnish with goodly gifts, and restore all the holy vessels with many more, and [d] out of his own revenue defray the charges belonging to the sacrifices;

17 Yea, and that also he would become a Jew himself, and go through all the world

|| That is, the enemies armour.

|| Or, lamed with tortures.

|| Or, disorderly.

[a] 1 Mac. 6. 1, &c.

|| Or, famed.

[b] 1 Mac. 6. 8, 9, 13.

|| Or, Antioch.

[c] Acts 12. 23.

[d] So Ezra 6. 9. 1 Mac. 10. 39, 40.

world that was inhabited, and declare the power of God.

18 But for all this his pains would not ceaſe: for the juſt judgement of God was come upon him. Therefore deſpairing of his health he wrote unto the Jews the letters under written, containing the form of a ſupplication, after this manner;

19 Antiochus king and governour to the good Jews his citizens wiſheth much joy, health and proſperity.

20 If ye and your children fare well, and your affairs be to your contentment, I give very great thanks to God, having my hope in heaven.

21 As for me, I was weak, or elſe I would have remembred kindly your honour and good will. Returning out of Perſia, and being taken with a grievous diſeaſe, I thought it neceſſary to care for the common ſafety of all;

22 Not diſtruſting mine health, but having great hope to eſcape this ſickneſs.

23 But conſidering that even my father, at what time he led an army into the high countreys, appointed a ſucceſſour,

24 To the end that if any thing fell out contrary to expectation, or if any tidings were brought that were grievous, they of the land, knowing to whom || the ſtate was left, might not be troubled;

|| Or, common affairs.

25 Again, conſidering how that the princes that are borderers and neighbours unto my kingdom wait for opportunities, and expect what ſhall be the event, I have appointed my ſon Antiochus king, whom I often committed and commended unto many of you when I went up into the high provinces: To whom I have written as followeth.

26 Therefore I pray and requeſt you to remember the benefits that I have done unto you generally and in ſpecial, and that every man will be ſtill faithfull to me and my ſon.

|| Or, following

27 For I am perſwaded that he || underſtanding my mind will favourably and graciouſly yeeld to your deſires.

28 Thus the murderer and blaſphemer having ſuffered moſt grievouſly, as he entreated other men, ſo died he a miſerable death in a ſtrange countrey in the mountains.

29 And Philip, that was brought up with him, carried away his body: Who alſo fearing the ſon of Antiochus, went into Egypt to Ptolemeus Philometor.

CHAP. X.

1 Judas recovereth the city, and purifieth the temple. 14 Gorgias vexeth the Jews, 16 Judas winneth their holds. 29 Timotheus and his men are diſcomfited. 35 Gazara is taken, and Timotheus ſlain.

NOw Maccabeus and his company, the Lord guiding them, recovered the temple and the city.

2 But the altars which the heathen had built in the open ſtreet, and alſo the chappels, they pulled down.

3 And having cleanſed the temple, [a] they made another altar: and ſtriking ſtones, they took fire out of them, and offered a ſacrifice after two years, and ſet forth incenſe, and lights, and ſhew-bread.

[a] 1 Mac. 4. 47.

|| Or, and not bearing his authority as becometh a noble man.

|| Or, ſtrong places.

4 When that was done, they fell flat down, and beſought the Lord that they might come no more into ſuch troubles; but, if they ſinned any more againſt him, that he himſelf would chaſten them with mercy, and that they might not be delivered unto the blaſphemous and barbarous nations.

5 Now [b] upon the ſame day that the ſtrangers profaned the temple, one the very ſame day it was cleanſed again, even the five and twentieth day of the ſame moneth, which is Caſleu.

[b] 1 Mac. 4. 52.

6 And they kept eight days with gladneſs, as in the feaſt of the tabernacles, remembring that not long afore they had held the feaſt of the tabernacles, when as they wandred in the mountains and dens like beaſts.

7 Therefore they bare branches and fair boughs, and palms alſo, and ſang pſalms unto him that had given them good ſucceſs in cleanſing his place.

8 [c] They ordained alſo by a common ſtatute and decree, That every year thoſe

[c] 1 Mac. 4. 59.

days

days should be kept of the whole nation of the Jews.

9 And this was the end of Antiochus called Epiphanes.

10 Now will we declare the acts of Antiochus Eupator, who was the son of this wicked man, gathering briefly the calamities of the wars.

11 For when he was come to the crown, he set one Lysias over the affairs of his realm, and *appointed him* chief governour of Celesyria and Phenice.

12 For Ptolemeus, that was called Macron, choosing rather to do justice unto the Jews for the wrong that had been done unto them, endeavoured to continue peace with them.

13 Whereupon being accused of *the kings* friends before Eupator, and called traitour at every word, because he had left Cyprus, that Philometor had committed unto him, and departed to Antiochus Epiphanes, ‖ and seeing that he was in no honourable place, he was so discouraged that he poisoned himself, and died.

14 But when Gorgias was governour of the ‖ holds, he hired souldiers, and nourished war continually with the Jews:

15 And therewithall the Idumeans, having gotten into their hands the most commodious holds, kept the Jews occupied; and receiving those that were banished from Jerusalem, they went about to nourish war.

16 Then they that were with Maccabeus made supplication, and besought God that he would be their helper: And so they ran with violence upon the strong holds of the Idumeans.

17 And assaulting them strongly, they wan the holds, and kept off all that fought upon the wall, and slew all that fell into their hands, and killed no fewer then twenty thousand.

18 And because certain, who were no less then nine thousand, were fled together into two very strong castles, having all manner of things convenient to *sustain* the siege,

19 Maccabeus left Simon and Joseph, and Zaccheus also, and them that were with him, who were enow to besiege them, and departed himself unto those places which more needed his help.

20 Now ‖ they that were with Simon, being led with covetousness, were perswaded for money through certain of those that were in the castle, and took seventy thousand drachmes, and let some of them escape.

21 But when it was told Maccabeus what was done, he called the governours of the people together, and accused those men that they had sold their brethren for money, and set their enemies free to fight against them.

22 So he slew those that were found traitours, & immediately took the two castles.

23 And having good success with his weapons in all things he took in hand, he slew in the two holds more then twenty thousand.

24 Now Timotheus, [d] whom the Jews had overcome before, when he had gathered a great multitude of forein forces, and horses out of Asia not a few, came as though he would take Jewry by force of arms.

25 But when he drew near, ‖ they that were with Maccabeus turned themselves to pray unto God, and sprinkled earth upon their heads, and girded their loyns with sackcloth,

26 And fell down at the foot of the altar, and besought him to be mercifull to them, and to be [e] an enemy to their enemies and an adversary to their adversaries, as the law declareth.

27 So after the prayer they took their weapons, and went on further from the city: and when they drew near to their enemies, they kept by themselves.

28 Now the sun being newly risen, they joyned both together; the one part having together with their vertue their refuge also unto the Lord for a ‖ pledge of their success and victory, the other side making their rage leader of their battel.

29 But when the battel waxed strong, [f] there appeared unto the enemies from heaven five comely men upon horses with bridles

* 1 Mac. 4. 47.

‖ Or, and not bearing an authority as becometh a noble man.

‖ Or, strong places.

* 1 Mac. 4. 52.

‖ Or, Simon.

d 1 Mac. 5. 6, 7.

‖ Or, Maccabeus and they that were with him.

e Exod. 23. 22. Deut. 28.

‖ Or, warrant, or surety.

f See 2 Mac. 3. 25.

bridles of gold: and two of them led the Jews,

30 And took Maccabeus betwixt them, and covered him on every ſide with their weapons, and kept him ſafe; but ſhot arrows and lightnings againſt the enemies: ſo that being confounded with blindneſs, and full of trouble, they were killed.

31 And there were ſlain *of footmen* twenty thouſand and five hundred, and ſix hundred horſemen.

32 As for Timotheus himſelf, he fled into a very ſtrong hold called Gazara, where Chereas was governour.

33 But they that were with Maccabeus laid ſiege againſt the fortreſs courageouſly four days.

34 And they that were within, truſting to the ſtrength of the place, blaſphemed exceedingly, and uttered wicked words.

35 Nevertheleſs upon the fifth day early twenty young men of Maccabeus company, inflamed with anger becauſe of the blaſphemies, aſſaulted the wall manly, and with a fierce courage killed all that they met withall.

36 Others likewiſe aſcending after them, whiles they were buſied with them that were within, burnt the towres, and kindling fires burnt the blaſphemers alive; and others broke open the gates, and having received in the reſt of the army took the city,

37 And killed Timotheus, that was hid in a certain pit, and Chereas his brother, with Apollophanes.

38 When this was done, they praiſed the Lord with pſalms and thankſgiving, who had done ſo great things for Iſrael, and given them the victory.

CHAP. XI.

3 Lyſias, thinking to get Jeruſalem, 8 is put to flight. 16 The letters of Lyſias to the Jews; 22 of the king unto Lyſias, 27 and to the Jews; 34 of the Romanes to the Jews.

NOt long after this Lyſias the kings † protectour and couſin, who alſo managed the affairs, took ſore diſpleaſure for the things that were done.

† Or. gouernour.

2 And when he had gathered about fourſcore thouſand, with all the horſemen, he came againſt the Jews, thinking to make the city an habitation of the || Gentiles;

|| Or, Grecians.

3 And to make a gain of the temple, as of the other chappels of the heathen; and to ſet the high prieſthood to ſale every year;

4 Not at all conſidering the power of God, but puffed up with his ten thouſands of footmen, and his thouſands of horſemen, and his fourſcore elephants.

5 So he came to Judea, and drew near to Bethſura, which was a ſtrong town, but diſtant from Jeruſalem about five furlongs; and he laid ſore ſiege unto it.

6 Now when || they that were with Maccabeus heard that he beſieged the holds, they and all the people with lamentation and tears beſought the Lord that he would ſend a good angel to deliver Iſrael.

|| Maccabeus and his company.

7 Then Maccabeus himſelf firſt of all took weapons, exhorting the other that they would jeopard themſelves together with him to help their brethren. So they went forth together with a willing mind.

8 And as they were at Jeruſalem, [a] there appeared before them on horſe-back one in white clothing, ſhaking his armour of gold.

[a] Chap. 2. 21. & 10. 29.

9 Then they praiſed the mercifull God all together, and took heart, inſomuch that they were ready not onely to fight with men, but with moſt cruel beaſts, and to pierce through walls of iron.

Or, ſaſcero.

10 Thus they marched forward in their armour, having an helper from heaven: for the Lord was mercifull unto them.

11 And giving a charge upon their enemies like lions, they ſlew eleven thouſand *footmen* and ſixteen hundred horſemen, and put all the other to flight.

12 Many of them alſo being wounded eſcaped naked: and Lyſias himſelf fled away ſhamefully, and ſo eſcaped.

13 Who, as he was a man of underſtanding, caſting with himſelf what loſs he had

had had, and considering that the Hebrews could not be overcome, because the almighty God helped them, he sent unto them,

14 And perswaded them to agree to all reasonable *conditions*, and *promised* that he would perswade the king that he must needs be a friend unto them.

15 Then Maccabeus consented to all that Lysias desired, being carefull of the common good. And whatsoever Maccabeus wrote unto Lysias concerning the Jews, the king granted it.

16 For there were letters written unto the Jews from Lysias to this effect; Lysias unto the people of the Jews *sendeth* greeting.

17 John and Absalom, who were sent from you, delivered me the petition subscribed, and made request for the performance of the contents thereof.

18 Therefore what things soever were meet to be reported to the king, I have declared them, and he hath granted as much as might be.

19 If then you will keep your selves loyal to the state, hereafter also will I endeavour to be a means of your good.

20 But of the particulars I have given order, both to these, and the other that came from me, to commune with you.

21 Fare ye well. The hundred and eight and fourtieth year, the four and twentieth day of *the moneth* ‖ Dioscorinthius.

22 Now the kings letter contained these words; King Antiochus unto his brother Lysias *sendeth* greeting.

23 Since our father is translated unto the gods, our will is that they that are in our realm live quietly, that every one may attend upon his own affairs.

24 We understand also that the Jews would not consent to our father for to be brought unto the custom of the Gentiles, but had rather keep their own manner of living: for the which cause they require of us that we should suffer them to live after their own laws.

25 Wherefore our mind is that this nation shall be in rest: and we have determined to restore them their temple, that they may live according to the customs of their forefathers.

26 Thou shalt do well therefore to send unto them, and ‖ grant them peace; that when they are certified of our mind they may be of good comfort, and ever go cheerfully about their own affairs.

27 And the letter of the king unto the nation of the Jews was after this manner; King Antiochus *sendeth* greeting unto the council and the rest of the Jews.

28 If ye fare well, we have our desire: we are also in good health.

29 Menelaus declared unto us that your desire was to return home, and to follow your own business:

30 Wherefore they that will depart shall have safe conduct till the thirtieth day of Xanthicus with security.

31 And the Jews shall use their own kind of meats, and laws, as before; and none of them any manner of ways shall be molested for things ignorantly done.

32 I have sent also Menelaus, that he may comfort you.

33 Fare ye well. In the hundred fourty and eighth year, and in the fifteenth day of *the moneth* ‖ Xanthicus.

34 The Romanes also sent unto them a letter containing these words; Quintus Memmius and Titus Manlius ‖ ambassadours of the Romanes *send* greeting unto the people of the Jews.

35 Whatsoever Lysias the kings cousin hath granted, therewith we also are well pleased.

36 But touching such things as he judged to be referred to ỹ king. after you have advised thereof, send one forthwith, that we may declare as it is convenient for you: for we are now going to Antioch.

37 Therefore send some with speed, that we may know what is your mind.

38 Farewell. This hundred and eight and fourtieth year, the fifteenth day of *the moneth* Xanthicus.

CHAP. XII.

1 *The kings lieutenants vex the Jews.* 3 *They of Joppe drown two hundred Jews.* 6 *Judas is avenged*

‖ Or, Greeians.

‖ Maccabeus and his company.

‖ Or, Dioscoros.

‖ Or, give them assurance

‖ Or, April.

‖ Or, Consuls.

avenged upon them. 11 *He maketh peace with the Arabians,* 16 *and taketh Caspis.* 22 *Timotheus armies overthrown.*

WHen theſe covenants were made, Lyſias went unto the king, and the Jews were about their husbandry.

2 But of the governours of ſeveral places,[a] Timotheus, and Apollonius the *ſon* of Genneus, alſo Hieronymus, and Demophon, and beſides them Nicanor the governour of Cyprus, would not ſuffer them to be quiet, and live in peace.

3 The men of Joppe alſo did ſuch an ungodly deed: They prayed the Jews that dwelt among them to go with their wives and children into the boats which they had prepared, as though they had meant them no hurt:

4 Who accepted of it according to the common decree of the city, as being deſirous to live in peace, and ſuſpecting nothing: but when they were gone forth into the deep, they drowned no leſs then two hundred of them.

5 When Judas heard of this cruelty done unto his countreymen, he commanded thoſe that were with him *to make them ready.*

6 And calling upon God the righteous Judge, he came againſt thoſe murderers of his brethren, and burnt the haven by night, and ſet the boats on fire; and thoſe that fled thither he ſlew.

7 And when the town was ſhut up, he went backward, || as if he would return to root out all them of the city of Joppe.

8 But when he heard that the Jamnites were minded to do in like manner unto the Jews that dwelt among them,

9 He came upon the Jamnites alſo by night, and ſet fire on the haven and the navy, ſo that the light of the fire was ſeen at Jeruſalem, two hundred and fourty furlongs off.

10 Now when they were gone from thence nine furlongs, in their journey toward Timotheus, no fewer then five thouſand *men on foot* and five hundred horſemen of the Arabians ſet upon him.

11 Whereupon there was a very ſore battel: but Judas ſide by the help of God got the victory; ſo that the Nomades of Arabia being overcome beſought Judas for peace, promiſing both to give him cattel, and to pleaſure him otherwiſe.

12 Then Judas, thinking indeed that they would be profitable in many things, granted them peace. Whereupon they ſhook hands, and ſo they || departed to their tents.

13 He went alſo about to make a bridge to a certain ſtrong city, which was fenced about with walls, and inhabited by people of divers countreys: and the name of it was Caſpis.

14 But they that were within it put ſuch truſt in the ſtrength of the walls and proviſion of victuals, that they behaved themſelves rudely towards them that were with Judas, railing and blaſpheming, and uttering ſuch words as were not to be ſpoken.

15 Wherefore Judas with his company calling upon the great Lord of the world, [b] who without any rams or engines of war did caſt down Jericho in the time of Joſhua, gave a fierce aſſault againſt the walls,

16 And took the city by the will of God, and made unſpeakable ſlaughters: inſomuch that a lake two furlongs broad, near adjoyning thereunto, being filled full, was ſeen running with bloud.

17 Then departed they from thence ſeven hundred and fifty furlongs, and came to Characa, unto the Jews that are called Tubieni.

18 But as for Timotheus, they found him not in the places. For before he had diſpatched any thing he departed from thence, having left a very ſtrong gariſon in a certain hold.

19 Howbeit Doſitheus and Soſipater, who were of Maccabeus captains, went forth, and ſlew thoſe ẏ Timotheus had left in the fortreſs, above ten thouſand men.

20 And Maccabeus ranged his army by bands, and ſet || them over the bands, & went againſt Timotheus, who had about him an hundred and twenty thouſand men

[a] See 10. 37.

|| Or, with a purpoſe to return.

[b] Joſh. 6. 20.

|| Or, went from place to place with their familie & cattel.

Mac. 5. Iunaim.

|| Doſitheus and Soſipater.

that is, Jews.

men of foot and two thousand and five hundred horsemen.

21 Now when Timotheus had knowledge of Judas coming, he sent the women and children and the other baggage unto a fortress called [c] Carnion. For the town was hard to besiege and uneasie to come unto by reason of the straitness of all the places.

22 But when Judas his first band came in sight, the enemies, being smitten with fear and terrour through the appearing of him that seeth all things, fled amain, one running this way, another that way; so as that they were often hurt of their own men, and wounded with the points of their own swords.

23 Judas also was very earnest in pursuing them, killing those wicked wretches; of whom he slew about thirty thousand men.

24 Moreover, Timotheus himself fell into the hands of Dositheus and Sosipater; whom he besought with much craft to let him go with his life, because he had many of the Jews parents and the brethren of some of them, who, if they had put him to death, should not be regarded.

25 So when he had assured them with many words that he would restore them without hurt according to the agreement, they let him go for the saving of their brethren.

26 Then Maccabeus marched forth to Carnion, and to the temple of || Atargatis; and there he slew five and twenty thousand persons.

27 And after he had put to flight and destroyed them, Judas removed the host towards Ephron, a strong city, wherein Lysias abode, and a great multitude of divers nations; and the strong young men kept the walls, and defended them mightily: wherein also was great provision of engines and darts.

28 But when Judas and his company had called upon almighty God, who with his power breaketh the strength of his enemies, they wan the city, and slew twenty & five thousand of them that were within.

29 From thence they departed to Scythopolis, which lieth six hundred furlongs from Jerusalem.

30 But when the Jews that dwelt there had testified that the Scythopolitans dealt lovingly with them, and entreated them kindly in the time of their adversity,

31 They gave them thanks, desiring them to be friendly still unto them. And so they came to Jerusalem, the feast of the weeks approaching.

32 And after the *feast* called Pentecost, they went forth against Gorgias the governour of ||Idumea,

33 Who came out with three thousand men of foot and four hundred horsemen.

34 And it hapned that in their fighting together a few of the Jews were slain.

35 At which time Dositheus, one of Bacenors company, who was on horseback, and a strong man, was still upon Gorgias: and taking hold of his coat, drew him by force: and when he would have taken that cursed man alive, a horseman of Thracia coming upon him || smote off his shoulder; so that Gorgias fled unto Marisa.

36 Now when they that were with ||Gorgias had fought long, and were weary, Judas called upon the Lord that he would shew himself to be their helper, and leader of the battel.

37 And with that he began in his own language, and sung psalms with a loud voice, and rushing unawares upon Gorgias men he put them to flight.

38 So Judas gathered his host, and came into the city Odollam. And when the seventh day came, they purified themselves, as the custom was, and kept the sabbath in the same place.

39 And upon the day following, ||as the use had been, Judas and his company came to take up the bodies of them that were slain, and to bury them with their kinsmen in their fathers graves.

40 Now under the coats of every one that was slain they found things consecrated to the idols of the Jamnites; which is forbidden the Jews by [d] the law. Then every

Mac. 5. 9. Carnaim.

|| Or, went from place to place with their families & cattel.

[b] Josh. 6. 20.

That is, Ataragatis.

|| Dositheus and Sosipater.

|| Or, Jamnia, 1 Macc. 5. 58.

|| Or, par by his arm: [or,] wounded him in the shoulder: Or, struck him in the shoulder.

|| Or, Esdrin.

|| Or, at such time, &c.

[d] Deut. 7. 25, 26.

every man saw that this was the cause wherefore they were slain.

41 All men therefore praising the Lord the righteous Judge, who had opened the things that were hid,

42 Betook themselves unto prayer, and besought him that the sin committed might wholly be put out of remembrance. Besides, that noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forsomuch as they saw before their eyes the things that came to pass for the sins of those that were slain.

43 And when he had made a gathering throughout the company to the sum of two thousand drachmes of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin-offering, doing therein very well and honestly, in that he was mindfull of the resurrection:

44 For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should have risen again, it had been superfluous and vain to pray for the dead:

45 And also in that he perceived that there was great favour laid up for those that died godly. It was an holy and good thought. Whereupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be delivered from sin.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Eupator invadeth Judea. 15 Judas by night slayeth many. 18 Eupators purpose is defeated. 23 He maketh peace with Judas.

IN the hundred fourty and ninth year it was told Judas that Antiochus Eupator was coming with a great power into Judea,

2 And with him [a] Lysias his protectour and ruler of his affairs, having either of them a Grecian power of footmen an hundred and ten thousand, and horsemen five thousand and three hundred, and elephants two and twenty, and three hundred chariots armed with hooks.

[a] Chap. 11. 1.

3 Menelaus also joyned himself with them, and with great dissimulation encouraged Antiochus, not for the safeguard of the countrey, but because he thought to have been made governour.

4 But the king of kings moved Antiochus mind against this wicked wretch. And Lysias informed the king that this man was the cause of all mischief; so that the king commanded to bring him unto Berea, and to put him to death, as the manner is in that place.

5 Now there was in that place a tower of fifty cubits high full of ashes; and it had a round instrument which on every side hanged down into the ashes.

6 And whosoever was condemned of sacriledge, or had committed any other grievous crime, there did all men thrust him unto death.

7 Such a death it happened that wicked man to die, not having so much as burial in the earth, and that most justly.

8 For insomuch as he had committed many sins about the altar, whose fire and ashes were holy, he received his death in ashes.

9 Now the king came with a barbarous and haughty mind to do far worse to the Jews then had been done in his fathers time.

10 Which things when Judas perceived, he commanded the multitude to call upon the Lord night and day, that, if ever at any other time, he would now also help them, being at the point to be put from their law, from their countrey, and from the holy temple:

11 And that he would not suffer the people that || had even now been but a little refreshed to be in subjection to the blasphemous nations.

|| Or, had had a little respite. Chap. 12. 1.

12 So when they had all done this together, and besought the mercifull Lord with weeping and fasting, and lying flat upon the ground three days long, Judas having exhorted them commanded they should be in a readiness.

13 And Judas being apart with the elders determined, before the kings host should enter into Judea and get the city, to go forth and try the matter *in fight* by the help of the Lord.

14 So when he had committed *all* to the || Creatour of the world, and exhorted his souldiers to fight manfully even unto death

|| Or, Lord.

death for the laws, the temple, the city, the countrey, and the common-wealth, he camped by Modin.

15 And having given the watch-word to them that were about him, Victory is of God, with the moſt valiant and choice young men he went in into the kings tent by night, and ſlew in the camp about four thouſand men, and the chiefeſt of the Elephants, with all that were upon him.

16 And at laſt they filled the camp with fear and tumult, and departed with good ſucceſs.

17 This was done in the break of the day, becauſe the protection of the Lord did help him.

18 Now when the king had taken a taſte of the manlineſs of the Jews, he went about to take the holds by policy,

19 And marched towards Bethſura, which was a ſtrong hold of the Jews. But he was put to flight, failed, and loſt of his men.

20 For Judas had conveyed unto them ỹ were in it ſuch things as were neceſſary.

21 But Rhodocus, who was in the Jews hoſt, diſcloſed the ſecrets to the enemies. Therefore he was ſought out; and when they had gotten him they put him in priſon.

22 The king treated with them in Bethſura the ſecond time, gave his hand, took theirs, departed, fought with Judas, was overcome;

23 Heard that Philip, who was left over the affairs in Antioch, ‖ was deſperately bent, confounded, intreated the Jews, ſubmitted himſelf, and ſware to all equal conditions, agreed with them, and offered ſacrifice, honoured the temple, and dealt kindly with the place,

24 And accepted well of Maccabeus, made him principal governour from Ptolemais unto the Gerrhenians;

25 Came to Ptolemais: the people there were grieved for the covenants; for they ſtormed becauſe they would make their covenants void.

26 Lyſias went up to the judgement-ſeat, ſaid as much as could be in defence of the cauſe, perſwaded, pacified, made them well affected, returned to Antioch. Thus it went touching the kings coming and departing.

CHAP. XIV.

6 Alcimus accuſeth Judas. 18 Nicanor maketh peace with Judas. 39 He ſeeketh to take Razis; 46 who, to eſcape his hands, killeth himſelf.

AFter three years was Judas informed that Demetrius the *ſon* of Seleucus having entred by the haven of Tripolis with a great power and navy,

2 Had taken the countrey, and killed Antiochus, and Lyſias his protectour.

3 Now one Alcimus, who had been high prieſt, and had defiled himſelf wilfully in the times of their mingling *with the Gentiles*, ſeeing that by no means he could ſave himſelf, nor have any more acceſs to the holy altar,

4 Came to king Demetrius in the hundred and one and fiftieth year, preſenting unto him a crown of gold and a palm, and alſo of the boughs which were ‖ uſed ſolemnly in the temple. And ſo that day he held his peace.

5 Howbeit having gotten opportunity to further his fooliſh enterpriſe, *and* being called into counſel by Demetrius, and asked how the Jews ſtood affected, and what they intended, he anſwered thereunto;

6 Thoſe of the Jews that be called Aſſideans, whoſe captain is Judas Maccabeus, nouriſh war, and are ſeditious, and will not let the realm be in peace.

7 Therefore I, being deprived of mine anceſtours honour, I mean the high prieſthood, am now come hither;

8 Firſt verily for the unfeigned care I have of things pertaining to the king; and ſecondly, even for that I intend the good of mine own countreymen. For all our nation is in no ſmall miſery through the unadviſed dealing of them aforeſaid.

9 Wherefore, O king, ſeeing thou knoweſt all theſe things, be carefull for the countrey and our nation which is preſſed on every ſide, according to the clemency that thou readily ſheweſt unto all.

10 For as long as Judas liveth, it is not poſſible that the ſtate ſhould be quiet.

‖ Or, thought to be of the temple.

‖ Or, had had a little reſpit.

11 This was no ſooner ſpoken of him, but others of the kings friends, being maliciouſly ſet againſt Judas, did more incenſe Demetrius.

12 And forthwith calling Nicanor, who had been maſter of the elephants, and making him governour over Judea, he ſent him forth,

13 Commanding him to ſlay Judas, and to ſcatter them that were with him, and to make Alcimus high prieſt of the great temple.

14 Then the heathen that had fled out of Judea from Judas came to Nicanor by flocks, thinking the harm and calamities of the Jews to be their welfare.

15 Now when the Jews heard of Nicanors coming, and that the heathen || were up againſt them, they caſt earth upon their heads, and made ſupplication to him that had eſtabliſhed his people for ever, and who always helpeth his portion with manifeſtation of his preſence.

|| Or, were joyned to them.

16 So at the commandment of the captain they removed ſtraightways from thence, and came near unto them at the town of Deſſau.

17 Now Simon Judas brother had joyned battel with Nicanor; but was ſomewhat diſcomfited through the ſudden ſilence of his enemies.

18 Nevertheleſs, Nicanor hearing of the manlineſs of them that were with Judas, and the couragiouſneſs that they had to fight for their countrey, durſt not try the matter by the ſword.

19 Wherefore he ſent Poſidonius and Theodotus and Mattathias to make peace.

20 So when they had taken long adviſement thereupon, and the captain had made the multitude acquainted therewith, and it appeared that they were all of one mind, they conſented to the covenants,

21 And appointed a day to meet in together by themſelves. And when the day came, and ſtools were ſet for either of them,

22 Judas placed armed men ready in convenient places, leſt ſome treachery ſhould be ſuddenly practiſed by the enemies. So they made a peaceable conference.

23 Now Nicanor abode in Jeruſalem, and did no hurt, but ſent away the people that came flocking unto him.

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24 And he would not willingly have Judas out of his ſight: for he loved the man from his heart.

25 He prayed him alſo to take a wife, and to beget children. So he married, was quiet, and || took part of this life.

|| Or, ordinged together with him.

26 But Alcimus perceiving the love that was betwixt them, and conſidering the covenants that were made, came to Demetrius, and told him that Nicanor was not well affected towards the ſtate; for that he had ordained Judas, a traitour to his Realm, to be the kings ſucceſſour.

27 Then the king being in a rage, and provoked by the accuſations of the moſt wicked man, wrote to Nicanor, ſignifying that he was much diſpleaſed with the covenants, and commanding him that he ſhould ſend Maccabeus priſoner in all haſte unto Antioch.

28 When this came to Nicanors hearing, he was much confounded in himſelf, and took it grievouſly that he ſhould make void the articles which were agreed upon, the man being in no fault.

29 But becauſe there was no dealing againſt the king, he watched his time to accompliſh this thing by policy.

30 Notwithſtanding, when Maccabeus ſaw that Nicanor began to be churliſh unto him, and that he entreated him more roughly then he was wont, perceiving that ſuch ſowre behaviour came not of good, he gathered together not a few of his men, and withdrew himſelf from Nicanor.

31 But the other, knowing that he was notably prevented by Judas policy, [a] came into the great and holy temple, and commanded the prieſts, that were offering their uſual ſacrifices, to deliver him the man.

[a] 1 Mac. 7. 33, &c.

32 And when they ſware that they could not tell where the man was whom he ſought,

33 He ſtretched out his right hand toward

ward the temple, and made an oath in this manner, If you will not deliver me Judas as † a priſoner, I will lay this temple of God even with the ground, and I will break down the altar, and erect a notable temple unto Bacchus.

34 After theſe words he departed. Then the prieſts lift up their hands towards heaven, and beſought him that was ever a defender of their nation, ſaying in this manner,

35 Thou, O Lord of all things, who haſt need of nothing, waſt pleaſed that the temple of thine habitation ſhould be among us:

36 Therefore now, O holy Lord of all holineſs, keep this houſe ever undefiled, which lately was cleanſed, and ſtop every unrighteous mouth.

37 Now was there accuſed unto Nicanor one Razis, one of the elders of Jeruſalem, a lover of his countreymen, and a man of very good report, who for his kindneſs was called a Father of the Jews.

38 For in the former times, when they mingled not themſelves with the Gentiles, he had been accuſed of Judaiſm, and did boldly jeopard his body and life with all vehemency for the religion of the Jews.

39 So Nicanor, willing to declare the hate that he bare unto the Jews, ſent above five hundred men of war to take him.

40 For he thought by taking him to do the Jews much hurt.

41 Now when the multitude would have taken the tower, and violently broken into the utter door, and bad that fire ſhould be brought to burn it, he being ready to be taken on every ſide fell upon his ſword,

42 Chooſing rather to die manfully then to come into the hands of the wicked, to be abuſed otherwiſe then beſeemed his noble birth:

43 But miſſing his ſtroke through haſte, the multitude alſo ruſhing within the doors, he ran boldly up to the wall, and caſt himſelf down manfully amongſt the thickeſt of them.

44 But they quickly giving place, and a ſpace being made, he fell down into the midſt of the void place.

45 Nevertheleſs, while there was yet breath within him, being inflamed with anger, he roſe up; and though his bloud guſhed out like ſpouts of water, and his wounds were grievous, yet he ran through the midſt of the throng; and ſtanding upon a ſteep rock,

46 When as his bloud was now quite gone, he pluckt out his bowels, and taking them in both his hands, he caſt them upon the throng; and calling upon the Lord of life and ſpirit to reſtore him thoſe again, he thus died.

CHAP. XV.

5 Nicanors blaſphemy. 8 Judas encourageth his men by his dream. 28 Nicanor is ſlain.

BUt Nicanor hearing that Judas and his company were in the ſtrong places about Samaria, reſolved without any danger to ſet upon them on the ſabbath-day.

2 Nevertheleſs the Jews that were compelled to go with him ſaid, O deſtroy not ſo cruelly and barbarouſly, but give honour to that day, which he that ſeeth all things hath honoured with holineſs above *other days*.

3 Then the moſt ungracious wretch demanded if there were a mighty One in heaven that had commanded the ſabbath-day to be kept.

4 And when they ſaid, There is in heaven a living Lord and mighty, who commanded the ſeventh day to be kept;

5 Then ſaid the other, And I alſo am mighty upon earth; and I command to take arms, and to do the kings buſineſs. Yet he obtained not to have his wicked will done.

6 So Nicanor in exceeding pride and haughtineſs determined to ſet up a publick monument of his victory over Judas and them that were with him.

7 But Maccabeus had ever ſure confidence that the Lord would help him.

8 Wherefore he exhorted his people

not to fear the coming of the heathen against them, but to remember the help which in former times they had received from heaven, and now to expect the victory and aid which should come unto them from the Almighty.

9 And so comforting them out of the law and the prophets, and withall putting them in mind of the battels that they won afore, he made them more cheerfull.

10 And when he had stirred up their minds, he gave them their charge, shewing them therewithall the falshood of the heathen, and the breach of oaths.

11 Thus he armed every one of them, not so much with defence of shields and spears as with comfortable and good words. And besides that he told them a dream worthy to be beleeved, as if it had been so indeed, which did not a little rejoyce them.

12 And this was his vision; That Onias, who had been high priest, a virtuous and a good man, reverend in conversation, gentle in condition, well spoken also, and exercised from a child in all points of virtue, holding up his hands prayed for the whole body of the Jews.

13 This done, in like manner there appeared a man with gray hairs and exceeding glorious, who was of a wonderfull and excellent majesty.

14 Then Onias answered, saying, This is a lover of the brethren, who prayeth much for the people and for the holy city, *to wit*, Jeremias the prophet of God.

15 Whereupon Jeremias, holding forth his right hand, gave to Judas a sword of gold; and in giving it, spake thus,

16 Take this holy sword, a gift from God, with the which thou shalt wound the adversaries.

17 Thus being well comforted by the words of Judas, which were very good, and able to stir them up to valour, and to encourage the hearts of the young men, they determined not to pitch camp, but couragiously to set upon them, and manfully to try the matter by conflict; because the city and the sanctuary and the temple were in danger.

18 For the care that they took for their wives and their children, their brethren and kinsfolks, was in least account with them: but the greatest and principal fear was for the holy temple.

19 Also they that were in the city took not the least care, being troubled for the conflict abroad.

20 And now when as all looked what should be the trial, and the enemies were already come near, and the army was set in aray, and the beasts conveniently placed, and the horsemen set in wings,

21 Maccabeus seeing the coming of the multitude, and the divers preparations of armour, and the fierceness of the beasts, stretched out his hands towards heaven, and called upon the Lord that worketh wonders; knowing that victory cometh not by arms, but even as it seemeth good to him, he giveth it to such as are worthy. chap. 4. 33.

22 Therefore in his prayer he said after this manner, O Lord, [a] thou didst send thine angel in the time of Ezekias king of Judea, and didst slay in the host of Sennacherib an hundred fourscore and five thousand. [a] chap. 8. 19.

23 Wherefore now also, O Lord of heaven, send a good angel before us for a fear and dread unto them.

24 And through the might of thine arm, let those be stricken with terrour that come against thy holy people to blaspheme. And he ended thus.

25 Then Nicanor and they that were with him came forward with trumpets and songs.

26 But Judas and his company encountred the enemies with invocation and prayer.

27 So that fighting with their hands and praying unto God with their hearts they slew no less then thirty and five thousand men: for through the appearance of God they were greatly cheered.

28 Now when the battel was done, returning again with joy, they knew that [b] Nicanor lay dead in his harness. [b] 1 Mac. 7. 43.

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29 Then they made a great ſhout and a noiſe, praiſing the Almighty in their own language.

30 And *Judas*, who was ever the chief defender of the citizens both in body and mind, and who continued his love towards his countreymen all his life, commanded to ſtrike off Nicanors head, and his hand, with his ſhoulder, and bring them to Jeruſalem.

31 So when he was there, and had called them of his nation together, and ſet the prieſts before the altar, he ſent for them that were of the tower.

32 And ſhewed them vile Nicanors head, and the hand of that blaſphemer, [c] which with proud brags he had ſtretched out againſt the holy temple of the Almighty. [c] chap. 7. 33.

33 And when he had cut out the tongue of that ungodly Nicanor, he commanded that they ſhould give it by pieces unto the fowls, and hang up the reward of his madneſs before the temple.

34 So every man praiſed toward the heaven the glorious Lord, ſaying, Bleſſed be he that hath kept his own place undefiled.

35 He hanged alſo Nicanors head upon the tower, an evident and manifeſt ſign unto all of the help of the Lord.

36 And [d] they ordained all with a common decree, in no caſe to let that day paſs without ſolemnity, but to celebrate the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth, which in the Syrian tongue is called Adar, the day before Mardocheus day. [d] 1 Mac. 7. 49.

37 Thus went it with Nicanor. And from that time forth the Hebrews had the city in their power. And here will I make an end.

38 And if *I have done* well, and as is fitting the ſtory, it is that which I deſired: but if ſlenderly and meanly, it is that which I could attain unto.

39 For as it is hurtfull to drink wine or water alone; and as wine mingled with water is pleaſant, and delighteth the taſte: even ſo ſpeech finely framed delighteth the ears of them that read the ſtory. And here ſhall be an end.

The end of the Apocrypha.